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SUBJECT: DENSUS CEO JOHN PONCY INTERVIEWED IN CONNECTICUT  
PARENT MAGAZINE ARTICLE ABOUT TRAVEL SAFETY ARTICLE

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3 APR 17: Densus CEO John Poncy was prominently quoted in the July 2017 Connecticut Parent Magazine feature article on Travel Safety in a dangerous time. Poncy commented on ways to keep you and your family safe when traveling in a turbulent world, a subject on which he has been interviewed many times. The article was written for Connecticut Parent Magazine, with a readership of about 150,000. Below is the text of the article.

**EDITOR'S NOTE: TRAVEL SAFELY**

*It's a completely different world for our children than when we were growing up. Last weekend, when I walked through Grand Central Terminal, there were soldiers. Walking through Times Square, there were four officers on horseback overseeing the pedestrian mall. We have to be constantly on guard. As we travel this summer, there are things you can do to be ready in the event of an emergency.*

*The summer after my junior year of high school, when my grandmother heard a couple of my friends were going to Europe for the summer, she helped me so that I could go along, too. With my InterRail pass in hand, the three of us wandered around from country to country, occasionally sleeping on overnight trains to avoid paying for a hotel room, having the greatest time a 17-year-old could possibly have with my new-found freedom. My son did his own trip with a buddy from boarding school before he entered college. His was just a few years ago. I would suggest our random travel is no longer a good idea, whatsoever.*

*This past week, Otto Warmbier, the University of Virginia student who was detained by North Korea for 17 months died days after being released from captivity. What happened to Otto and the Warmbier family shouldn't happen to any family.*

*If your family, or if your child, is going to be traveling this summer, there are ways to prepare so you know how to react if there is a situation. I got an email with advice from John Poncy of The Densus Group, a company which provides solutions for security, technology and energy. Poncy offers some critical tips for travel safety this summer. Reading through the email, he gives clear instructions to be prepared. Oh, have times changed.*

*Poncy shares his expert advice. In the same manner as defensive driving teaches you to maintain some space between the car in front of you and yourself, don't crowd up against the person ahead of you. Maintain some distance between yourself and others, if possible. When entering a public building, try to avoid the entrance that has the biggest crowds. Keep your head up and look around in order to be able to react to anything unusual.*

*With the ability to look up virtually any information online, Poncy reminds us we can have a general understanding of the environment, or situation, we are getting into. When traveling to a new location or city, know where you are and how you can egress out of the area if necessary. If traveling outside the United States, know the location of embassies and consulates as well as*

*local police and hospitals. If you are going to an event or traveling alone, just like you'd tell your family if you were home, leave contact information and your schedule with a responsible party who is not with you. This way, someone can jump in to help you if there is a problem.*

*Visiting new and exciting places can be life changing in a positive, wonderful way. We can learn from what happened to Otto Warmbier. The salutatorian of his highly rated high school in Wyoming, Ohio, he planned to study in China during his third year of college and heard about Chinese travel companies offering trips to North Korea. He signed on with Young Pioneer Tours, which describes itself as providing "budget tours to destinations your mother would rather you stayed away from." In these times, you need to be more careful about your choice of adventure. Life is about adventure! Do your due diligence and then take that adventure!!! Whether it be locally, with the many opportunities that we share this month in our magazines, or out of the area. Have a summer of learning and a summer of fun.*

*Have a great month,*

*Joe; MacClaren*

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