

Chicago Managed IT Firm, LeadingIT, Warns Freight and Logistics Firms of Rising Cyberattack After Uber Freight Incident

CHICAGO, IL, UNITED STATES, August 18, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Managed IT services provider LeadingIT (600 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60661, (815) 308-2095) announced that its cybersecurity team is tracking a rise in cyberattacks against freight and logistics companies, a trend renewed this week by Uber Freight's cybersecurity incident. A group calling itself Helix claims to have taken nearly 1 million files, an unverified figure. Uber Freight said the incident was identified, contained, and remediated, that it engaged federal law enforcement, and that operations have continued without disruption.

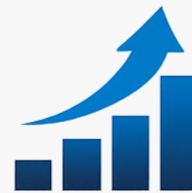
LeadingIT is not involved in the Uber Freight investigation. Its team points to the incident as part of a wider pattern: CargoNet's Q2 2026 report tallied \$304.6 million in cargo theft and fraud losses, up more than 100 percent year over year; the FBI reported nearly \$725 million in 2025 losses, a 60 percent jump. The company covered a related case in May: a suburban Chicago man sentenced to five years in federal prison for a \$10.1 million freight-fraud scheme. More on the Helix claims is in LeadingIT's full report on the Uber Freight incident.

Many logistics and transportation companies in the region lack a dedicated security team, making a fraudulent vendor request hard to catch, exactly the kind of problem a managed IT services provider, or IT MSP, is built to solve. LeadingIT, a locally based cybersecurity and IT support company serving the Loop, West Loop, and Cook County, works with businesses in that same managed service provider capacity, from IT help desk coverage to full IT outsourcing. That work has made it [a trusted managed IT partner](#), fielding a version of that question after nearly every headline like this one.

Cargo Fraud Losses Doubled

Q2 2025: \$135.7 million

Q2 2026: \$304.6 million



**More than doubled,
year-over-year.**

LeadingIT's cybersecurity team says that in nearly every case, the breach didn't start with a sophisticated hack: it started with a phone call or an email that felt familiar enough that nobody stopped to verify it. Businesses that avoid becoming the next headline confirm who they're talking to before approving a payment change.

The team recommends a short list of practices for businesses exchanging invoices or payment details with outside vendors: verify payment-change requests through an independently looked-up phone number, never one supplied in the message; require phishing-resistant multi-factor authentication; keep a tested incident response plan; review vendor security regularly; and monitor for exposed credentials on the dark web.

As an IT MSP serving Cook County and the greater Chicagoland region, LeadingIT sees a common thread: companies that treat IT outsourcing as a help-desk convenience often skip the vendor verification that prevents a breach from becoming a loss. Its help desk team fields these scenarios regularly.

Freight and logistics companies wanting to see how these vulnerabilities apply to their own dispatch, billing, or TMS systems can start with a free review. LeadingIT has served Chicagoland businesses since 2010 and offers [a free cybersecurity risk check for those systems](#). Because a breach like this often exposes credentials on criminal marketplaces, it also offers a free check for whether your data is already exposed.

About LeadingIT

LeadingIT is a managed IT services and cybersecurity provider serving Chicago, IL and surrounding areas including the Loop, River North, and West Loop. Located at 600 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60661, LeadingIT specializes in managed IT services, cybersecurity, IT support, cloud solutions, network management, and IT help desk services for businesses of 25-250 end users throughout the region. Founded in 2010, LeadingIT is the premier Chicagoland managed service provider, supporting more than 2,500 end users across roughly 200 organizations with a 98 percent client satisfaction rate. For inquiries, call (815) 308-2095 or visit goleadingit.com.

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