



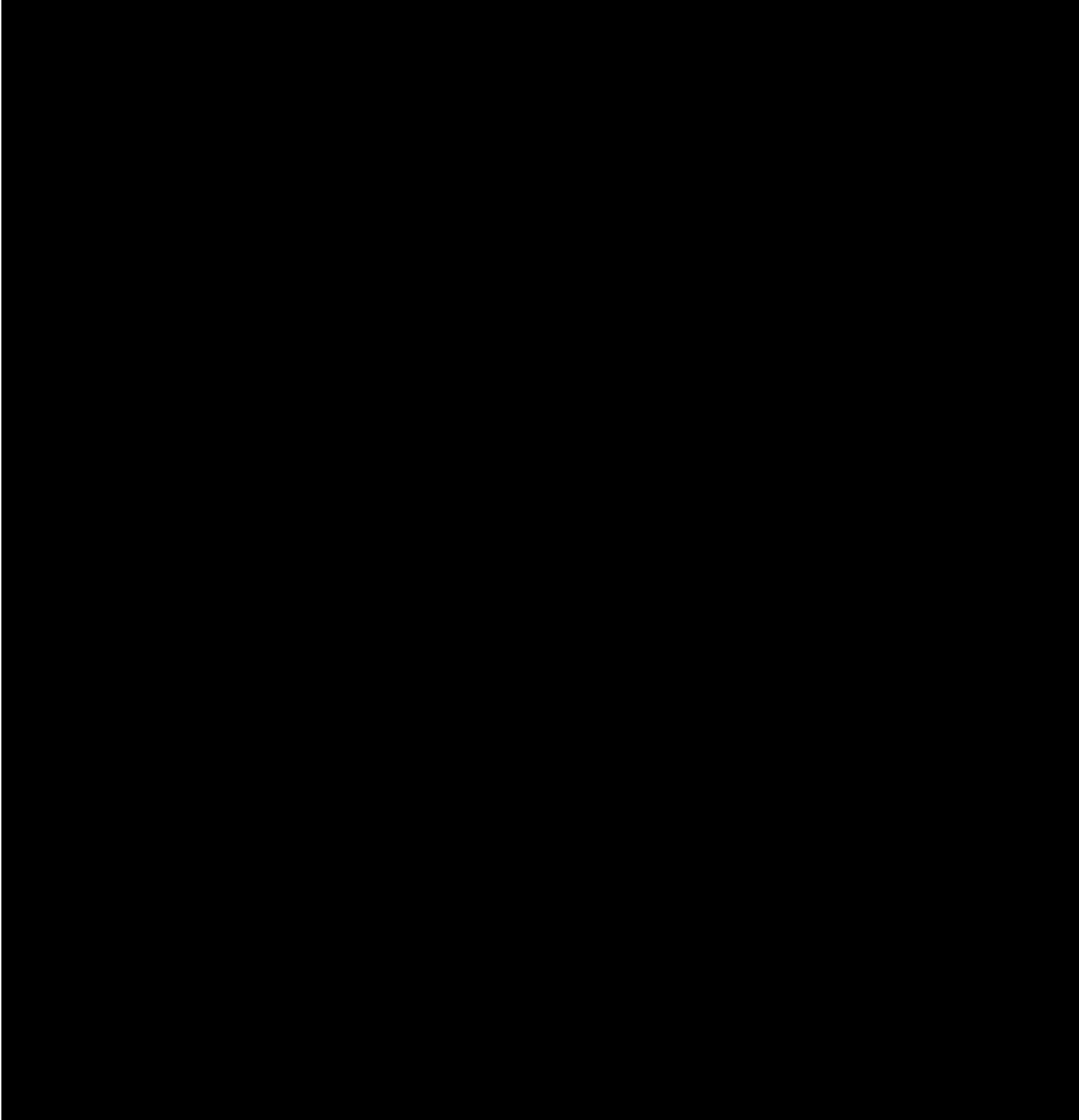
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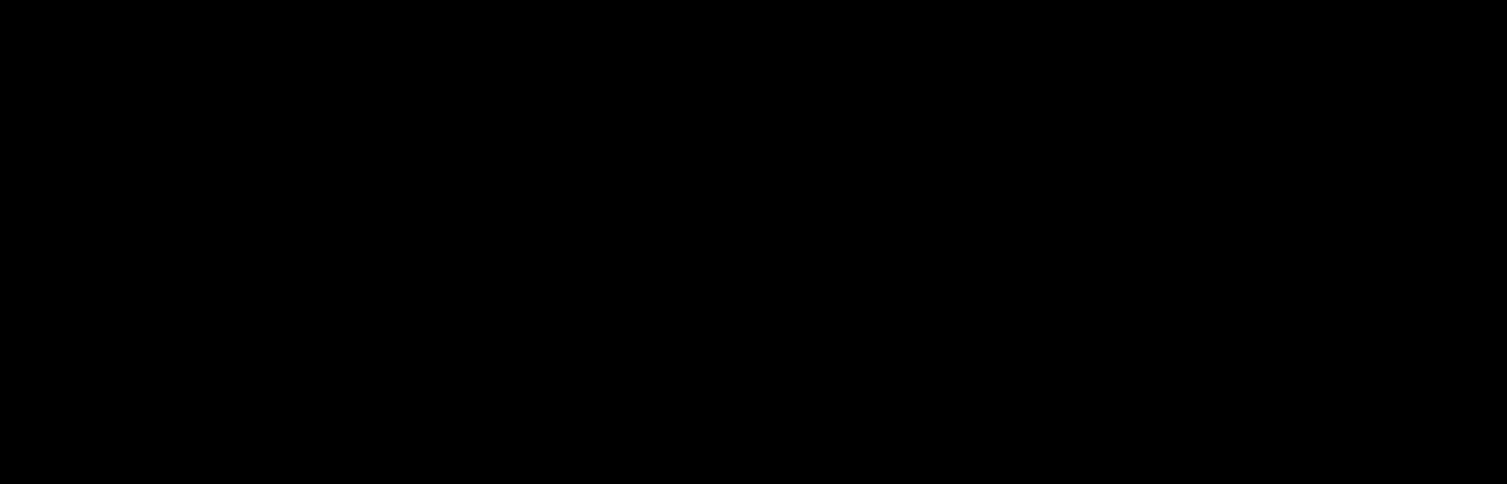
(U//FOUO) Not to be shared with the public or media – Nationwide - *Illicit Actors Likely to Increase Sale of Unapproved COVID-19 – Related Medical Products* - Illicit actors probably will take advantage of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) public approval in late April of an in-home COVID-19 diagnostic test kit to increase the production and sale of unapproved test kits. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) base this assessment on the fact that the approved in-home kit will not be available to the public for several weeks, and on the number of illicit COVID-19–related products already shipped to the United States since the beginning of the pandemic.

- Source: Department of Homeland Security – Economic Security Mission Center 

(U) Nationwide - *FBI Warns El Pasoans of Rising Hiring Scams* - The Federal Bureau of Investigation warned the public Thursday morning of how scammers have been using the COVID-19 pandemic to reel in victims. One of the biggest spikes, hiring scams. A hiring scam is when a criminal will act as an employer with a job offer. Through the hiring process, the criminal gathers the victim's personal information. The FBI expressed personal information obtained from the victims can be used to take over the victim's accounts or using their identity. "Scammers are leveraging the pandemic to steal your money, your identity, or both," Special agent Terrance Gass told KTSM. According to the FBI, more than 21-million dollars have been lost from victims who fell for fraudulent hiring so far this year. Twenty one of those victims who have reported loss of 48-thousand dollars come from El Paso.

- Source: <https://www.ksm.com/local/el-paso-news/fbi-warns-el-pasoans-for-rising-hiring-scams/>

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(U) Oregon - Oregon FBI's Tech Tuesday: COVID-19 and Cryptocurrency Scams - This week, the Oregon FBI's Tech Tuesday segment discusses building a digital defense against cryptocurrency scams. Fraudsters are leveraging increased fear and uncertainty during the COVID-19 pandemic to steal your money and launder it through the complex cryptocurrency ecosystem. Developments in technology and an increasing number of businesses accepting it as payment have driven the growing popularity and accessibility of cryptocurrency. There are numerous virtual asset service providers online as well as thousands of cryptocurrency kiosks located throughout the world which criminals exploit to facilitate their schemes.

- Source: <https://ktvz.com/news/crime-courts/2020/05/12/oregon-fbis-tech-tuesday-covid-19-and-cryptocurrency-scams/>