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“There must be a Lone Ranger!” 

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**REGIONAL**

**Labor Day Travel & Event Security Awareness**



Currently there is no information that indicates a specific, credible threat to the U.S. Homeland or to local events associated with Labor Day 2023. However, the DHS National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin warns that the U.S. remains in a heightened threat environment. Furthermore, the Intelligence Community remains concerned about potential threats posed by unaffiliated lone offenders, homegrown violent extremists (HVEs), and DVEs. Violent extremists—regardless of ideology or affiliation—could target large gatherings, symbolic public events, landmarks, and infrastructure without warning.

Lone offenders and small groups motivated by a range of ideological beliefs and personal grievances remain a persistent and lethal threat to the Homeland. Both domestic violent extremists (DVEs) and those associated with foreign terrorist organizations continue to attempt to motivate supporters to conduct attacks in the Homeland, including through violent extremist messaging and online calls for violence. Violent extremists have a demonstrated interest in targeting critical infrastructure such as power grids.

The Intelligence Community continues to assess that lone offenders and small groups motivated by a range of ideological beliefs and/or personal grievances pose a persistent and lethal threat to the Homeland.

- Threats include those posed by DVEs, individuals and groups engaged in grievance-based violence, and HVEs inspired or influenced by foreign terrorists and other malign foreign influences.

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- Racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists (RMVEs) who espouse the superiority of the white race conducted 11 lethal attacks in the United States from 2017 to 30 June 2022. These attacks killed 54 people.

- Threat actors exploit social media and online forums to influence and spread violent extremist narratives and activity.

- Most violent extremists attempting a near-term attack likely would use simplistic tactics and easily obtainable weapons such as firearms, knives, and vehicles—although some violent extremists have sought to use explosive devices.

HVEs inspired by a jihadist ideology remain a concern due to their ability to act with little or no warning, willingness to attack civilians and soft targets, and ability to inflict significant casualties using simple weapons.

Foreign terrorist organizations continue to express intent to attack targets in the U.S. Homeland—including critical infrastructure, landmarks, and mass gatherings.

\*\*Recently, attacks by lone offenders demonstrate the complex threat environment and highlight an increase in DVE attacks targeting public spaces.

- On 26 August 2023, an individual in Jacksonville, Florida, fled security at a historically black college before carrying out a shooting in a Dollar General store during which the suspect shot and killed three people before shooting and killing himself. The event is being investigated as a racially motivated hate crime.

- On 4 July 2022 during an Independence Day parade in Highland Park, Illinois, a mass shooter killed seven people; 46 others were wounded.

- The suspect in the May 2022 grocery store attack in Buffalo, New York, claimed he was motivated by racist, anti-Black, and anti-Semitic conspiracy theories, often referred to as the “great replacement” or “white genocide.”

- In April 2022, an individual wearing a gas mask threw two smoke canisters and opened fire on a New York City subway during morning rush hour, resulting in injuries to dozens of individuals. Source: AMTRAK Police Department Office of Intelligence Analysis.

-Lone Offender Shootings continue throughout the nation. Just within the last 24hrs, Austin Police Department provided a live update on social media on Thursday evening local time regarding the shooting incident near the Arboretum outdoor shopping mall, indicating that the shooter was among the two deceased at the scene and three others were injured. The incident occurred around 5 p.m., and police initially responded to reports of shots fired and a bomb threat. The police bomb squad was called in to search the business for explosives; however, no explosives were found at the scene. Police report that the relationship between the shooter and the victims is unknown, and the investigation continues.

-On Wednesday Aug 30, during evening local time, six people were injured, two critically, during a shooting incident in Peoria, IL, according to the Peoria Police Department. At approximately 9:00 p.m., Peoria police responded to the 2200 block of West Marquette Avenue after receiving two alerts indicating that shots were fired. When officers arrived at the scene, they located a crime scene and multiple victims with gunshot wounds. Six victims were transported to a local hospital. Five of the victims sustained gunshot wounds, and the other victim sustained a laceration.

**Law Enforcement personnel should remain vigilant for indications of suspicious activity and be aware of all suspicious persons, activities, and unattended bags during Labor Day celebrations, events and parades.**

Terrorism or Lone Offenders can strike at any given time or place. Random acts of violence, such as detonation of an explosive device in a public area, especially areas with large concentrations of people, or mass shooting by a single individual are also within the scope of terrorism. First responders need to also be alert for secondary devices targeting them. Although motivations for committing a terrorist attack may vary, two weapon types have remained constant over time, explosives and incendiary devices.

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The Washington State Fair returns Friday, Sept. 1 on Labor Day Weekend! The fair opens Friday, Sept. 1 and runs through Sunday, Sept. 24. The fair is closed every Tuesday, and also closed on Wednesday, Sept. 6.

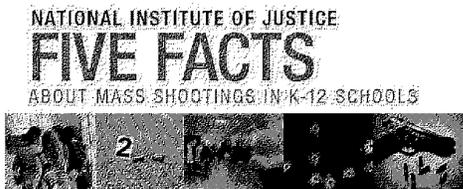
**Five major threats that have been used within the past year that could affect the State Fair:**

1. Active Shooter or “Low-tech” assaults involving edged weapons and blunt objects, targeting spectators in the fairgrounds or those just walking towards the fairgrounds
2. IED attack with a bomb or some type of device strategically placed to bring harm & injury to crowds
3. Vehicle ramming targeting large crowded areas in, or just outside the fairgrounds, or at displays.
4. Drone attack dropping a bomb or some type of explosive device in a congested area, or just malicious use of drones during concert events.
5. Gang confrontation

**Other Criminal Activity of Concern:**

- Passing counterfeit money
- Employee theft issues
- Vehicle prowling/theft
- Police/First Responder Impersonators

\*\*Currently, there is no information indicating a specific terrorist threat to any venue or event related to the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. There is also no specific evidence of a criminal group or element intentionally targeting observers or participants for criminal purposes. The above information is a reminder for those Law Enforcement officers covering this to be aware of for security purposes. If any Law Enforcement Officers or Fair Officials see or receives any suspicious activity/behavior such as possible surveillance, questions by individuals about security postures at critical infrastructure or locations where an event that may experience a large number of people in a confined space, please notify the SSRIG at [PCINTEL@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:PCINTEL@co.pierce.wa.us).



**Five Facts About Mass Shootings in K-12 Schools**

As we start the new school season this week and next for schools at all levels in Pierce County, below are some good information points to consider and adhere to for school safety.

*Preventing mass shootings in the United States, particularly those occurring in school settings, is an important priority for families, government leaders and officials, public safety agencies, mental health professionals, educators, and local communities. What does the evidence say about how to detect, prevent, and respond to these tragic events? Here's NIJ-sponsored research:*

1. **Most people who commit a mass shooting are in crisis leading up to it and are likely to leak their plans to others, presenting opportunities for intervention.**

Before their acts of violence, most individuals who carry out a K-12 mass shooting show outward signs of crisis. Through social media and other means, they often publicly broadcast a high degree of personal instability and an inability to cope in their current mental state. Almost all are actively suicidal.

Case studies show that most of these individuals engage in warning behaviors, usually leaking their plans directly to peers or through social media. Yet most leaks of K-12 mass shooting plans are not reported to authorities before the shooting.

Research shows that leaking mass shooting plans is associated with a cry for help. Analyses of case reports from

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successfully averted K-12 mass shootings point to crisis intervention as a promising strategy for K-12 mass shooting prevention. Programs and strategies found to prevent school shootings and school violence generally could hold promise for preventing school mass shootings as well.

## **2. Everyone can help prevent school mass shootings.**

Most individuals who carry out a K-12 mass shooting are insiders, with some connection to the school they target. Often, they are current or former students.

Research suggests that communities can help prevent school mass shootings by working together to address student crises and trauma, recognizing and reporting threats of violence, and following up consistently.

Two-thirds of foiled plots in all mass shootings (including school mass shootings) are detected through public reporting. Having a mechanism in place to collect information on threats of possible school violence and thwarted attempts is a good first step.

The School Safety Tip Line Toolkit is one resource to consider for developing and implementing a school tip line. The Mass Attacks Defense Toolkit details evidence-based suggestions for recognizing warning signs and creating collaborative systems to follow up consistently in each case. The Averted School Violence Database enables schools to share details about averted school violence incidents and lessons learned that can prevent future acts of violence.

## **3. Threat assessment is a promising prevention strategy to assess and respond to mass shooting threats, as well as other threats of violence by students.**

For schools that adopt threat assessment protocols, school communities are educated to assess threats of violence reported to them. Threat assessment teams, including school officials, mental health personnel, and law enforcement, respond to each threat as warranted by the circumstances. An appropriate response might include referral of a student to mental health professionals, involvement of law enforcement, or both.

Emphasizing the mental health needs of students who pose threats can encourage their student peers to report on those threats without fear of being stigmatized as a “snitch.” In an evaluation study, educating students on this distinction increased their willingness to report threats.

Many educational and public safety experts agree that threat assessment can be a valuable tool. But an ongoing challenge for schools is to implement threat assessment in a manner that minimizes unintended negative consequences.

## **4. Individuals who commit a school shooting are most likely to obtain a weapon by theft from a family member, indicating a need for more secure firearm storage practices.**

In an open-source database study, 80% of individuals who carried out a K-12 mass shooting stole the firearm used in the shooting from a family member. In contrast, those who committed mass shootings outside of schools often purchased guns lawfully (77%).

K-12 mass shootings were more likely to involve the use of a semi-automatic assault weapon than mass shootings in other settings, but handguns were still the most common weapon used in K-12 mass shootings.

Explore more information about the backgrounds, guns, and motivations of individuals who commit mass shootings using <https://www.theviolenceproject.org/mass-shooter-database/>.

## **5. The overwhelming majority of individuals who commit K-12 mass shootings struggle with various aspects of mental well-being.**

Nearly all individuals who carried out a K-12 mass shooting (92%-100%) were found to be suicidal before or during the shooting. Most experienced significant childhood hardship or trauma. Those who commit K-12 mass shootings commonly have histories of antisocial behavior and, in a minority of cases, various forms of psychoses.

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Despite the prevalence of mental well-being struggles in these individuals' life histories, studies suggest that profiling based on mental health does not aid prevention. However, research on common psychological factors associated with K-12 mass shootings, along with other factors that precipitate school violence, can help inform targeted intervention in coordination with crisis intervention, threat assessment, and improved firearm safety practices. Source: <https://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20220830-five-facts-about-mass-shootings-in-k12-schools>

*\*Analyst Note\** Reducing school violence takes cooperation from everyone including students, staff, teachers, parents, and law enforcement agencies. The ability to share information is essential in preventing and mitigating violence against schools, their faculty and staff, and their students. School violence is defined as youth violence that occurs on school property, on the way to or from school/school-sponsored events, or during a school-sponsored event.

*\*\*Recently, Youths exchange gunfire outside a local school. Two sets of boys fired shots at each other in a field at a Des Moines elementary school Thursday, police said. No injuries were immediately reported in the shooting outside North Hill Elementary School, 19835 8th Ave. S. Class is not yet in session for the academic year. Des Moines police Sgt. Scott Oak said the boys fired at each other, then fled in opposite directions. Two of them unsuccessfully tried to carjack a driver, Oak said in an email. Police were searching for the boys Thursday afternoon, Oak said, and investigators found shell casings at the school. No additional information about the circumstances of the shooting was immediately available. North Hill students return to class Wednesday SEP 6.*



## Supporting Individual Willingness to Report School Safety Concerns

### *Findings from the Literature and Interviews with Stakeholders Across the K-12 School Community*

Despite the consensus about the importance of violence prevention efforts in kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) schools, research has revealed little about how to promote reporting among people who become aware of possible threats so that action can be taken. The authors of this report

believe that the effectiveness of different approaches to reporting is likely to vary considerably across different school contexts.

This report helps fill this gap by illuminating the variety of threat reporting models available to K-12 schools across the country, as well as how school leaders can support individuals' decisions to report threats in a way that will work best for their school environments.

This study drew on a review of the literature focused on threat reporting and threat reporting systems, with particular attention to how their design and structure, as well as student- and school-level factors, can affect student willingness to report potential threats. It also drew on more than 30 interviews conducted with stakeholders across the U.S. K-12 school community to identify current approaches to encourage reporting, strategies for success, and the challenges that schools and districts face in this area. Interviews with stakeholders at the state, district, and school levels provided insight into a varied set of reporting models in place across the country at state, school district, county, and community levels.

#### Key Findings

- Strong relationships between students and school staff are essential to building trust and robust reporting cultures. Trusting school climates in which students feel comfortable going to an adult with their concerns are the foundation of productive approaches to reporting.
- Approaches to reporting are likelier to support all members of the reporting community, including students, if they emphasize accessibility and cater to common ways in which today's student population communicates.
- An anonymous reporting option can help address student fears of being ostracized by their peers as a result of reporting. Although anonymity poses some complications in following up on tips, stakeholders in the K-12 community across the United States agree that the benefits far outweigh the costs.

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- Reporting programs with the option to speak or chat directly with someone trained in crisis communication provide additional support and can lower barriers to reporting for those not comfortable speaking directly with law enforcement.
- Building awareness and implementing training on the importance of reporting and how students can report information are critical to supporting people seeking to come forward.
- Transparency in and communication of how schools act on information reported through a tip line or via other methods influence students' willingness to come forward.
- Gaining buy-in from school leadership, teachers, and other school staff increases the chances that a reporting program will be effective and sustainable.

### Recommendations

- Increase opportunities for teachers and staff to interact informally with groups of students outside the classroom, and ensure that security personnel receive training to help them work and communicate effectively with the school community.
- Make avenues available to students and other community members who want to come forward with information. Set up formal programs so that they offer widely accessible reporting platforms to students and the broader reporting community.
- Communicate to potential and actual users of anonymous reporting systems when their anonymity could be forfeited, or have schools and districts host confidential systems that collect reporter information but keep it private.
- Use trained operators to support people reporting suicidal ideation or self-harm. Decide who should be responsible for fielding reports and whether they will require law enforcement support to field and triage tips.
- Make students aware of the means at their disposal and when and what to report. Build this knowledge through regular training and outreach.
- Tailor training materials for relevance to specific school contexts and more resonance to many student bodies. Engage students themselves in training and outreach to lower barriers to reporting among their more-reluctant peers.
- Publish annual and other periodic reports to the reporting community to increase transparency around critical issues, such as when information is shared with law enforcement and when situations are left exclusively to school administrators.
- Offer clear guidance and training on staff roles in the reporting process, and provide staff with teaching material to increase students' knowledge about reporting. Source: Rand Corporation;

**Rand Site:** [https://www.rand.org/pubs/research\\_reports/RRA1077-3.html?utm\\_source=AdaptiveMailer&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=7014N000001SnimQAC&utm\\_term=00v4N00000fCtbRQAS&org=1674&lvl=100&ite=268278&lca=1097396&ctr=0&par=1&trk=a0w4N000007qD2rQAE&sm\\_a\\_u\\_=:isVwM01VjPr1vHS5](https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RRA1077-3.html?utm_source=AdaptiveMailer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=7014N000001SnimQAC&utm_term=00v4N00000fCtbRQAS&org=1674&lvl=100&ite=268278&lca=1097396&ctr=0&par=1&trk=a0w4N000007qD2rQAE&sm_a_u_=:isVwM01VjPr1vHS5)

A 2018 study conducted by Pew Research Center found that 57-percent of teens, 13- to 17-years-old, are worried they will experience a school shooting. The same study found that 63-percent of parents said they were at least somewhat worried about the possibility of a school shooting happening at their child's school. School shootings are not the only threat of violence to teachers, staff, and students. Other methods include bodily injury, chemicals, murder, sex trafficking, stabbings, suicides, and violence committed with another weapon. School violence threats can be reported as suspicious activity through available reporting mechanisms offered by local law enforcement. A suspicious activity report (SAR) is defined as "official documentation of observed behavior reasonably indicative of preoperational planning associated with terrorism or other criminal activity." SARs may be filed via specific websites or by phone. This mechanism allows the threat to be reported without the staff, students, or parents potentially being seen by the perpetrator talking to law enforcement. Source Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center

*\*Analyst Note\** Law enforcement and security personnel are encouraged to identify and report all threats involving schools. Threats of violence against educational facilities often cause interruption of operations and require significant public safety resources to investigate and mitigate. While the majority of threats are hoaxes or unsubstantiated, the potential harm caused by dismissing a legitimate threat necessitates the swift and effective handling of all threats. All threats are to be treated seriously until the threat is deemed not credible or transient.

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**OFFICER SAFETY**

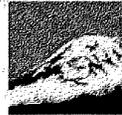
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Special Bulletin</b> PUYALLUP POLICE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Case Number: 2130400433      Thursday, August 31st, 2023</p>	
Bulletin approved by: Capt. Visnaw		Prepared by Det. Habeck 253-841-5565 shabeck@puyallupwa.gov

**Warrant Subject**

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 <p><b>Tacoma</b></p>	<h1>Special Bulletin</h1> <h2>TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</h2> <p>Bulletin Number: S23-161      August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023</p>	
<p>Det. G. Walk #363 Tacoma Police Department Career Crimes - Robbery Unit</p>	<p>Office: (253) 830-6523 Cell: (253) 318-7393 Email: gwalk@cityoftacoma.org</p>	

**Attempt to Identify  
23-241-01675**



**Suspect 1**

- Heavy set male, 30 years of age.
- Pacific Islander.
- Light skinned.



**Suspect 2**

- Slim build, 30 years of age.
- Pacific Islander.
- Braided hair.

On August 29th, 2023, at approximately 1555 hours an armed robbery and carjacking occurred at 3502 S Madison St, Friendly Place Laundromat. Suspect2 entered the laundromat and sat down. Suspect1 then entered and pulled out a black handgun and pointed it at the head of the victim, demanding her purse and vehicle keys. Suspect1 then handed the items to Suspect2. Both suspects walked out of the laundromat together and drove off in the victim's vehicle. The victim's cellphone was recovered. The vehicle was recovered in Umatilla County, OR.

The weapon has not been recovered. Consider the suspect(s) to be armed and dangerous.

If you have any information on this incident or can assist in the identification of the suspects, please notify Detective Garrett Walk at 253-830-6523 or at the above listed email address.

**NO PC AT THIS TIME – SUSPECT IS ARMED AND DANGEROUS - ATTEMPT TO LOCATE / IDENTIFY ONLY**

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## OFFICER AWARENESS

**SPOKANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Regional Intelligence Group 9

September 1, 2023



### **Stolen LE Equipment**

2023- 10131660 – On 8/31/2023, a WA State Trooper patrol vehicle was prowled in Spokane Valley. The trooper's issued rifle, weapon light, and cell phone were stolen.

The serial numbers for the stolen items are as follows:

- Bushmaster AR-15: BK1810041
- Weapon light: 455032
- iPhone 11: 355230354578520

If you have any information or locate any of these items, please contact the RIG9 at [rig9@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:rig9@spokanesherriff.org).



### **Washington State Department of Health notification for your situational awareness:**

Washington State Department of Health is sending you this notification to inform you of a significant loss of pain management care capacity in Eastern and Central Washington. Lynx Healthcare, a pain management clinic with locations in Spokane Valley and Kennewick, announced that it will close on Friday, September 8. The closure will affect approximately 2,000 patients, mostly from Spokane and Benton Counties, but many other communities will be affected.

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Most of the patients are being treated for pain management, and a small number are being treated for opioid use disorder. Several agencies and organizations are working together to ensure patients continue to receive care with as little disruption as possible. However, with the suddenness of the closure we believe some patients may have some difficulty obtaining services, at least for a short time.

We are especially concerned because abruptly stopping prescribed pain medication, especially after long-term use or high doses, can lead to a range of withdrawal symptoms and potential health risks, including potential for elevated risks of overdose and suicide. We are working to mitigate those risks for all Lynx patients.

**Some potential impacts include:**

**Local Hospitals and Clinics:** The closure could lead to an influx of patients exhibiting withdrawal symptoms, requesting referrals, or seeking prescription refills at local emergency departments, urgent care, and primary care clinics. Medical professionals should be prepared for that possibility.

**Local Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services:** The closure could cause an increase in emergency service calls due to withdrawal symptoms or other medical issues stemming from alterations in patients' pain management routines. Authorities and emergency medical services should be prepared for these situations.

Lynx Healthcare has posted a notice on their website announcing the closures that includes guidance for patients on receiving a final appointment, obtaining their medical records, and a list of alternative pain clinic and addiction medicine options in the area. This announcement can be found at: <https://lynx.healthcare/lynx-healthcare-spokane-and-kennewick-clinic-closures/>

Patients should contact their primary care provider and/or their health insurance plan to explore alternative options.

For more information about this developing situation, or for assistance with messaging or resources please contact the Washington Health Care Authority at [HCAMediaRelations@hca.wa.gov](mailto:HCAMediaRelations@hca.wa.gov). Source: Wasjnhington State Fusion Center

## **CYBER THREATS**

### **FBI Takes Down Qakbot**

On August 29, the FBI and DOJ announced the success of a multinational operation aimed at the ransomware hacking group using Qakbot malware, who have stolen \$58 million between October 2021 and April 2023. The effort is considered the largest disruption of a botnet infrastructure responsible for ransomware attacks, financial fraud, and cyber-enabled criminal activity. Officials have identified over 700,000 computers infected with the Qakbot malware and have seized \$8.6 million in cryptocurrency, reported Forbes. Ransomware attacks have risen steadily as malware has become more sophisticated and available; 28% of attacks are aimed at critical infrastructure, and the average cost per incident has risen to \$1.85 million, Astra said.

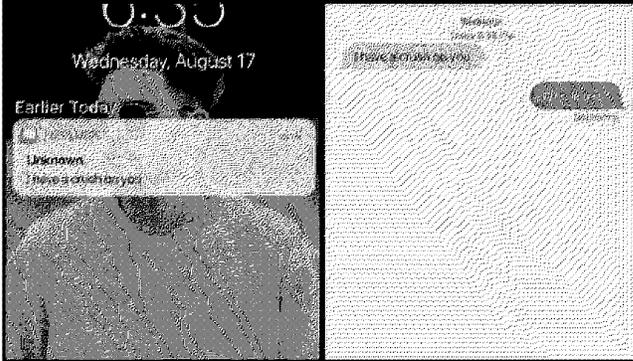


Multinational task force takes down prolific Qakbot malware

*\*Analyst Assessment\** The UK Metropolitan Police announced a security breach of its systems and the theft of data of 47,000 of its employees, the data includes names, ranks, and photos, reported The Guardian. The main causes of ransomware attacks are from phishing, poor practices and weak passwords. It is estimated that 41% of attacks are the result of phishing where malicious links are embedded in e-mails that are linked to web sites controlled by hackers. A good practice is to participate in available cyber training and follow accepted cyber security guidelines.

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## TEXT MESSAGE HACK REVEALS THE IDENTITY OF UNKNOWN SENDERS: 'YOU JUST SOLVED A THREE MONTH MYSTERY FOR ME'



If you've ever received a text message from a number you don't recognize, a viral text message hack might help you crack the case. TikTok star Liz Perez (@\_lizperez95) gained over 600,000 views, 63,000 likes, 9,700 saves and over 500 comments when she uploaded the text message hack to her account. Now, much like the hack that reveals how to properly use the iPhone Notes app, Perez's hack is helping cellphone users navigate the world of digital connectivity.

### How does the hack work?

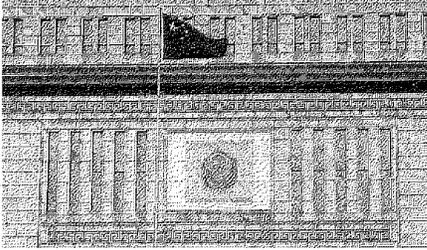
As Perez explains in her video, if you receive a text message from an unknown sender, utilizing mobile payment apps could help put a name to a number. By copying the number and pasting it into apps like Venmo, CashApp, Zelle or PayPal, your mystery sender could suddenly be linked to a first and last name. According to Perez, it was her best friend who taught her the hack — which she says is a “game changer.” Avoid the awkward “who is this?” exchange. Thanks to Perez's hack, sending the dreaded “Sorry, whose number is this?” text could be a thing of the past. It can also be a way of keeping doors of communication closed, if the hack reveals the sender to be someone you erased from your contact list for a reason. The hack could also help confirm someone's identity — a useful tool in avoiding potential scammers. Beware of “smishing” attempts. While your mystery sender could, in fact, be a real person whose number you simply forgot to save in your phone, the person lurking behind that unknown number could also be a scammer.

According to the cybersecurity and anti-virus provider Kaspersky, text messages sent from an unknown number could be an SMS phishing attack, known as “smishing.” In a smishing attack, scammers hide behind decoy phone numbers — a method known as “spoofing” — to pose as normal people. “As the attacker assumes an identity that you might trust, you are more likely to succumb to their requests,” Kaspersky states. Using social engineering principles, attackers then manipulate victims using the following tactics:

1. **Trust:** By posing as legitimate individuals and organizations, cybercriminals lower their target's skepticism. SMS texts, as a more personal communication channel, also naturally lower a person's defenses against threats.
2. **Context:** Using a situation that could be relevant to targets allows an attacker to build an effective disguise. The message feels personalized, which helps it override any suspicion that it might be spam.
3. **Emotion:** By heightening a target's emotions, attackers can override their target's critical thinking and spur them into rapid action.

Using these methods, attackers write messages that will get a recipient to take action. “Typically attackers want the recipient to open a URL link within the text message, where they then are led to a phishing tool prompting them to disclose their private information,” Kaspersky explains. “This phishing tool often comes in the form of a website or app that also poses under a false identity.” “Can't believe I never thought of this...” While the text message hack will only work if you have an account with any of the aforementioned mobile payment apps — and only if the text message sender uses their phone number and name on the apps — many users took to Perez's comment section to praise the hack. “thank you, you just solved a three month mystery for me,” commented @freeradical82. “Literally have been sitting on a bday text for 7 yearsss not knowing who it was till now ... thank you LOL,” wrote @charleene98. “Can't believe I never thought of this!” commented @somethingleverish.

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## Chinese Law Enforcement Linked to Largest Covert Influence Operation Ever Discovered

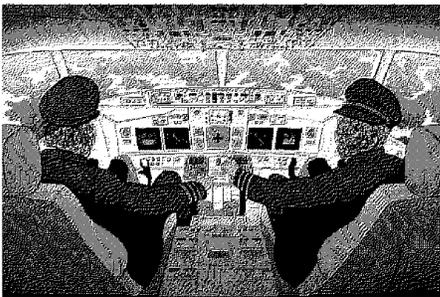
Meta announced on Tuesday the removal of thousands of fake accounts from Facebook that were operated as part of “the largest known cross-platform covert influence operation in the world,” and which researchers believe is linked to individuals associated with Chinese law enforcement. Despite the campaign’s unprecedented size and spread — detailed in the company’s latest adversarial threat report — its spammy attempts to shape

public opinion were generally of very low quality, and often failed to reach their targeted audiences in Taiwan, the United States, Australia, the United Kingdom and Japan. The network was uncovered by linking separate clusters of fake posts and propaganda that had been tracked since 2019, including an operation named Spamouflage by researchers at the social media analytics business Graphika. Experts at Graphika — including Ben Nimmo, the company’s director of investigations who has since become Meta’s global threat intelligence lead — first exposed Spamouflage in 2019. Source; he Record, 8/29/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** On 29 August 2023, Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, claimed they had disrupted a disinformation campaign linked to Chinese law enforcement in what they described as the “largest known cross-platform covert influence operation in the world.” According to Meta, the influence operation was spreading negative commentary about the U.S., disinformation regarding the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic, and spreading “positive commentary” regarding China’s treatment of ethnic Muslims known as Uighurs in the Xinjiang region, which the U.S. and many other Western nations have claimed is the site of an ongoing genocide perpetrated by the Chinese government. Meta announced that 7,700 Facebook accounts and 930 Facebook pages had been removed for sharing this content, and that the disinformation sharing network was also present on Medium, Reddit, Tumblr, YouTube, and X, formerly known as Twitter. Meta’s researchers were able to link this latest disinformation campaign to a 2019 cross-platform disinformation campaign code-named Spamouflage which was also carried out by individuals associated with Chinese law enforcement and geared towards discrediting critics of the Chinese government. According to Meta researchers, the latest disinformation network had 560,000 online followers; however, it has been deemed ineffective because many of the followers “were likely acquired from spam operators with built-in inauthentic followers primarily from Vietnam, Bangladesh and Brazil.” Meta has also said that much of the disinformation content shared in English and Chinese was “almost exclusively followed by accounts from countries outside of their target regions.”

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### United States: 5,000 Pilots Suspected of Hiding Major Health Issues, Most are Still Flying



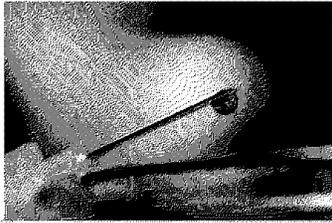
Federal authorities have been investigating nearly 5,000 pilots suspected of falsifying their medical records to conceal that they were receiving benefits for mental health disorders and other serious conditions that could make them unfit to fly, documents and interviews show. The pilots under scrutiny are military veterans who told the Federal Aviation Administration that they are healthy enough to fly, yet failed to report — as required by law — that they were also collecting veterans benefits for disabilities that could bar them from the cockpit. Veterans Affairs investigators discovered the inconsistencies more than two years ago by cross-checking federal databases, but the FAA has kept many details of the case a secret from the public.

FAA spokesman Matthew LehnerUSPER,acknowledged in a statement that the agency has been investigating about 4,800 pilots “who might have submitted incorrect or false information as part of their medical applications.”

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The FAA has now closed about half of those cases, he said, and has ordered about 60 pilots —who Lehn said “posed a clear danger to aviation safety” —to cease flying on an emergency basis while their records are reviewed. About 600 of the pilots under investigation are licensed to fly for passenger airlines, according to a senior US official familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing case. Most of the rest hold commercial licenses that allow them to fly for hire, including with cargo firms, corporate clients or tour companies. Experts said that the inquiry has exposed long-standing vulnerabilities in the FAA’s medical system for screening pilots and that the sheer number of unreported health problems presents a risk to aviation safety. Source: The Washington Post

## Emerging group of synthetic opioids may be more potent than fentanyl, study warns



August 29, 2023 (CNN Health). Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York - A group of novel synthetic opioids emerging in illicit drugs in the United States may be more powerful than fentanyl, 1,000 times more potent than morphine, and may even require more doses of the medication naloxone to reverse an overdose, a new study suggests. Nitazenes are a synthetic opioid, like fentanyl, although the two drugs are not structurally related.

deaths in the United States.

It’s estimated that more than 150 people die every day from overdoses related to synthetic opioids. Fentanyl has been involved in nearly two-thirds of all overdose

Nitazenes appear to be even more potent. The study included data on 537 adults who had been admitted to an emergency department for suspected overdose between 2020 and 2022 and who had completed lab testing. Of them, 11 tested positive for only fentanyl, and nine tested positive for nitazenes only, such as bromphine, isotonitazene, metonitazene, or N-piperidinyl etonitazene. <https://www.cnn.com/2023/08/29/health/nitazenes-synthetic-opioids-naloxone/index.html>

## NATIONAL



### “Nonviolent Crime” Is a Myth

Two ubiquitous phrases in debates about policing and criminal-justice policy are “nonviolent crime” and “nonviolent offender.” Are these categorizations really useful? The best test of whether an offense or offender is truly nonviolent is to intervene and try to put a stop to a so-called low-level offense and see what reaction you get. It’s not hard to see how getting involved in many such scenarios could prove dangerous. Tragically, a recent case in San Francisco illustrates these dangers vividly.

Five days after sustaining serious injuries, a San Francisco store clerk named Yowhannes “John” Tewelde has died. He was beaten with a baseball bat by a man whom he tried to stop from stealing beer from his store. Tewelde’s death marks yet another homicide in the Bay Area, which, between San Francisco and Oakland, has seen an enormous amount of crime and mayhem in recent years.

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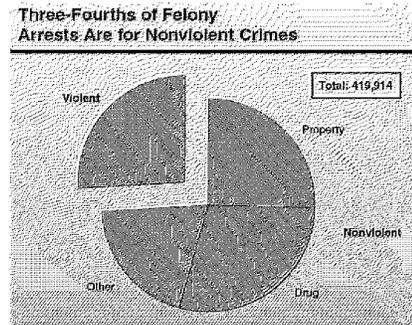
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The nature of Tewelde’s death illustrates an important reality that progressives working to ease up on supposedly nonviolent crimes don’t seem to appreciate: even “minor” offenses like retail theft, open-air drug use, and smoking on subway platforms are frequently backed by a threat of violence. Had Tewelde not intervened, allowing the thief to take what he wished, progressive prosecutors like former San Francisco district attorneys George Gascón and Chesa Boudin probably would have refused to prosecute him, citing the nonviolent nature of the offense. All we’d have is a lowly shop owner forced to shoulder the cost of a few cheap beers. No big deal, right?

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Wrong. The decision to ignore the theft would allow an individual who was in truth both willing and able to kill over \$10 to remain on the street. It would be only a matter of time before he did something terrible.

Tewelde's death is one among many tragic instances in which attempts to stop thieves from running roughshod over their victims are met with deadly violence. Earlier this year, a loss-prevention worker at a California Home Depot was shot and killed after confronting a female suspected of shoplifting. At another Home Depot this past January—this time in North Carolina—an 83-year-old worker was killed after being shoved to the ground when he confronted a man suspected of shoplifting. In Georgia, a Lowes employee was beaten by suspected shoplifters earlier this year when she intervened to prevent the theft (and for her trouble, Lowes fired her for violating store policy on dealing with shoplifters). In 2018, a man detained under suspicion of shoplifting at a Dallas Home Depot was accused of shooting and killing a police officer.



It's not just thieves. Other supposedly low-level offenses are often carried out by individuals willing to resort to violence if they don't get their way. In March of this year, a New York City subway rider was stabbed after asking another man to stop smoking marijuana inside the train car. In 2020, two others were stabbed aboard a New York City subway train after asking a man to put out his cigarette. In 2021, a man in Florida was beaten nearly to death, requiring him to be put in a medically induced coma, after he asked his neighbors to turn down their music.

In the era of criminal-justice reform, advocates of the tougher approach to crime and punishment that characterized the mid-1990s and early 2000s have grown increasingly perplexed. How could anyone believe that cutting the prison population in half won't make us less safe? What possible justification could there be for adopting an official policy of not prosecuting retail theft? The people backing the policies that prompt these exasperating questions don't just differ in their views about how to solve such problems. They fundamentally misapprehend the reality of crime.

What progressives seem not to understand is that "minor offenses" are often manifestations of the broadly antisocial dispositions of individuals who likely have a much greater propensity for violence than the law-abiding. How much more violence will it take for the reformers to realize this fundamental error? Source; article by Rafael A. Mangual <https://www.city-journal.org/article/nonviolent-crime-is-a-myth>

### Hate Crimes in Big Cities Hit Record High for Second Year in a Row, New Data Shows

**HATE crime**

**The facts**

- 90% of hate crimes are reported to police
- 1.3 Over
- 3 out of 4

Reports it, sort it. Say no to HATE

The man who opened fire in a Dollar Tree supermarket in Jacksonville, Florida, on Saturday targeted Black people because of their race, local police said. Using a rifle with a swastika drawn on it, he killed three people, deliberately targeting Black patrons, according to local authorities. "He hated Blacks, and I think he hated just about everyone that wasn't White," Jacksonville Sheriff T.K. Waters told CNN. "He made that very clear." The events that unfolded in Jacksonville were tragic, but hardly unique. In recent years, other racist shootings left people dead in Allen and El Paso, Texas; and in Buffalo, New York. Hate crimes also expand far beyond those headlines.

A leading group of experts, in a new study provided exclusively to USA TODAY, has found the number of hate crimes reported to police in 42 major U.S. cities rose 10% last year from the year before. And in just the country's largest 10 cities, the number of reported hate crimes rose even more — 22% from 2021 to 2022, making last year the second consecutive year they hit a record high. What constitutes a hate crime varies by locale; it includes murder, but also offenses such as assault and stalking. In general, a hate crime is determined by the way a perpetrator targets a specific kind of victim.

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Last year, as has been the case every year since the count began, most hate-crime victims were Black, according to the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University-San Bernardino, which collects and analyzes official state and municipal hate crime data sets. Source; USA TODAY, 8/29/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** On 26 August 2023, three people were killed after a gunman opened fire in a racially-motivated attack at a Dollar General store in Jacksonville, Florida before killing himself. According to local authorities, the shooter shared multiple manifestos that suggested the shooter's hatred of Black people was the motive behind the attack. A week prior, on 18 August 2023, a 66-year-old woman was shot and killed in Lake Arrowhead, California by a man who made "several disparaging remarks about a rainbow flag that stood outside [her] store before shooting [her]." The suspect, a 27-year-old man, allegedly tore down a Pride flag flying at the woman's store and yelled a series of homophobic slurs before shooting her, and then was subsequently shot and killed shortly afterwards by law enforcement. According to USA TODAY, a recently released study from the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism (CSHE) has found that "the number of hate crimes reported to police in 42 major U.S. cities rose 10% last year from the year before," going from 3,026 reported hate crimes in 2021 to 3,320 reported hate crimes in 2022.

In addition to that, hate crimes in the U.S.'s 10 largest cities, many of which also host the nation's largest transit organizations, rose by approximately 22% between 2021 and 2022, hitting record highs for the second year in a row. CSHE also claimed that hate crimes motivate by bias against the victims' perceived race or ethnicity rose by 94%, anti-LGBT hate crimes rose by 52%, anti-Gender nonconforming hate crimes (including crimes committed against individuals in drag) rose by 47%, anti-Jewish hate crimes rose by 29%, and anti-transgender hate crimes rose by 28%. Source; Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)



## Active Assailant Prevention And Response

Identifying the "correct" level of physical security has challenged facility managers for millennia. One important lesson is that as physical security measures are hardened, the nature of the threat and their capabilities will be modified. We see tactics constantly evolving and physical security measures must be modified to address the current threats. Recent events have been challenging for facility managers, beyond dealing with the pandemic. Violent protests and riots affected many cities across the nation, changing the nature of the threat facilities face. Addressing these challenges requires a diligent approach to identify and implement security measures. Source; *Facility Executive*, 8/28/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** Facility managers and risk managers are charged with disaster preparedness, which includes preparing for an active assailant or other workplace violence incident. Facility Emergency Action Plans (EAP) should be reviewed annually along with Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP) to mitigate the effects of violence and disruptions to operations. This involves training and protecting employees and customers, modifying facilities, entry control, and traffic flows to maximize safety. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) emphasizes the use of physical design elements to make a business more resistant to attack, such as using planters to serve as vehicle barriers, or shrubs to discourage people from wandering into prohibited areas. Quality entry control programs, security cameras, and lighting can also help make facilities more resistant to opportunist crime. Duress alarms, emergency notification procedures, cover, and concealment should all be discussed with employees to encourage consistency and survivability under stress. Cyber vulnerabilities should also be reviewed during this process as, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), approximately 33% of cyber-attacks in 2022 targeted critical infrastructure. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides many resources for risk managers to prepare their facilities for a variety of emergency situations, including active assailants, through its website Ready.gov. An employee specific resource for Active Shooters or Assailants can be found at: [https://facilityexecutive.com/active-assailant-prevention-and-response/?sm\\_aud=5isVt8fv6SNvM4JjQ](https://facilityexecutive.com/active-assailant-prevention-and-response/?sm_aud=5isVt8fv6SNvM4JjQ). Source; Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

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## Graduate Student Charged with Murder after Deadly University of North Carolina Campus Shooting, Online Users Spread Reactionary Conspiracy Theories

On 28 August, 34-year-old Tailei Qi allegedly engaged in an active shooting at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, killing at least one person, a faculty member. After he fired shots, the campus was locked down for approximately three hours as administrators instructed students and faculty to barricade themselves

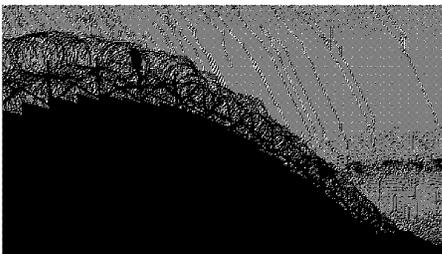
inside. A motive for the shooting remains unknown.

- Law enforcement authorities charged Qi with first-degree murder and carrying a firearm on educational property following the fatal shooting of a faculty member on the University of North Carolina's Chapel Hill campus the day prior.
- Media sources reported that the victim was an associate professor in the Department of Applied Physical Sciences, and Qi was a graduate student in his research group. Qi reportedly moved to the United States after receiving a bachelor's degree in physics at Wuhan University.
- In response to the incident, the NYPD Intelligence & Counterterrorism Bureau observed several online postings referencing the perpetrator while making derogatory, racist comments against Asian individuals.
- Users spread disinformation and conspiracies about the incident. For example, one user wrote, "Is the FBI outsourcing their false flags now?"—suggesting that the shooting was a fabricated incident orchestrated by the government. Others emphasized that the perpetrator studied in Wuhan, likely because of its association with the origins of COVID-19, issuing statements like "He is...from WUHAN...but people here don't want us to know about that." Source; AP

*\*Analyst Comment\** This incident came just two days after the shooting in Jacksonville, Florida, where the perpetrator appeared initially to target Edward Waters University. The two attacks highlight the persistent threat towards schools as a soft target for mass shootings by a range of malicious actors. Online chatter referencing the shooting underscores that acts of violence may resonate with extremists and conspiracy-driven malicious actors even if an incident itself is not ideological in nature or the motive remains unknown. Source; NYPD

## INTERNATIONAL

### Smuggler With Ties to [Islamic State Group (ISG)] Helped Migrants Enter US From Mexico, Raising Alarm Bells Across Government



The FBI is investigating more than a dozen migrants from Uzbekistan and other countries allowed into the US after they sought asylum at the southern border with Mexico earlier this year, a scramble set off when US intelligence officials found that the migrants traveled with the help of a smuggler with ties to ISIS, according to multiple US officials. While the FBI says no specific ISIS plot has been identified, officials are still working to "identify and assess" all of the individuals who gained entry to the United States, according to a statement from National Security Council spokesman Adrienne Watson. And they are closely scrutinizing a number of the migrants as possible criminal threats, according to two

US officials: Though there is no evidence at this point to justify detaining anyone, the episode was so alarming that an urgent classified intelligence report was circulated to President Joe Biden's top Cabinet officials in their morning briefing book. "The U.S. has not yet located all the individuals who traveled as part of the network according to Watson's statement to media outlets, and more than 15 of the migrants tracked down are still under scrutiny by the FBI as possible

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criminal threats, according to one US official.” Investigation into the smuggling ring revealed that at least one of the smugglers has ties to the Islamic State Group (ISG). It has not been released whether this individual was acting directly on behalf of the ISG or if the human smuggling is a criminal enterprise unrelated to the ISG. Source; CNN, 8/30/2023

*\*Analyst Assessment\** Human trafficking is used by terrorist organizations for both exploitative purposes and financial gain. Smuggling represents a fraction of the terrorist interests, the majority is the enslavement of people to be exploited sexually, for labor, for ransom, to drive recruitment, and for organ removal, reported ACAMS Today. A report by DHS on human organ trafficking found that in IS controlled Syria there were more than 25,000 operations to remove organs which were sold on the black-market. Spreading influence of IS in Africa and its associated violence and human suffering should provide an environment that is ripe for an increase in human trafficking. In 2022, 478 individuals were identified as being on the Terrorist Screening Dataset (TSDS), also known as the “watchlist,” attempting to enter the US, according to Customs and Border Patrol data. Source; Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov

## **Other National/International Articles of Interest (Links):**

### **Mass shootings are hitting as close as one mile to home**

<https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2023/08/us/americans-living-near-mass-shootings-statistics-dg/>

### **Police warn: western WA auto thefts spike**

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### **Thurston sheriff: will pursue smash, grab**

<https://komonews.com/news/local/thurston-county-sheriff-derek-sanders-smash-and-grab-crimes-pursuing-suspects-pursuit-law-washington-state-were-going-to-be-relentless-in-capturing-you-burglary-burglaries-crimes-stolen-vehicles-kia-hyundai>

### **Test-ride thefts: alarming bike shops trend**

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### **Seattle on pace for record high homicides**

['No rules playground': Seattle records 50th homicide of the year, on pace for record high | KOMO \(komonews.com\)](https://www.komonews.com/news/local/seattle-no-rules-playground-seattle-records-50th-homicide-of-the-year-on-pace-for-record-high)

### **Youths exchange gunfire outside school (Des Moines)**

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/law-justice/youths-exchange-gunfire-outside-des-moines-elementary-school-police-say/>

### **Multiple child-luring cases spark concern**

[Multiple child luring cases in the past month spark concern – KIRO 7 News Seattle](https://www.kiro7.com/news/multiple-child-luring-cases-in-the-past-month-spark-concern)

### **Schools grapple with fentanyl crisis**

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**Armed Ambridge Man, Arrested After Trying To Enter Church, 'Appeared Ready For A Standoff'**

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**Faculty Member Fatally Shot on UNC Chapel Hill Campus**

<https://myfox8.com/news/north-carolina/piedmont-triad/suspect-charged-in-fatal-unc-chapel-hill-shooting/>

**Indiana – Police Arrest Second Man for July Shooting at Massive Block Party that Killed One, Injured 17**

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**22 counties take on Washington State over mental health crisis, plans to release patients**

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**Gun violence study: 7 days, 1000 shootings; in the United States**

**Upcoming Street Racer Activity**

**ATI eluding suspect (Street Racer)**

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**ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ROBBERY SUSPECT; 2315100493**

**ARMED ROBBERY SERIES – REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**Attempt to Identify – Theft; 23-138-01502**

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**Terrorism and the Use of Chemical Weapons: A Looming Threat to Global Security**

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## REGIONAL

### Gun violence study: 7 days, 1000 shootings; in the United States



*TEGNA stations looked at one week -- and it showed a nation gripped by gun violence.*

PHOENIX — How do you quantify incalculable loss? We tried: At least 450 people died from gun violence, not including suicides, this week in 2022. At least 900 more were wounded, according to data compiled by the Gun Violence Archive and analyzed by TEGNA investigators. We wanted to understand the human toll of a stunning statistic that can be meaningless without scale. We

focused on gun violence in a single week: May 29 to June 4, 2022.

#### **7 days, 1,000 shootings**

There's no national government clearinghouse documenting each shooting in the United States on a daily basis. However, the Gun Violence Archive, a small nonprofit launched in 2013. Researchers there compile and catalog shootings from state and local police agencies, news reports, and more than 7,500 sources nationwide.

The data included in this report was compiled from The Gun Violence Archive, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the FBI and local police, sheriff and prosecuting agencies around the country. Its stated goal is to "provide information on most types of gun violence, and gun crime, no matter where it is on the political table."

The data collected is imperfect and does not include suicides in the daily reports. But it offers the most complete and up-to-date look at gun violence across the United States.

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TEGNA investigators examined the 2022 GVA data by week, finding:

- There are an average of 886 shootings in the United States per week.
- Last year, shootings peaked in the summer.
- The week of May 29 - June 4 was the first time there were more than 1,000 shootings, not including suicides, in the United States.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also publishes the number of Americans who die each year by gun violence, but its numbers lag. The latest complete data published by the CDC is from 2021 and it shows that nearly 47,000 Americans died of gun-related injuries that year – the most ever recorded. That number includes 26,328 people who died by suicide using a gun.

The CDC commented on rising death rates in a report the previous year:

“Firearms were involved in 79% of all homicides and 53% of all suicides in 2020. Against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a historic increase of 35% in the firearm homicide rate, resulting in the highest firearm homicide rate in more than 25 years.” All of these deaths leave a lasting toll on communities nationwide.

#### **Is gun violence a public health crisis... and can it be treated?**

Gun violence results in a tremendous loss of life across the country - but it increasingly leads to serious and life altering injuries for survivors as well.

A 2021 U.S. Government Accountability Office study found that hospital costs for firearm injuries totaled at least \$1 billion each year, though “there is no complete information on the health care costs of firearm injuries.”

It also found that Medicaid and other public coverage accounted for more than 60 percent of the costs of care, and that hospital costs for the first year after a shooting averaged \$8,000 to \$11,000 per patient.

One Charlotte, North Carolina doctor believes gun violence could be treated like a public health crisis – and social services are the prescription. “We think of it as a public health problem, because we know the causes, we know that it travels like an infectious disease from community to community, from individual to individual, from generation to generation,” said Dr. David Jacobs, medical director for the Atrium Health Violence Intervention Program, “And we know what works, we know some of the things that prevent it, so it makes all the sense to treat it like a disease.”

He describes a program that allowed medical providers to do more than treat a gunshot wound in the hospital. The program works with community organizations to provide social services like housing assistance, job preparation and even examines things like tattoo removal. “What do they need in order to get their lives on a positive track? Once we have that inventory then we set about writing a prescription like you would any other patient for what it's going to take to prevent the next violent injury in their life,” Jacobs said.

The CDC provides toolkits and strategies for local health agencies across the country to practice violence prevention efforts. They offer a range of strategies that tackle risk factors like sexual and domestic violence, child abuse and neglect and strategies to coordinating local governments with independent violent prevention agencies. Still, the proof will come with time. “I don't want the public to think this is automatically going to bring the violence rate in Charlotte down to zero,” Jacobs said. “Every time I get up in the middle of the night and get called to see another patient, I just keep saying to myself, 'We're not doing enough'.”

#### **How gun violence touches teens**

Firearm deaths became the leading cause of deaths in Arizona for teens aged 15-17 in 2021, the most recent year for which data is available.

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Nationwide, researchers with the Arizona Public Health Association found more children ages 1-19 die from gun violence than hostile military deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan. "A Department of Defense Casualty Report indicated that there were 3,490 hostile military deaths in Iraq from 2003-2010 or 388 per year. Hostile deaths in Afghanistan from 2001-2014 totaled 1,847 or 132 per year. Firearm deaths among children aged 1-19 averaged 3,095 per year during 1999-2021—a dramatic difference," a recent report shows. "In those teen years, it's not common to think about the long-term consequences," said Joronda Montano, a teen mental health advocate based in Arizona. "You've got now this heavy pressure of anxiety, depression, the aftermath of isolation, social, academic, physical isolation and here are the outcomes."

Researchers say preventing teen gun violence must start early and include strong community support systems. The CDC reports early childhood interventions, including home visitation, school programs and "hospital-community partnerships" have "demonstrated effects in preventing youth violence and other adolescent health risk behaviors."

**About our data**

The data included in this report was compiled from [The Gun Violence Archive](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/methodology), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the FBI and local police, sheriff and prosecuting agencies around the country. <https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/methodology>

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**Upcoming Street Racer Activity**

Attention: Everett PD and Snohomish County

The organizer for this event is advertising the meet up/staging location to be Big 5 Sporting Goods at 7705 Evergreen Wy. #G014 in Everett. Racers plan to meet at 2100 hours and leave for racing spots at 2200 hours, 3 June.

Reminder that Seattle, Kent, and Tacoma were also tagged in the initial post below, so depending on the response up north this group could move south into King and Pierce Counties.

This suspect is known to be armed and has posted several videos of himself pointing a pistol at people at recent street race events.

Preliminary information indicates the suspect is possibly a Hispanic male, 17-21 years old, with average build and shaggy black or dark brown hair.

Source: J. Bava, Commander, Kent Patrol | Police Department, 253-856-5834, [jbava@kentwa.gov](mailto:jbava@kentwa.gov).

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**ATI eluding suspect (Street Racer)**

Kent PD is attempting to ID the pictured maroon Dodge Challenger and its owner and/or driver. The Dodge is bearing a fake rear license plate reading "YBFAV SCAT." The driver, a black male, eluded Kent Police officers after an attempted traffic stop at a street racing event on 05/27/2023.

As it fled, the Dodge struck two occupied vehicles. The Dodge now has obvious front bumper damage, leaving parts of its bumper behind. Kent Police case #23-6843.



**OFFICER SAFETY**

	<h2>Special Bulletin</h2> <h3>TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</h3>	
Bulletin Number: S23-082	Friday, June 2nd, 2023	
Det. Brandon Showalter #064 Tacoma Police Department Career Crimes Unit	Office-(253) 591-5828	<a href="mailto:BShowalter@cityoftacoma.org">BShowalter@cityoftacoma.org</a>

**ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ROBBERY SUSPECT**  
2315100493

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On 05/31/2023 at approximately 0750 hours an armed robbery occurred 4814 Center St, Tacoma, WA 98409 (Chevron). The pictured suspect entered the store and shoplifted items. The suspect was confronted by a patron and the store manager outside of the store. The pictured suspect and the driver of the suspect vehicle pointed silver handguns at the patron and the manager as they fled in the pictured suspect vehicle. (white Pontiac 4 door sedan).

If you have any information regarding the identity of the above pictured suspect please notify Detective Showalter via email address [BShowalter@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:BShowalter@cityoftacoma.org)

**There is no probable cause for anyone's arrest at this time.**

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**ARMED ROBBERY SERIES – REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**



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 <b>Tacoma</b> POLICE DEPARTMENT	<b>Special Bulletin</b> <b>TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</b> Bulletin Number: S23-083 June 2, 2023	
Det. G. Walk #363 Tacoma Police Department Career Crimes – Robbery Unit		Office: (253) 830-6523 Cell: (253) 318-7393 Email: <a href="mailto:gwalk@cityoftacoma.org">gwalk@cityoftacoma.org</a>

## Attempt to Identify – Theft 23-138-01502



On 05/18/2023, the above individuals shoplifted several items from Burlington Coat Factory, 4214 Tacoma Mall Blvd. They fled in a waiting vehicle, identified as WA CED3367, a black 2007 Lincoln Town Car. Please contact Detective Garrett Walk at [gwalk@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:gwalk@cityoftacoma.org) with any information regarding these individuals or incident.

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## OFFICER AWARENESS

### **INSIGHT BRIEF:**

### **'DOXBIN' FEATURES PII OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS, OTHERS ON OPEN WEB**

May 31, 2023

#### **Summary**

Doxbin — a darknet website known for hosting the personal information of notable public figures — is being used by accelerationist Neo-Nazis to share the addresses and personal information of terrorism researchers. Upon further review of the website, it also features the addresses, social media accounts, and phone numbers of chiefs of police in the United States, as well as national security officials such as the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Director of the National Security Agency (NSA).

The website, which has had an off- and on-again online presence since 2015, is no longer relegated to the darknet and is available on the open web. The website has had more than 1.1 million visitors over the past three months. More than 24% of visitors to the website are accessing it from United States IP addresses, and another 14% from Russian IP addresses. The website has a [Telegram channel](#) (17K subscribers) and two private chats, one in [English](#) (7K members) and one that caters to [Russian-speaking audiences](#) (1.2K members).

#### **Key Findings**

On May 28, 2023, the neo-Nazi accelerationist group known as the [Teufelsreich](#), which is linked to the occultist neo-Nazi cult known as the [Order of Nine Angles](#) (O9A), posted the personal details of researchers and the chief executive officer at the [Terrorism Research & Analysis Consortium](#) (TRAC) using a Doxbin link in their [Telegram channel](#) (128 subscribers). Upon review of the website, researchers found the addresses, phone numbers, social media accounts of national security officials, one Supreme Court judge, and chiefs of police. In some cases, family members' details were included. It is unclear how accurate/current this information may be, but it represents a significant risk to those featured on the website, as the country experiences a [heightened period](#) of threats targeting public officials across the US.

- Details purportedly associated with high-level US government officials have been shared on the site. The Doxbin user [iBullyUglies](#) posted alleged personal details of family members related to Director of the NSA [General Paul M. Nakasone](#), the address and phone number of CIA Director [William Burns](#), and the addresses and phone numbers of Associate Justice of the US Supreme Court [Elena Kagan](#). The user similarly posted the personal details of the FBI Special [Agent in Charge](#) in the Jacksonville, FL office, the [Chief](#) of Police of Manlius, New York, and a [Commander](#) in the New York State Police, to name a few.

- Facebook accounts and other details associated with members of law enforcement across the country were shared. In April 2021, an anonymous user on Doxbin posted the social media details of [11.6K Facebook accounts](#) linked to US police and FBI around the country, which included phone numbers and other Facebook details. This information is still available on the website and has been viewed more than 600 times. The same user similarly posted the details of German police.

- Users have posted details of police after high profile events. The day after the [insurrection](#) at the Capitol, a user named "NT," posted the personal details of the Chief of Police of the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C., [Robert Contee III](#). The post has been viewed 279 times.

The information available on Doxbin represents a security risk to police and national security officials and their families, as well as others featured on the website. While the accuracy of the information posted on the website was not assessed, the ease of which the information may be accessed, and the potential for continued use by extremists and hostile state actors, as well as other nefarious actors, should be noted, particularly in the wake of intrusions at national security officials' [residences](#) and attacks on public officials' [family members](#) around the country.

#### **Appendix: Examples of Posts to Doxbin:**

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Paul Mike Nakasone (born November 19, 1963) is a four-star general in the United States Army who serves as the **Commander** of United States Cyber Command. He served concurrently as the director of the National Security Agency and as chief of the Central Security Service.

These releases blacklist their own info while not doing so for their families.

**SPOUSE:**  
 Susan S Nakasone (60 years old)  
 Address (Paul's address):  
 4518 English Ave, Fort Detrick, MD 20755  
 Phone number:  
 (410) 579-3979

**FATHER:**  
 Edwin M Nakasone (96 years old)  
 Address:  
 1910 Graham Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55116  
 Phone number:  
 (651) 429-4107

**MOTHER:**  
 Mary Anne Nakasone (born with surname "Costello"; 95 years old)  
 Address:  
 1910 Graham Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55116  
 Phone number:  
 (651) 429-4107

**Metadata:**  
 Title: Family of NSA Director  
 Created: May 26th, 2020  
 Created by: Anonymous - 8/20/20  
 Views: 111  
 Comments: 0

Like | Comment | Share

Anonymous - 8/20/20  
 Anonymous - 8/20/20  
 Anonymous - 8/20/20  
 Last human  
 Anonymous - 8/20/20

Elena Kagan is one of eight Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Her information has been blacklisted while that of one of her siblings and her parents has not been.

**SISTER:**  
 Irving D Kagan (58 years old)  
 145 Riverside Dr, New York, NY 10025  
 (212) 996-6748  
 \*\*\*\*\*

**MOTHER:**  
 Gloria Kagan (91 years old)  
 180 W End Ave, New York, NY 10027  
 (212) 362-0630  
 \*\*\*\*\*

**FATHER:**  
 Robert G Kagan (96 years old)  
 120 W End Ave, New York, NY 10027  
 (212) 362-0630

**Metadata:**  
 Title: Family of US Supreme Court judge  
 Created: May 21st, 2020  
 Created by: Anonymous  
 Views: 139  
 Comments: 0

Like | Comment | Share

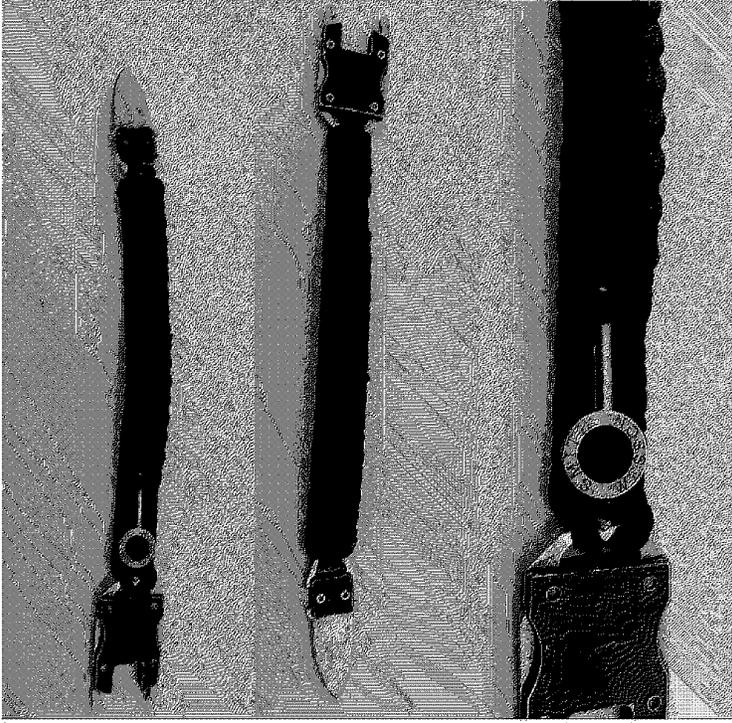
Anonymous  
 Anonymous  
 Anonymous  
 Last human  
 Anonymous

**\*Analyst Note\*** Regarding the dark web website 'Doxbin'. Doxbin is known to house the personal information of elected officials, law enforcement, and other federal officials. Many of your agencies have been receiving Freedom of Information requests for photos of your Deputies and Officers and this seems to be a trend that will continue to persist.

Source; ISD Power Solutions to extremism, hate and disinformation

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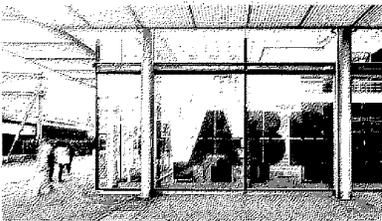
## Bracelet Knife & Cuff Key



Please see the attached photos. Recently, a Tacoma Police Officer pulled the attached bracelet off an arrestee last week. When the clasp was closed it was hard to tell there was a blade there. Something about it caught his eye and I took it off and found the blade/knife in the clasp. It wasn't until he took it off that he noticed the cuff key.

Any further questions about the incident contact; PPO ZACH SPANGLER #247, TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT 253 732 5493. [ZSpangler@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:ZSpangler@cityoftacoma.org)

## CYBER THREATS



### **U.S. Govt Contractor ABB Confirms Ransomware Attack, Data Theft**

Swiss tech multinational and U.S. government contractor ABB has confirmed that some of its systems were impacted by a ransomware attack, previously described by the company as "an IT security incident." It also revealed that the attackers had stolen data from compromised devices and that it would notify affected individuals if their information was impacted in the incident. "ABB has determined that an unauthorized third-party accessed certain ABB systems, deployed a type of ransomware that is not self-propagating, and exfiltrated certain data," the company said in a press release. "ABB will communicate with affected parties where necessary, including, for example, specific customers, suppliers, and/or individuals where personally identifiable information was affected." Source; Bleeping Computer, 5/26/2023

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*\*Analyst Comment\** Automation and technology manufacturer ABB confirmed on 25 May that it suffered a cyber attack on its IT environment. ABB provides a variety of services and products to critical infrastructure sectors across the globe, mainly transportation and energy, and is a U.S. government contractor. On 7 May, an unauthorized third-party, reportedly Black Basta ransomware, gained access to ABB's IT environment. The threat actor deployed ransomware and exfiltrated data. The company reported in a press release published last week that the incident is now contained and that all key systems are properly running. It is unclear what systems were impacted by the breach and what data has been exfiltrated. ABB has stated that it is continuing "to restore any remaining impacted services and systems and is further enhancing the security of its systems." The company is working alongside law enforcement in an investigation into the attack and has confirmed that it "will communicate with affected parties where necessary, including, for example, specific customers, suppliers, and/or individuals where personally identifiable information was affected." ABB did not identify the ransomware group responsible for the attack. BleepingComputer has independently confirmed, through an anonymous source that Black Basta was behind the attack. Cybersecurity Researcher Kevin Beaumont has also "confirmed" that Black Basta was responsible and wrote on the social networking side of Mastodon that ABB "paid the ransom btw [by the way]." Beaumont did not elaborate on his findings, and ABB has not stated whether or not they have paid the ransom. Source; Over the Road-Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily (OTRBIAD) Report

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**



### **Pride Month Begins Jun 1st**

The DHS National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin issued last week, included threats to LGBTQIA+ individuals and events as the most likely targets of violence. June, is designated in the US as Pride month, a nationally recognized celebration of LGBT rights and culture. Pride celebrations are now a worldwide event. NYC hosts one of the most heavily attended events, the Pride March on June 25th. Millions of people will participate at a time when violence directed at LGBT community has risen by 70 percent from 2020 to 2021, according to the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

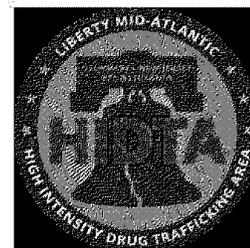
*\*Analyst Assessment\** Any event, especially one with a large turn-out, should be considered a possible target for violent extremists. On New Year's Eve, three NYPD officers were attacked with a machete by an individual the DOJ described as self-radicalized by consuming extremist ideology inspired to jihad by a foreign terrorist organization. A recent study, has identified the prime movers of political violence in the US as the promotion of disinformation, toxic political polarization and toxic identity-based ideologies. This climate requires all responders recognize that these events could become a target for violence and plan how to respond when disruptions do occur. Source; Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov

(U) The United States remains in a heightened threat environment. Lone offenders and small groups motivated by a range of ideological beliefs and personal grievances continue to pose a persistent and lethal threat to the Homeland. Both domestic violent extremists (DVEs) and those associated with foreign terrorist organizations continue to attempt to motivate supporters to conduct attacks in the Homeland, including through violent extremist messaging and online calls for violence. In the coming months, factors that could mobilize individuals to commit violence include their perceptions of the 2024 general election cycle and legislative or judicial decisions pertaining to sociopolitical issues. Likely targets of potential violence include US critical infrastructure, faith-based institutions, individuals or events associated with the LGBTQIA+ community, schools, racial and ethnic minorities, and government facilities and personnel, including law enforcement. Source; DHS

### **Emerging Substance: Tianeptine**

#### **(U//FOUO) Synopsis**

(U//FOUO) Recent reports indicate an increase in the presence of tianeptine, suggesting a possible emerging public health risk. Poison control center cases involving tianeptine exposure have increased nationwide, from 11 cases from 2000-2013 to 151 cases in 2020 alone. Tianeptine is marketed as a dietary supplement and is sold at gas stations or easily purchased online, in either tablet or powder form. The effects and withdrawal symptoms are

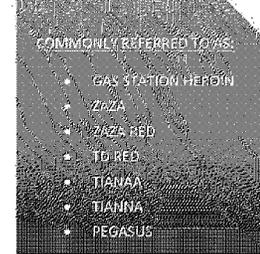


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reported to be similar to opioid use, making the drug a serious public health concern.

**(U//FOUO) Details**

(U//FOUO) Tianeptine is a tricyclic antidepressant used to treat depression in European, Latin American, and Asian countries, but is not approved by the FDA for medical use in the United States. In countries where tianeptine is prescribed, dosages range from 30 to 50 mg, while users in the United States reported use ranging from 1,500 mg to 4,000 mg. The DEA reported tianeptine being abused due to its euphoric properties similar to opioids. Adverse effects include respiratory depression, severe sedation, and even death. Further, tianeptine withdrawal is said to mimic opioid withdrawal with symptoms such as agitation, nausea, vomiting, tachycardia, among others. Withdrawal symptoms are commonly treated with benzodiazepines, alpha 2 agonists, antipsychotics, or barbiturates. Users have reported combining tianeptine with other substances, which can lead to a higher risk of an overdose.



(U//FOUO) SOURCE: Liberty Mid-Atlantic HIDTA

**(U//FOUO) Outlook**

(U//FOUO) The community and public health officials should be educated on the adverse effects associated with tianeptine and testing should be routinely available. Several reports show that naloxone is an effective therapy for tianeptine use. Public health and harm reduction organizations should reinforce the importance of rapid identification of those experiencing an overdose, calling 911 immediately for EMS response, administering naloxone, and providing supportive care until arrival of EMS.

(U//FOUO) Source: Liberty Mid-Atlantic HIDTA (May 2023) Emerging Substance: Tianeptine. Via Wisconsin Statewide Intelligence Center (WSIC)

**NATIONAL**

**Militia Members Indicted for Conspiracy to Murder Border Patrol Officers and Attempted Murder of FBI Agents**



[Jefferson City, Missouri] Two members of the self-styled 2nd American Militia who conspired to go “to war with border patrol” have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges related to a conspiracy to murder Border Patrol officers, which ended in a shootout with FBI agents who arrested them on the eve of their planned trip to the United States – Mexico border. Bryan C. Perry, 37, of Clarksville, Tennessee, and Jonathan S. O’Dell, 33, of Warsaw, Mo., were charged in a 44-count second superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City on Wednesday, May 30. ... The indictment alleges that Perry and O’Dell participated in a conspiracy to murder officers and employees of the United States government. They allegedly planned to travel to Texas to shoot at illegal immigrants crossing the United States – Mexico border. According to the indictment, they

also planned to murder officers and employees of the U.S. Border Patrol who would attempt to stop them. Source: FBI Agents Department of Justice, 5/31/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** On 30 May 2023, Bryan C. Perry, 37, of Clarksville, Tennessee, and Jonathan S. O’Dell, 33, of Warsaw, Missouri, were indicted by a federal grand jury for planning to attack border patrol agents and shoot immigrants crossing the southern border in Texas. The two men started the “2nd American Militia” and attempted to recruit others to join their group, with the intent to go “to war with border patrol.” They collected firearms, paramilitary gear, ammunition, and other supplies in preparation for their attacks, which were stored at O’Dell’s residence. Part of the recruiting effort involved posting a video on TikTok in which Perry discussed illegal immigrants coming into the United States from Mexico. Perry stated that the U.S. Border Patrol was committing treason by allowing these illegal immigrants to enter the United States, and that the penalty for treason was death. Perry posted another video on TikTok in which he stated that he was “ready to go to war against this government.” On 7 October 2022, as the two were planning to leave their home in Missouri, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) showed up with a search warrant and announced their

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presence, and Perry shot 11 rounds from a rifle at the responding FBI personnel. The FBI did not return fire and no one was injured. Both men were taken into custody and charged with seven counts of the attempted murder of FBI special agents, seven counts of assaulting FBI special agents with a deadly weapon, three counts of assaulting FBI special agents, 14 counts of using a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, and one count of damaging federal property. Source: Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)



## FITRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS SECTOR

22 May 2023

LIR 230522006

### **Criminal Actors Impersonate Legitimate Companies to Facilitate Truckload Theft**

*References in this LIR to any specific commercial product, process, or service or the use of any corporate name herein is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an endorsement, recommendation, or disparagement of that product, process, service, or corporation on behalf of the FBI.*

The FBI's Milwaukee Field Office and Minneapolis Field Office, in coordination with the FBI Office of Private Sector (OPS), prepared this LIR to inform industry and private sector partners about an increase in criminal impersonation of legitimate companies to facilitate the theft of trucking loads, cargo, and merchandise. Criminal actors have reportedly disguised themselves as legitimate companies so that they can bid on advertised loads online or submit fraudulent orders that they can redirect to the destination of their choosing. These schemes allow criminals to take control/custody and steal the truckloads once they are in their possession.

Criminals establish an online presence either by impersonating a legitimate carrier or imitating a legitimate carrier to create what appears to be a new company. This allows them to respond to online job bids, usually advertised by a third-party logistics company (3PL) or on an open-source bidding site. Jobs often involve the loading and delivery of goods (e.g., solar panels, retail goods) for an agreed upon price. Once a bid has been accepted, the criminals arrive with their own trucks and provide what appears to be legitimate documentation. After the criminals acquire the load, they leave and never deliver the goods to the intended destination or recipient.

Criminal actors have also impersonated legitimate companies to submit fraudulent orders or transportation requests. Prior to delivery of the procured shipments or loads, the criminals attempt to amend the shipping destination or request delivery drivers communicate with a specific point of contact before their arrival. The goal is to change the address so that the shipments are diverted to the criminals' desired location where they can take possession of and steal the cargo/goods.

#### **Potential Indicators**

An indicator alone does not accurately determine or identify fraudulent behavior. The following suspicious activities/indicators include but are not limited to any individual, group, or activity (these indicators should be observed in context and not individually).

- Company personnel increasingly reporting incidents of unsolicited social media contact, phishing/spear phishing attempts, and Business Email Compromise attempts
- Reports of third-party vendor breaches in which employee PII or company data was compromised
- Reports of spoofed emails or websites of legitimate companies offering carrier services and bidding on jobs/contracts
- Criminals rapidly provide documents and information, easily obtained through publicly available information, to appear legitimate and trustworthy

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- Sudden increase in negative reviews of a legitimate carrier online, referencing activity that is not consistent with company records
- Increase in new customers requesting to pick up or store multiple truckloads for short periods of time
- poorly written emails with frequent grammatical or punctuation errors
- Criminals frequently change email addresses or other contact information, often blaming ongoing “issues”

#### **Mitigating Criminal Impersonation of Shipping Companies**

Shippers, brokers, and carriers, should consider the following mitigations to help protect against criminal impersonation of their businesses:

- If you partner with newer companies that have a presence online, be sure to conduct due diligence to ensure the partner company’s drivers and information can be verified
- Be sure to verify with cross-deck deliveries
- Implement good cyber hygiene practices, with special attention towards mitigating attempts at business email compromise, phishing, or spoofing of company information

#### **Recent Incidents**

One particular 3PL industry has suffered a cumulative loss of \$300 million in loads over the last 12 months because of such incidents. Theft of goods have occurred nationwide, to include California, Texas, Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin with higher volumes occurring on the West Coast and in Arizona.

- In one instance, the criminal actors used a legitimate broker’s identity to sub-contract the pickup of loads while changing the intended address for delivery. When the loads arrived at the altered address, other carriers arrived to redirect the loads again to unknown locations.
- Nearly half of the reported incidents of stolen loads in the last six months appear to be connected to compromised credentials, spoofed emails of legitimate carriers, or some form of carrier identity theft in which the criminal actor used the name and information of a legitimate carrier.

Additionally, the following incidents, which were not limited to a particular region of the United States, targeted Wisconsin-based companies and occurred between January 2023 and April 2023:

- A Wisconsin-based chemical company received an email request from a criminal actor posing as the Director of Procurement of an established company for the procurement of two chemical shipments, totaling \$102,259. Delivery drivers were requested to call the number listed on the Bill of Lading (BOL) 45 minutes prior to reaching their destination. One delivery was diverted to a different location where two individuals were waiting to pick up the shipment.
- A Wisconsin-based trucking brokerage company received an email request from a criminal actor posing as an employee of a legitimate company and requested the company’s assistance in facilitating the transportation of ten shipments. The criminal actor attempted to change the delivery location of two shipments, but one driver’s vehicle broke down and the other driver left the new delivery location because the site did not feel safe. The Wisconsin-based company canceled the remaining deliveries but lost \$21,785 in the first two deliveries.
- A Wisconsin-based energy technology company received an email request from a criminal actor posing as the CEO of a legitimate company to purchase ten diesel engines, totaling \$330,000. The logistics company facilitating the delivery of the shipment had a BOL for Atlanta, Georgia. The purchase order listed a shipping address in Texas, and, due to the destination discrepancy, the order should have been cancelled. Once the energy company was alerted to the fraudulent order, the company reviewed existing orders that had not been processed, and flagged orders as potentially fraudulent if the shipping orders didn’t align with the purchase orders.

The FBI Office of Private Sector disseminated this LIR. Direct any requests and questions to your FBI Private Sector Coordinator at your local FBI Field Office: <https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices>. Source; Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

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## Truckstop Ramps Up Campaign to Combat Freight Fraud

Truckstop has ramped up a campaign aimed at combating trucking fraud through awareness and research. The web series, Fraud Prevention Friday, became the main initiative of this campaign when it launched May 19. The weekly series will bring together customer research and data while providing the freight industry with tips and best practices to prevent fraud. Truckstop has

long focused on fraud with this campaign allowing it to convey its insights to the broader industry. “We have always taken fraud extremely seriously and we are continually improving our products and services to offer our customers greater protection and confidence,” said Julia Laurin, chief product officer at Truckstop. “Bad actors are getting savvier and savvier about how they obtain information to defraud brokers and carriers.” Source: Transport Topics, 5/29/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** “Internet Truckstop” (Truckstop) is launching an online fraud awareness campaign aimed at combating trucking fraud. On 19 May 2023, Truckstop released a survey from their research that found cargo theft reports increased by 20% in 2022, with the steepest jump occurring in the fourth quarter for a total loss value of \$223 million. The survey noted criminals are tapping into load board technology to pose as legitimate carriers and access loads without raising suspicion. Truckstop also tracked a 400% increase in double-brokering complaints over the previous six months. To combat this trend, Truckstop is working together with “Overhaul,” an in-transit logistics company that specializes in risk management. On 10 May 2023, Overhaul published a report stating that there were approximately 1,100 reported incidents of cargo theft in the U.S. in 2022. The average value of these thefts was over \$360,000, a 58% increase from the previous year. This increase also represented a 29% rise in volume. According to Overhaul and Truckstop, prevention is the key to mitigating loss due to fraud and theft. One recommended tool to help prevent theft is to embed GPS tracking devices in a cargo load to track its physical location. Another recommended countermeasure is scrutinizing drivers’ credentials and cross-referencing them with the intended shipping company. Regarding double brokering, Anne Reinke, president and CEO of the Transportation Intermediaries Association, stated that “right now, it is the perfect crime ... There is no actor who is trying to stop it other than the broker community and, to some extent, the owner-operator community.” Source: Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

## INTERNATIONAL



### Executive Update

## Antisemitism a Persistent Driver of Transnational Violent Extremist Narratives and Attacks

25 May 2023

Violent extremists adhering to various ideologies that endorse anti-Semitic narratives—especially racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists (RMVEs) and violent extremists inspired by foreign terrorist organizations—pose a persistent threat to Jewish communities and institutions in the United States and abroad. Violent extremists frequently promote anti-Semitic themes in their violent extremist messaging to spur supporters to conduct violence against Jewish individuals, communities, institutions, and houses of worship, which provide attractive targets due to their vulnerability to attack, ability to garner extensive public attention, and symbolic significance. Many RMVEs and violent extremists inspired by foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs), such as al-Qa’ida or ISIS, demonize Jewish people as malevolent actors, and promote conspiracy theories about international Jewish control of government, finance, and media.

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• Multiple attackers inspired by the transnational RMVE movement, driven by a belief in the superiority of the white race, have encouraged violence against Jewish communities in their online manifestos. In April 2019, a US RMVE who claimed inspiration from the March 2019 New Zealand mosque attacker attacked a synagogue in Poway, California, and claimed that “every Jew is responsible for the meticulously planned genocide of the European race.” At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, some individuals driven by a belief in the superiority of the white race claimed the virus was either fabricated or orchestrated by Jewish people or groups, adapting historical conspiracy narratives about powerful elites using money and influence to reshape society to their benefit.

• Foreign RMVE attackers have also targeted Jewish communities, including the October 2019 lethal attack by a German RMVE who used homemade firearms and explosives in an attack on a synagogue in Halle, Germany. An RMVE who killed two people outside an LGBTQ+ bar in Bratislava, Slovakia, in October 2022 couched his grievances in the anti-Semitic belief of a “Zionist Occupied Government” controlling the United States and Russia and selected his target based on his belief that Jews contributed to the corruption of Western values.

• A smaller percentage of lethal violence in the United States has been attributed to RMVEs motivated by perceptions of racial injustice in American society, or a violent interpretation of Black Hebrew Israelite religious teachings.

• In the past 15 years, there have been at least five violent global jihad-inspired individuals who have considered or targeted the Jewish community. Some individuals have expressed hatred toward the Jewish community, but their ideological justifications for violence often target anyone who does not share their interpretation of Islam or is not Muslim. Homegrown violent extremists’ (HVE) grievances toward the Jewish community can be linked to anti-Israel sentiment, anti-Semitic conspiracy theories, and a desire to save Muslims from perceived threats.

• In the past 15 years, violent extremist perpetrators with grievances linked to Israel have targeted a range of Jewish establishments in Europe, including a synagogue, a kosher grocery store, a museum, and a school. Future violent extremist attacks on Jewish targets in the United States and abroad could inspire subsequent attacks against these or related entities, particularly if accompanied by a widely distributed and consumed manifesto or livestream. The emergence or promotion of conspiracy narratives with anti-Semitic themes means current events seemingly unrelated to the Jewish community may result in increased threats against the Jewish community. Al-Qa’ida, ISIS, and their affiliates have long promoted anti-Israel narratives in their messaging and periodically will direct supporters to conduct attacks against Jewish targets. An escalation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict this year could spur some HVEs to pivot toward Jewish or Israeli targets in the United States. Though HVEs rarely respond directly to singular events, increased sociopolitical tensions that result in a high-profile and media-saturated attack targeting Muslims could inspire HVEs who are already mobilizing to refocus their attacks on Jewish or Israeli targets. Source; Prepared by Counterterrorism Division and NCTC



## US Imposes Sanctions Over Fentanyl

On Tuesday, the US Treasury Department imposed sanctions on 17 people and entities in Mexico and China tied with fentanyl production and smuggling, reported Reuters. The sanctions are aimed at the illegal fentanyl counterfeit pill market, businesses that were involved in selling pill presses and other equipment, as well as those that traded in precursor chemicals and drugs like Xanax and M30. On the same day, Italian police arrested 40 suspected members of the

Ndrangheta mafia. This trafficking ring maintained a complex connection of relationships with South American drug producers and Chinese money brokers. Earlier this month, operations by international law enforcement arrested 300 people, confiscated \$53 million, and cracked down on dark web markets in the US and Europe.

*\*Analyst Assessment\** Transnational drug traffickers have created a sophisticated economy where illegal drugs are smuggled from suppliers, logistical equipment is exported using legitimate commerce, chemicals such as pre-cursors are shipped for the local production in synthetic drug labs, and international money launderers provide payment and disperse profits. A Correctional Health Services report tracking overdoses in NYC jails found that opioid overdoses are on a record pace for 2023. Los Angeles, currently witnessing a rise in opioid overdoses, has had to increase its harm reduction budget from \$5.4 million to \$31.5 million, hoping to fight the overdose epidemic. Last week, US health regulators approved a

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new nasal medication to counteract opioids called Opvee, it is similar to Naloxone but has a longer-acting effect. Source: Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov

## Terrorism and the Use of Chemical Weapons: A Looming Threat to Global Security



The use of chemical weapons by terrorist organizations poses a significant threat to global security. These weapons, with their potential for mass destruction and devastating consequences, have the power to inflict harm on civilian populations, create fear and panic, and undermine societal stability. This article delves into the alarming intersection of terrorism and chemical weapons, exploring the motivations behind such acts, the history of their use, and the international efforts to combat this deadly menace. ... The use of chemical weapons by terrorist organizations poses a grave threat to global security. The potential for mass casualties, environmental contamination, and the psychological impact on affected communities necessitate a comprehensive and collaborative response. Source: American Heroes Radio, 5/30/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** The use of chemical weapons by terrorist organizations has the potential for mass destruction and could create widespread fear and panic among the general population. Throughout history, terrorist organizations have utilized chemical weapons to advance their objectives, including the well-known 1995 Sarin gas attack committed by Aum Shinrikyo against the Tokyo subway, resulting in 14 people killed and over 1,000 injured, including 50 severely. The British Transport Police have voiced concern that the increased publicity surrounding techniques employed by terrorist organizations, including the use of chemical or biological weapons, poses a serious security concern to public transportation. In a 2001 report by the Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI) titled "Protecting Public Surface Transportation Against Terrorism and Serious Crime: An Executive Overview," MTI claimed that "public transportation is an ideal target" for those intending to commit terrorist acts targeting large groups of people because surface transportation hubs have high numbers of daily riders and less robust security measures than other similarly congested areas, such as airports. To help protect against chemical attacks, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has produced a list of physical security and emergency preparedness recommendations. These recommendations include separating vehicle and pedestrian areas, posting clear signage for emergency exits and first aid stations, and training employees to recognize and report suspicious activities.

The full list can be found at: <https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Chemical%20Attacks%20-%20Security%20Awareness%20for%20ST-CP.PDF#:~:text=Avoid%20any%20obvious%20plume%20or%20vapor%20cloud%3B%20protect>

## Netherlands Terrorism Threat Increases

[Netherlands] The probability of a terrorist attack being carried out on Dutch soil has risen over the past half year, the National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism stated in its threat assessment on Tuesday, underlining threats from far-right and Islamist groups. The National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism (NCTV) is the country's main counterterrorism unit and falls under the responsibility of Justice and Security Minister Dilan Yeşilgöz-Zegerius (VVD/Renew). "There are increasing signs that jihadist organizations are preparing to carry out terrorist attacks. These groups mention the Netherlands explicitly as a target. A terrorist attack from right-wing extremist circles also remains possible," the threat assessment reads. "Finally, loners or small groups, who have turned against the government on the basis of a conspiracy mindset, could proceed to [carry out] an act of violence," it adds. Source: Euractiv, 5/26/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** The threat of a terrorist attack in the Netherlands has increased over the past six months, according to the National Coordinator for Counterterrorism and Security (NCTV), the Netherlands' primary counterterrorism organization. The Netherlands uses a system of five ascending threat levels that indicate the chance of a terrorist attack, and every quarter the NCTV publishes the current threat level. The current threat is assigned level 3: Significant, which means "a terrorist attack in the Netherlands is conceivable." In the latest threat assessment, the counter-terrorism coordinator said they see "increasing signs" that terrorist organizations are preparing terrorist attacks in Europe, though

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there are “no specific indications that radicalized individuals are preparing a terrorist attack.” The report states that Jihadism remains the principal terrorist threat to the Netherlands, though “with the rise of right-wing extremist accelerationism” right-wing motivated terrorist attacks “have also become conceivable.” The current assessment highlights the increased risk of a potential terrorist attack by supporters of the Islamic State Group (ISG) or al-Qaida who are already residing in Europe, and suggests recent anti-Muslim protests in Europe, which included the burning of the Quran, may have heightened tensions. The NCTV assesses that the Dutch jihadist movement consists of 500 individuals in Holland from a variety of groups, though they have “no specific, commonly agreed goals.” According to the NCTV, “Dutch jihadists seem to be focused mainly on non-violent social activities. ... [but] there is still sufficient knowledge and experience among Dutch jihadists for them to carry out a successful terrorist attack. A limited number of jihadists in the Netherlands harbor the intention to carry out attacks on [the Netherlands].” Source; Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

The full text of the Terrorist Threat Assessment for the Netherlands, #57, can be found here:

<https://english.nctv.nl/topics/terrorist-threat-assessment-netherlands/documents/publications/2022/11/07/terrorist-threat-assessment-for-the-netherlands-57>

## **Other National/International Articles of Interest (Links):**

### **International theft ring intercepted by Bellevue police**

<https://mynorthwest.com/3895885/international-theft-ring-intercepted-by-bellevue-police/>

### **At Start of LGBTQ Pride Month, Transgender Americans in the Crosshairs**

<https://www.voanews.com/a/at-start-of-lgbtq-pride-month-transgender-americans-in-the-crosshairs-/7119300.html>

### **Money stored in Venmo and other payment apps could be vulnerable, financial watchdog warns**

<https://apnews.com/article/venmo-paypal-cashapp-p2p-payments-deposit-insurance-f89eba2486a383160b9343e2e4e60b3f>

### **Active shooter response considerations: Advice from the front line of the Aurora theatre shooting**

[https://www.police1.com/police-training/articles/active-shooter-response-considerations-advice-from-the-front-line-of-the-aurora-theatre-shooting-Kc4WcSogFy7p0xH2/?utm\\_source=Police1&utm\\_campaign=91a92f2c0b-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2023\\_05\\_25\\_04\\_12&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_5584e6920b-3680334c62-%5BBLIST\\_EMAIL\\_ID%5D](https://www.police1.com/police-training/articles/active-shooter-response-considerations-advice-from-the-front-line-of-the-aurora-theatre-shooting-Kc4WcSogFy7p0xH2/?utm_source=Police1&utm_campaign=91a92f2c0b-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_05_25_04_12&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5584e6920b-3680334c62-%5BBLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D)

### **CBP Officers Seize \$38 million Worth of Methamphetamine at Cargo Facility**

[CBP officers seize \\$38 million worth of methamphetamine at Otay Mesa Cargo Facility | U.S. Customs and Border Protection](https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-38-million-worth-of-methamphetamine-at-otay-mesa-cargo-facility)

### **AMO, Partners Seize 52 Tons of Drugs in 2nd Quarter**

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/amo-partners-seize-52-tons-drugs-2nd-quarter>

### **Chicago shootings: 53 shot, 11 fatally, in Memorial Day weekend gun violence across city, police say**

<https://abc7chicago.com/chicago-memorial-day-weekend-shootings-shooting-crime-crimes/13318549/>

### **6 lessons from the Saugus High School shooting**

[https://www.police1.com/active-shooter/articles/6-lessons-from-the-saugus-high-school-shooting-mjUniZlAruvXhxMA/?utm\\_source=Police1&utm\\_campaign=91a92f2c0b-](https://www.police1.com/active-shooter/articles/6-lessons-from-the-saugus-high-school-shooting-mjUniZlAruvXhxMA/?utm_source=Police1&utm_campaign=91a92f2c0b-)

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**Nashville PD's response to the Covenant School active shooter was 'by the numbers'**

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**Rapid response: The Nova Scotia active shooter incident**

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**Also Attached to this email is The Washington State Fusion Center (WSFC) Special Event Threat Assessment for the “Tacoma Summer Blast” (July 4, 2023) & the FBI’s Law Enforcement Officers Deaths Data from (01/01/2023 - 04/30/2023)**

	<b>South Sound Regional Intelligence Group</b> SSRIG email: <a href="mailto:PCINTEL@piercecounitywa.gov">PCINTEL@piercecounitywa.gov</a> <b>Weekly Summary</b>	
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**4th of July Pierce County Threat Concerns & Mitigation Measures**

**Fourth of July Travel Expected to Reach Record-High**

**OFFICER SAFETY**

**Criminal Arrest Warrants Heather R. Jolicoeur**

**P.C. for Robbery 1st Degree on Dylan Sen**

**P.C for Robbery 1st & Assault 2nd on Olivia Lee**

**ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY – ROBBERY**

**OFFICER AWARENESS**

**Identify Illegal Gambling Machines**

**ATI street racer**

**CYBER THREATS**

**The FBI Has Formed a National Database to Track and Prevent 'Swatting'**

**Daily on Energy: The Latest Details on Cyber and Physical Threats to the Power Grid**

**Metro Vancouver Transit Police Hit by Cyber Attack**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Steady Rise in Vape Product Poisonings Among Kids Under Five**

**CDC & FDA: E-Cigarette Sales Up Nearly 50%, Calls to Poison Control Up 100**

**FDA: 9 in 10 Calls to Poison Control for E-Cigarette Ingestion Involve Children Under 5**

**Report Determines Fentanyl is Often Unintentionally Ingested**

**U.S. Pedestrian Deaths Reach a 40-Year High**

**NATIONAL**

**US Retailers Targeted with Bomb Threats, Seeking Bitcoin and Gift Cards –WSJ**

**INTERNATIONAL**

**United States: U.S. To Prosecute Chinese Companies on Charges of Trafficking Fentanyl Ingredients**

**Texas Man Sentenced to Over 13 Years for Attempting to Provide Material Support to [Islamic State Group (ISG)]**

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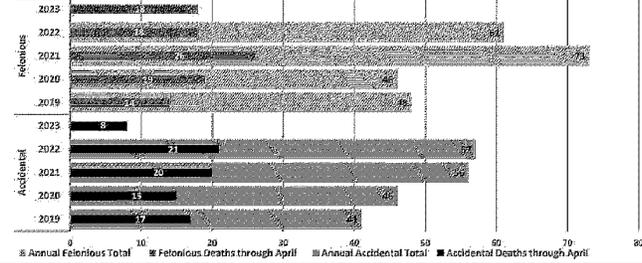
# LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DEATHS 01/01/2023-04/30/2023

This is a graphic presentation of data regarding line-of-duty deaths, both felonious and accidental, collected from law enforcement agencies across the United States and U.S. territories by the FBI's Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted Data Collection. This preliminary information is provided for officer safety studies, training, and other initiatives. The data are also published annually in the *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted* release. The below data is accurate as of 04/30/2023.

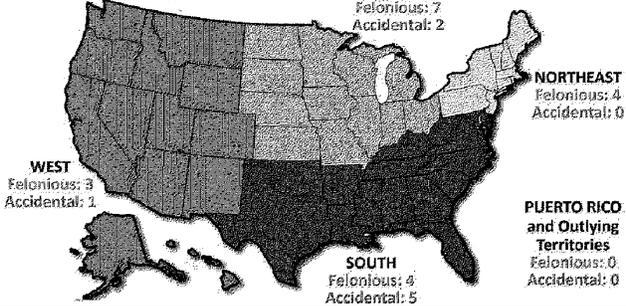
## KEY OBSERVATIONS

The 6 law enforcement officers feloniously killed in April 2023 represent a 200 percent increase compared to the 2 officers killed during the same period in 2022. Firearms were used in 16 of the 18 felonious deaths in 2023, and 2 deaths involved the use of a vehicle as a weapon. The leading circumstances surrounding the officers' deaths were related to investigative/enforcement (6) and pursuit (4). Accidental deaths of law enforcement decreased 100 percent when comparing April 2023 (0) with those of April 2022 (1). Accidental deaths in 2023 were due to motor vehicle accidents (5), aircraft crashes (2), and a fall (1). The Midwest and Southern regions have the most law enforcement deaths in 2023, with 9 deaths each. Although not represented in the below graphic, 6 officers have died from the following medical conditions in 2023: 1 officer died from illnesses related to COVID-19, 1 officer died from conditions related to 9/11, 2 officers died from cancer, and 2 officers died due to other natural causes.

## Officer Deaths by Year



## Officer Deaths by Region



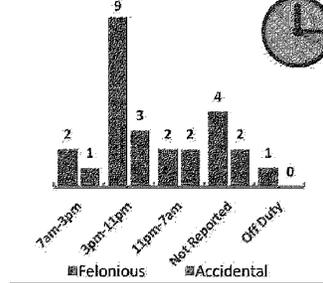
## Circumstances of Officer Deaths

- 18 Felonious:
  - 0 Administrative assignment
  - 0 Ambush (entrapment/premeditation)
  - 0 Arrest situation
  - 0 Assisting another law enforcement officer
  - 0 Assisting motorist
  - 0 Citizen complaint
  - 1 Crime in progress (robbery, burglary, etc.)
  - 1 Disorder/disturbance (domestic disturbance, civil disorder, etc.)
  - 1 Encounter/assist an emotionally disturbed person
  - 6 Investigative/enforcement (Drug-related matter, wanted person, traffic violation stop)
  - 0 Out of service (court, dining, etc.)
  - 0 Providing/deploying equipment (flares, traffic cones, etc.)
  - 4 Pursuit
  - 0 Report of crime (robbery, burglary, etc.)
  - 0 Respond to alarm (audible/silent)
  - 0 Serving/attempting to serve court order (eviction notice, subpoena, etc.)
  - 2 Tactical situation
  - 2 Traffic control (crash scene, directing traffic, etc.)
  - 1 Unprovoked attack
  - 0 Other
- 8 Accidental:
  - 5 Motor vehicle crash
    - 0 Assisting/investigating vehicle crash
    - 0 Assisting motorist
    - 0 Engaging in vehicle pursuit
    - 1 Escorting dignitary or funeral
    - 0 Overseeing work zone
    - 2 Patrolling
    - 0 Performing traffic control
    - 0 Performing traffic stop
    - 1 Responding to emergency
    - 0 Responding to nonemergency
    - 0 Training
    - 1 Other
  - 0 Pedestrian officer struck by vehicle
    - 0 Assisting/investigating vehicle crash
    - 0 Assisting motorist
    - 0 Providing/deploying equipment
    - 0 Engaging in foot pursuit
    - 0 Overseeing work zone
    - 0 Patrolling
    - 0 Performing traffic control
    - 0 Performing traffic stop
    - 0 Training
    - 0 Other
  - 0 Drowning
  - 1 Fall
  - 0 Firearm-related incident
  - 2 Aircraft crash

## Officer Deaths by Month

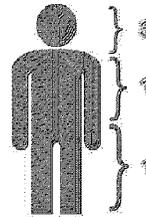
Month	Felonious		Accidental	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
Jan	3	3	10	0
Feb	4	5	4	3
Mar	9	4	6	5
Apr	2	6	1	0
May	2		5	
Jun	12		4	
Jul	6		9	
Aug	6		3	
Sep	5		1	
Oct	5		5	
Nov	1		3	
Dec	6		6	

## Time of Incident



## Location of Fatal Firearm Wound

- Felonious Killing
- 1 Front head
  - 0 Rear head
  - 2 Side head
  - 0 Neck/throat
  - 0 Shoulder (upper torso) area
  - 0 Front upper torso/chest
  - 0 Rear upper torso/back
  - 1 Front lower torso/abdomen
  - 0 Rear lower torso/back
  - 1 Front below waist/groin area
  - 0 Rear below waist/buttocks
  - 0 Arms/hands
  - 0 Front legs/feet
  - 0 Front legs
  - 0 Rear legs
  - 0 Feet
  - 0 Multiple locations, unable to determine fatal wound
  - 1 Fatal wound location not reported



5 Officers Confirmed Wearing Body Armor

## Weapons Used by Offender

- 18 Felonious Killings
- 16 Officers killed with firearms:
  - 5 Handguns
  - 1 Rifles
  - 0 Shotguns
  - 10 Not reported
  - 0 Unknown
- 2 Vehicles
- 0 Knives/cutting instruments
- 0 Personal weapons (bands, fists, etc.)
- 0 Blunt instrument (club, brick, etc.)



## Distance from Firearm

- Felonious Killings
- 0 - 5 ft: 0
- 6 - 10 ft: 2
- 11 - 20 ft: 0
- 21 - 50 ft: 1
- 51+ ft: 0
- Not reported: 12
- Unknown: 1

## Clearances of Incidents

- Felonious Killings
- 15 Cleared
- 3 Uncleared

83.3%

## Incidents and Victims:

- Felonious Killings:
- 18 Incidents
- 18 Victims



This updated infographic is now available on the Crime Data Explorer (CDE) at <https://cde.ucr.cjis.gov/LATEST/webapp/#/pages/is/leoka>.



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**TACOMA SUMMER BLAST (JULY 4, 2023)**

**(U) Special Event Assessment Rating:** SEAR 3 – An event of national and/or international importance that requires only limited federal support.



**(U) Event Description:**

(U) The Tacoma Summer Blast is scheduled for July 4, 2023, along the Ruston Way Waterfront in Tacoma, Washington. This event is the largest free community event in the South Sound. There will be live music, over 150 vendors, and beer gardens at Dune Peninsula and Cummings Park from 1200-2200. The 20-minute fireworks display over Commencement Bay will begin at 2200.

**(U) Executive Summary:**

**(U//FOUO) The Washington State Fusion Center (WSFC) is not currently aware of any credible or specific threats targeting Tacoma Summer Blast, or the Ruston Way Waterfront. However, given the ongoing surge in gun violence and mass shootings nationwide, there is an increased risk for large public gatherings to experience random violence, targeted violence, and mass casualty incidents. The unrestricted nature of this event may make the introduction of weapons, such as knives and firearms, difficult to detect.**

(U) The United States remains in a heightened threat environment. Lone offenders and small groups motivated by a range of ideological beliefs and personal grievances continue to pose a persistent and lethal threat to the Homeland. Both domestic violent extremists (DVEs) and those associated with foreign terrorist organizations continue to attempt to motivate supporters to conduct attacks in the Homeland, including through violent extremist messaging and online calls for violence. In the coming months, factors that could mobilize individuals to commit violence include their perceptions of the 2024 general election cycle and legislative or judicial decisions pertaining to sociopolitical issues. Likely targets of potential violence include US critical infrastructure, faith-based institutions, individuals or events associated with the LGBTQIA+ community, schools, racial and ethnic minorities, and government facilities and personnel, including law enforcement.<sup>1</sup>

- (U) On June 17, 2023, a mass shooting occurred at the Gorge Amphitheatre, near George, Washington. The shooter opened fire at a campground near the amphitheatre, killing two people and wounding two others.<sup>2,3,4</sup>
- (U) On July 4, 2022, an identified 21-year-old man was arrested after shooting and killing seven people, and injuring dozens more, at a July Fourth parade in Highland Park, Illinois.<sup>5,6,7</sup>

(U) Other likely threats exist from nuisances related to public intoxication and various criminal activities such as theft, disorderly conduct, and assault—as well as vehicle accidents and possible road rage incidents caused by event-related traffic congestion.<sup>8,9</sup> Additionally, unauthorized drones or unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) flying in close proximity to event venues and participants can cause accidental or intentional harm.

**(U) Key Findings:**

- (U//FOUO) The WSFC is not currently aware of any credible or specific threats targeting Tacoma Summer Blast, or the Ruston Way Waterfront.
- (U//FOUO) Given the ongoing surge in gun violence and mass shootings nationwide, there is an increased risk for large public gatherings to experience random violence, targeted violence, and mass casualty incidents.

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**TACOMA SUMMER BLAST**

Start Date: July 4, 2023	City: Tacoma	Location: Ruston Way Waterfront	Estimated Crowd Size: > 150,000
End Date: July 4, 2023	County: Pierce	Venue Type: Open-Air	Waterborne: Yes <sup>2</sup>
Timeframe: 1200-0000	Region: 5	Venue Access: Unrestricted <sup>1</sup>	Fireworks: Yes

**(U) Mitigation and Prevention Measures:**

(U//FOUO) The security footprint for a special event extends beyond the perimeters of the event itself, and could have cascading effects on surrounding areas and critical infrastructure. Recognizing indicators of terrorist activity and having appropriate emergency planning and response measures in place could reduce the risk to the event or venue. For more information on the threats, vulnerabilities, and protective measures for special events, reference the additional resources listed below.

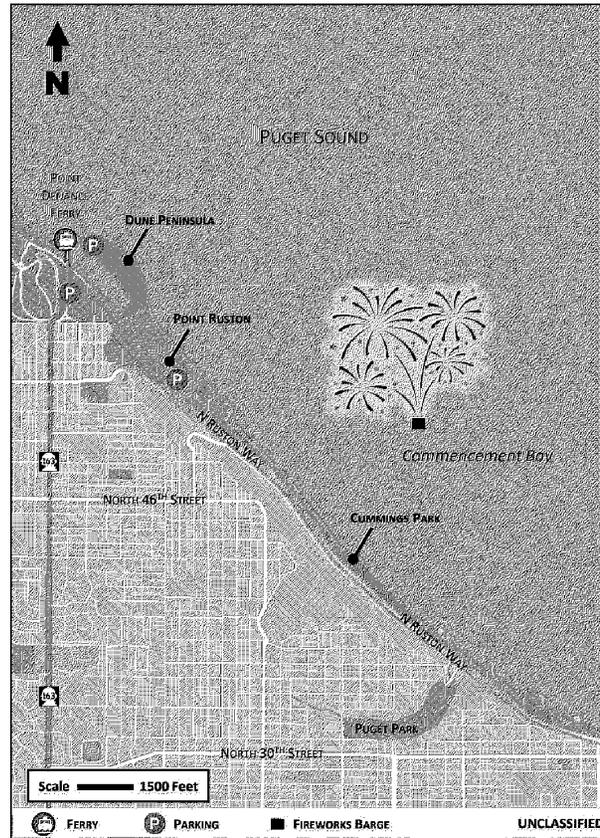
**(U) Suspicious Activity – Indicators and Behaviors:**

- (U) Wires or fuses protruding from clothing.
- (U) Reported theft of large or heavy-duty vehicles.
- (U) Theft of law enforcement, security, and public safety uniforms.
- (U) Unusual vessel operating in the waterways adjacent to the event location.
- (U) Operating a UAS in a manner that poses a threat of harm to people or property.
- (U) An individual who may have recently acquired firearms and ammunition in combination with making online threats.

**(U) Additional Resources: [HSIN Login Required for Access \*]**

- [23-0045 WSFC – 2023 Annual Threat Assessment – 18Apr23 \(U-FOUO\) \\*](#)
- [CISA – Suspicious or Unattended Items \(U\)](#)
- [NCTC – US Violent Extremist Mobilization Indicators – 28Dec21 \(U\)](#)
- [HSIN Washington Infrastructure Protection \(WA-IP\) – Unmanned Aircraft Systems \(UAS\) \(U-FOUO\) \\*](#)
- [HSIN Washington Infrastructure Protection \(WA-IP\) – Vehicle Rammings \(U-FOUO\) \\*](#)

1 – (U) Event has virtually no security measures, and does not possess access point restrictions. Attendees can walk into the event without being screened.  
 2 – (U) Is a significant portion of the event's perimeter within 200 feet of a body of water that is navigable by a small power boat?



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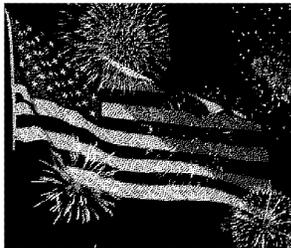
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## REGIONAL



### **4th of July Pierce County Threat Concerns & Mitigation Measures**

**(U//FOUO) Summary: The South Sound Regional Intelligence Group (SSRIG) have not identified any specific, credible threats to any 2023 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations or events in Pierce County.** However, we assess domestic violent extremists (DVEs) continue to pose the most likely threat to the events, based on recent incidents of ideologically motivated violence and plots to target public venues, officials, law enforcement, and government buildings. Unaffiliated lone offenders and homegrown violent extremists (HVEs) remain a concern due to their ability to act with little to no warning, willingness to attack civilians and soft targets, and ability to inflict significant casualties with weapons that do not require specialized knowledge, access, or training. The SSRIG will continue to monitor all associated events in coordination with other federal, state, and local partners.

**Most common tactics or threats used during large events across the nation have been:**

- Vehicle Ramming's into large crowds
- Active shooters
- IEDs place at locations for maximum effect
- Drones becoming a hazard or nuisance

\*Other likely threats exist from nuisances related to public intoxication and various criminal activities such as theft, disorderly conduct, and assault—as well as vehicle accidents and possible road rage incidents caused by event-related traffic congestion.

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## **(U//FOUO) LOCAL CONCERNS**

- (U//FOUO) 4th of July event locations with open access and unsecure perimeters, such as parks, should be areas of concern for possible attacks. Outdoor celebrations expecting large crowds should block off portions of streets for pedestrian traffic and set an extended perimeter.
- (U//FOUO) Parades with crowds of spectators lined along the roadway may be at risk. Parade routes should be blocked to non-participant vehicles, and an outer perimeter should be established.
- (U//FOUO) Tall buildings, structures, and parking garages adjacent to entertainment areas should be swept for suspicious persons prior to the events.
- (U//FOUO) For events with attendees walking long distances between parking areas and event venues, there may be an increased risk from criminal activity such as public intoxication, disorderly conduct, theft, motor vehicle accidents; and assault.
- (U//FOUO) Crowds will likely gather outside designated areas to observe fireworks displays, such as from parking lots or highways. Given these are outside designated areas and not monitored by event officials, these crowds may be at an elevated risk from potential criminal or dangerous activity, and may further present traffic hazards or blockages. Local law enforcement should be familiar with popular areas for spectating fireworks.
- (U//FOUO) People often use Unmanned Aerial Systems (UASs)—or drones—to observe or record fireworks displays. Officers should be aware of local and federal airspace restrictions within their jurisdiction.
- (U//FOUO) As events end and large crowds attempt to leave at once, there is an increased risk of pedestrians being struck by motor vehicles or targeted by criminal actors. Additionally, slow moving traffic without clear escape routes may be attractive soft targets for threat actors. Traffic congestion will make it difficult for first responders to access event areas in the event of an emergency.
- (U//FOUO) During 4th of July celebrations, officers should expect an increased number of public intoxication and DWI incidents. Because official Fourth of July events are spread throughout the county, there may be an increased number of people driving between cities after consuming alcohol.
- (U//FOUO) Officers should expect an increased number of calls regarding gunfire during and surrounding 4th of July events. Exercise caution and watch for people shooting guns in the air. Celebratory gunfire often causes property damage and may cause injury or death.
- (U//FOUO) Local clubs and bars with relaxed security measures may be attractive soft targets to threat actors because they offer easy access to large crowds. Local law enforcement should be familiar with popular establishments and events during the holiday weekend.
- (U//FOUO) Officers should also be aware that ride-sharing services will be highly utilized. Ride-sharing vehicles may cause roadway blockages in front of event locations that could prevent or delay first responders as they respond to an incident. Officers should be aware of event locations that may become congested, and identify alternate routes, if available.

## **(U//FOUO) Domestic Terrorism**

(U//FOUO) We have no information indicating a planned attack against July 4 celebration events by Domestic Violent Extremists (DVEs). Independence Day celebrations do not conflict with any recognized domestic extremist ideology. However, conspiracy theories, accelerationism, and misinformation on social media platforms could influence a potential threat actor's behavior and increase the likelihood to commit violence at these events.

(U//FOUO) Lone offenders and HVEs are self-radicalized, lack direct links to known extremist organizations, and pose the greatest terrorism threat due to their unpredictability. They are of particular concern due to their ability to remain

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undetected until operational as well as their willingness to attack civilians and soft targets. These threat actors possess the ability to inflict significant casualties with weapons that do not require specialized knowledge, access, or training, such as firearms, knives, and vehicles.

- (U//FOUO) Last year on 4 July 2022, Robert “Bobby” Crimo, armed with a semi-automatic rifle, fatally shot seven people and wounded approximately 30 others from a rooftop during a 4th of July event in Highland Park, IL. It is believed Crimo planned this shooting weeks in advance and potentially planned a second shooting. Crimo dressed in women’s clothing to conceal his identity to blend in with the crowd and flee the scene.

**(U//FOUO) Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs)**

(U//FOUO) The FBI remains concerned regarding the sustained interest by terrorists and criminal mass shooters in targeting sporting events and mass gatherings. Al-Qa’ida, the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham, and their affiliates remain intent on attacking Western targets and continue to call on individuals to conduct independent attacks in the United States using a variety of weapons and tactics, including vehicle ramming, edged weapons, improvised explosive devices, and small arms. Numerous plots and attacks demonstrate the continued interest of foreign terrorist organizations and other violent extremists to target mass gatherings and other soft targets such as sporting events, music venues, shopping districts, and mass-transportation systems.

**(U//FOUO) POTENTIAL THREAT INDICATORS:** While event security measures may reduce threats for a large-scale attack, small-scale targeted attacks remain a possibility. Due to the size and nature of some events associated with 4th of July celebrations, officers and organizers are reminded to remain vigilant for possible attack locations and suspicious behaviors exhibited by persons attending any event.

<p><b>(U//FOUO)</b>      <i>Suspicious Activity Behaviors and Indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unauthorized entry to restricted area.</li><li>• Unusual or prolonged interest in or attempts to gain sensitive information about security measures of personnel, entry and exit points, peak days and hours of operation, and access controls. Persons may also ask about facility security measures, such as barriers, restricted areas, cameras, and intrusion detection systems without a reasonable explanation.</li><li>• Unusual observation of security reaction drills or procedures, multiple false alarms, or fake emergency calls to the same location or similar venues without a reasonable explanation.</li><li>• Discreet use of cameras, video recorders, UAS, sketching or note-taking consistent with preoperational surveillance.</li><li>• Social media traffic discussing event vulnerabilities or opportunities to disrupt the event.</li><li>• Acquisition of suspicious quantities of weapons and ammunition or materials that could be used to produce explosives.</li><li>• Suspicious or illegally parked vehicles near an event or where crowds gather prior to or following an event. The vehicle may also appear to be overloaded or have the appearance of fluid leaking, or have a strong odor emanating from it near an event location.</li><li>• Persons may attempt unauthorized access to rooftops near a secured event location or other potentially sensitive areas.</li><li>• Persons in crowded areas wearing unusually bulky clothing without a reasonable explanation that might conceal weapons or explosives.</li><li>• Bags, packages, strollers or other suspicious equipment left unattended in open areas or hidden in trash receptacles could be used to conceal explosives.</li><li>• Theft of uniforms, such as security companies, law enforcement or first responders. Persons can misrepresent one’s affiliations to cover possible illicit activity by presenting false insignia, documents and/or identification.</li></ul>
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**(U//FOUO) Analyst Comment:** Some of these public events may be viewed as an opportunity for individuals motivated by extreme political, ideological, social, or religious issues to use these public events as a platform to carry their agendas forward. Though first amendment-protected activities may be planned as peaceful, there is a possibility for aggression from those with opposing ideologies.

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## Fourth of July Travel Expected to Reach Record-High

Nearly 51 million people in the United States are projected to travel over Fourth of July weekend, according to AAA. ... That's the highest number on record for Americans traveling by car and air over the Independence Day holiday. This year's projection surpasses the previous July 4th weekend record set in 2019 of 49 million travelers. ...

"We've never projected travel numbers this high for Independence Day weekend," said Paula Twidale, senior vice president of AAA Travel. "What this tells us is that despite inventory being limited and some prices 50% higher, consumers are not cutting back on travel this summer," she added. Source: Axios, 6/26/2023

**\*Analyst Comment\*** The American Automobile Association (AAA) regularly reports on travel statistics in the United States and is predicting that 50.7 million people will travel at least 50 miles or more from their homes over the upcoming Independence Day weekend. The Independence Day holiday travel period is defined as the five-day period from Friday, 30 June to Tuesday, 4 July. This is a record high number and exceeds the pre-pandemic Independence Day travel record of 49 million travelers set in 2019. The majority of travelers, approximately 43.2 million, or 85%, will travel by car. Air travel is also expected to break records as 4.17 million bookings have been made over the holiday weekend. AAA also expects that 3.36 million people will travel by over-the-road bus, cruise ships, or passenger trains, which is a 24% increase from last year's passenger traffic. Major metropolitan areas are expecting significant delays with the surge in traffic, and travelers are advised to avoid being on the road between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. if at all possible. To assist with scheduling and travel planning, AAA has charted specific times of peak congestion when traveling through specific major metropolitan areas, which can be found at: <https://newsroom.aaa.com/2023/06/record-breaking-travel-volumes-expected-july-4th-weekend/>

### Best/Worst Times to Travel and Peak Congestion by Metro

INRIX, a provider of transportation data and insights, expects Friday, June 30 to be the busiest day on the roads during the Independence Day holiday weekend, with average travel times up nearly 30% over normal. Major metros like Boston, Seattle, and Washington, DC are expected to see the worst traffic. INRIX recommends leaving in the morning or after 6 p.m. to avoid the heaviest holiday congestion. "With record-breaking travelers expected on the road this holiday weekend, drivers should prepare for above-average delays to their favorite destinations," said Bob Pishue, transportation analyst at INRIX. "Using traffic apps, local DOT notifications, and 511 services are key to minimizing holiday travel traffic frustrations this Independence Day."

#### Best and Worst Times to Travel by Car

Date	Worst Travel Time	Best Travel Time
Thu, June 29	4:00 - 6:00 PM	Before 12:00 PM
Fri, June 30	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Before 10:00 AM, After 6:00 PM
Sat, July 1	1:00 PM	Before 12:00 PM
Sun, July 2	Minimal Traffic Impact Expected	
Mon, July 3	Minimal Traffic Impact Expected	
Tue, July 4	12:00 - 3:00 PM	Before 11:00 AM, After 6:00 PM
Wed, July 5	3:00 - 6:00 PM	Before 2:00 PM

#### Peak Congestion by Metro

Metro	Route	Peak Congestion Period	Est. Travel Time	Compared to Typical
Seattle	Seattle to Ellensburg via I-90 E	Fri, 3PM	2 hrs 36 mins	43%

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June 29, 2023

## ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY – ROBBERY

Pierce County Sheriff's detectives are attempting to identify the suspects responsible for a robbery with bear mace under PCSD Case #23-151-02456.

On 5/31/23 at 2100 hours, the depicted suspects stole two carts full of items from the South Hill Target 10302 156th St E. When confronted, one suspect pointed a can of bear mace at the employee and threatened to spray them. The suspects left in a silver Dodge minivan.



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Suspect #1 is a white female in her 30s, 5'7, heavy set, with short hair, wearing blue jeans, a gray t-shirt, and a black jacket.

Suspect #2 is a white female in her 30s, 5'2, heavy set, with long hair in a bun, wearing a striped dress.

Vehicle: Silver Dodge minivan with multiple stickers on the back window.

Actual Vehicle:



If you have any information on the identity of the suspects, vehicle, or similar incidents, please contact Detective Shane Masko at 253-377-5398 [shane.masko@piercecounitywa.gov](mailto:shane.masko@piercecounitywa.gov).

## OFFICER AWARENESS



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# Washington State Gambling Commission

**Identify Illegal Gambling Machines  
Bulletin  
June 21, 2023**

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**Summary:**

The Washington State Gambling Commission recently seized several machines that facilitate illegal on-line gambling. The machines were located in convenience stores/gas stations in Pierce County. The way it works is a customer downloads a gambling app on a device and deposits cash into the convenience store kiosk to purchase credits to wager on slot type games through the app. The kiosks also have the ability to pay customers out in cash. The machines have the name "Connect Pacific" (see below photo). If a machine is identified, please don't contact the owner or notify anyone at the location. Instead, please contact **Special Agent Davie Scott** at [Davie.Scott@wsgc.wa.gov](mailto:Davie.Scott@wsgc.wa.gov) (564) 201-0999.



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## ATI street racer

Kent PD is attempting to identify the below car and its owner/driver for involvement in illegal street racing crimes. The car is a white Chevrolet Camaro bearing a fictitious Washington State-style license plate of "CHVYBOI." Kent PD case #23-8112. If Identified contact; J. Bava, Commander, Kent Patrol | Police Department, 253-856-5834, jbava@kentwa.gov.



## CYBER THREATS

### **The FBI Has Formed a National Database to Track and Prevent 'Swatting'**



Author Patrick Tomlinson and his wife, business owner Niki Robinson, have been "swatted" at their home in Milwaukee more than 40 times, often resulting in police pointing guns at their heads. Their tormentors have also called in false bomb threats to venues using their names in three states. Yet law enforcement hasn't been able to stop the calls. ... To combat the growing problem, the FBI has begun taking formal measures to get a comprehensive picture of the problem on a national level. Chief Scott

Schubert with the bureau's Criminal Justice Information Services headquarters in Clarksburg, West Virginia, told NBC News that the agency formed a national online database in May to facilitate information sharing between hundreds of police departments and law enforcement agencies across the country pertaining to swatting incidents. Source: NBC, 6/29/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has created a national online database to better address the growing problem of swatting. Chief Scott Schubert with the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services told NBC News that the agency formed the database in May of this year to increase information sharing between law enforcement agencies and departments regarding swatting incidents. Early this year, a swatting campaign featuring a synthesized voice targeted high schools, businesses, and personal residences in Texas, Pennsylvania, Florida, Virginia, Maryland, Washington, and California. The calls claimed that there were ongoing bomb threats or active shooters at the targeted organizations and homes. A Telegram channel, Torswats, is believed to have been behind the months-long campaign. The channel runs a swatting-for-service operation that allows customers to buy a computer-generated swatting call. They offer school swatting calls for \$75 and "extreme swatting" that will likely result in the victim being handcuffed by law enforcement for \$50. All payments are taken in cryptocurrency and discounts are offered to returning users. The channel has numerous recordings of their swatting calls available on Telegram. There are other swatting groups on Telegram, and Discord, one known as "The Comm" is currently under investigation by the FBI for swattings that targeted educational institutes. Swatting incidents can be lethal. In 2017, a 28-year-old Kansas man was killed by officers who had arrived at his home after receiving a swatting call. The person responsible for the call, a serial swatter, is serving a 20-year sentence for the incident. Source; Over the Road-Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily (OTRBIAD) Report.

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## Daily on Energy: The Latest Details on Cyber and Physical Threats to the Power Grid



Attempted attacks on the grid increased nearly seven-fold between May 2022 and December 2022, according to a new report from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation. This includes physical attacks—such as vandalism, assault, and ballistic attacks, but also new types of malware and ransomware by which hackers can seek to access the grid. This new threat data was outlined yesterday in NERC’s new 2023 State of Reliability Overview. The Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center, or E-ISAC, conducted 90 separate intelligence briefings and shared 870 individual information posts on relevant cyber and physical threats to the U.S. energy industry last year, NERC said yesterday. Source; Washington Examiner, 6/26/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** Each year, the Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) Enterprise, which is made up of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and six regional entities, analyze the reliability of the bulk power system for the United States, as well as challenges the bulk power system faces, like weather related disasters, strain to the system during periods of peak demand, production issues, physical equipment integrity and maintenance, and security threats. According to the 2023 State of Reliability Overview, “Hostile nation-states persist in targeting North American critical infrastructure and are constantly evolving their methods to compromise the grid’s reliability, resilience, and security. Domestic extremists have also demonstrated the intent to attack the electricity infrastructure and take violent action against grid assets.” The latter half of 2022 saw a seven-fold increase in both physical and cyber-attacks on electricity infrastructure, as well as a “dramatic uptick in malicious cyber activities.” The NERC is working to evolve system protections to strengthen the grid’s defenses and resilience, and have recommended “ongoing development and adaptation of cyber and physical security standards and guidelines to keep up with the ever-changing threat landscape.”

**The 2023 State of Reliability Overview can be found at:**

[https://www.nerc.com/pa/RAPA/PA/Performance%20Analysis%20DL/NERC\\_SOR\\_2023\\_Overview.pdf](https://www.nerc.com/pa/RAPA/PA/Performance%20Analysis%20DL/NERC_SOR_2023_Overview.pdf)

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### Metro Vancouver Transit Police Hit by Cyber Attack

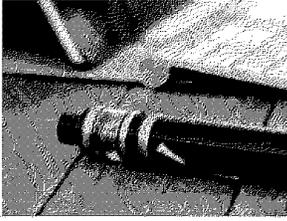
Metro Vancouver Transit Police has disclosed that a limited number of its files were accessed during a cyber-attack on MOVEit, a third-party file transfer software used by the agency. Hackers were able to access 186 files that had been transferred using MOVEit. There is a thorough review underway to determine what information is contained within the 186 files that were accessed. Hackers did not have access to the Transit Police network. The files were accessed due to

a security vulnerability within the MOVEit software, which has since been patched and repaired. Transit Police is one of many organizations around the world that has been impacted by the Zero-Day MOVEit security vulnerability. Source; Homeland Security Today, 6/26/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** On 19 June, the Metro Vancouver Transit Police (MVTP) issued a press release notifying the public that they had been impacted by the zero-Day MOVEit security vulnerability. According to the MVTP, C10p ransomware accessed 186 files on their server. Transit police have confirmed that “a thorough review is underway to determine what information is contained within the 186 files that were accessed.” C10p ransomware is the main threat actor exploiting the MOVEit Transfer vulnerability. The flaws in MOVEit Transfer are SQL injection vulnerabilities tracked as CVE-2023-34362 and CVE-2023-35036. On 18 June, Progress Software, the owner of MOVEit Transfer, issued an advisory to customers to patch a third SQL injection vulnerability, CVE-2023-35708. This vulnerability could enable a threat actor to escalate privileges and unauthorized access. According to Progress Software, “An attacker could submit a crafted payload to a MOVEit Transfer application endpoint which could result in modification and disclosure of MOVEit database content.” The U.S. Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), Jen Easterly, told reporters that these attacks are “opportunistic” and do not pose “a systemic risk to...national security.” Patches are available for at-risk devices. Transit police have confirmed they have applied the latest patches. Additionally, Progress Software has advised that MOVEit customers disable all HTTP and HTTPS traffic to their MOVEit Transfer environment, delete unauthorized files and user accounts, and reset credentials. Source; Over the Road-Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily (OTRBIAD) Report.

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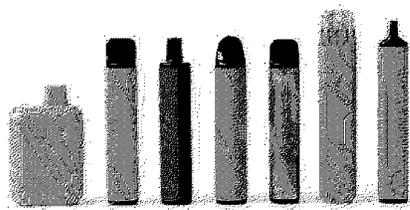
## PUBLIC SAFETY



### **Steady Rise in Vape Product Poisonings Among Kids Under Five**

June 22, 2023 (U.S. News) Center for Tobacco Products at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration - The number of cases of vape product-related poisonings reported to America's poison control centers doubled between 2018 and early 2023, a new report finds. The bulk of those cases were in kids under the age of 5. And another new report, released Thursday by researchers at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, found that U.S. sales of e-cigarettes just keeps rising, from 15.5 million units per month in 2020 to nearly 23 million units in 2022. That means a lot of vaping devices, refill containers and other paraphernalia are left lying around in American homes, ready for small hands to grab and explore. The new report examined National Poison Data System (NPDS) data for April 2022 through to the end of March 2023. The number of monthly exposures climbed by 32% over the course of the year, from 476 cases reported in April 2022 to 630 by March 2023. Among all exposures, 6,074 [87.8%] occurred among children aged less than 5 years. Source; [usnews.com/health](https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2023-06-22/steady-rise-in-vape-product-poisonings-among-kids-under-5)  
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### **CDC & FDA: E-Cigarette Sales Up Nearly 50%, Calls to Poison Control Up 100**



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a report Thursday announcing e-cigarette sales rose 46.6% over the last three years and were largely driven by fruity or menthol-flavored products. According to the report, which includes figures from the CDC's analysis of data collected by a market research firm, e-cigarette sales went from 15.5 million in Jan. 2020 to 22.7 million in Dec. 2022. During that same timeframe, the number of e-cigarette brands rose from 184 to 269 — an increase of nearly 50%. "The surge in total e-cigarette sales during 2020-2022 was driven by non-tobacco flavored e-cigarette sales, such as

menthol, which dominates the prefilled cartridge market, and fruit and candy flavors, which lead the disposable e-cigarette market," [the] lead author of the CDC's market analysis, wrote in a statement. Source; (Campus Safety Magazine) 27, 2023 via DHS S&T Chemical Security Analysis Center Chemical Current News Report  
<https://www.campussafetymagazine.com/safety/cdc-fda-e-cigarette-sales-up-50-calls-to-poison-control-up-100/>

### **FDA: 9 in 10 Calls to Poison Control for E-Cigarette Ingestion Involve Children Under 5**

The CDC published a second report Thursday from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) which found calls to poison control centers regarding children ingesting liquid or inhaling vapor from e-cigarettes have significantly increased in recent years, reports CBS News. The report analyzed data gathered by the National Poison Data System and found from April 2022 and March 2023, there were 7,043 reports made due to potential poisoning by e-cigarettes. Nearly nine in 10 cases (87.8%) involved children under the age of five. Citing the appeal of flavored e-cigarettes to children, the FDA then announced in Jan. 2020 that it would prioritize enforcement against certain unauthorized e-cigarettes in flavors other than tobacco and menthol, <https://www.campussafetymagazine.com/safety/cdc-fda-e-cigarette-sales-up-50-calls-to-poison-control-up-100/> Source; (Campus Safety Magazine) 27, 2023

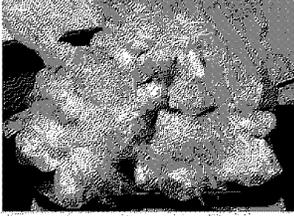
First CDC Report: E-cigarette Unit Sales by Product and Flavor Type, and Top-Selling Brands, United States, 2020–2022; Weekly / June 23, 2023 / 72(25);672–677

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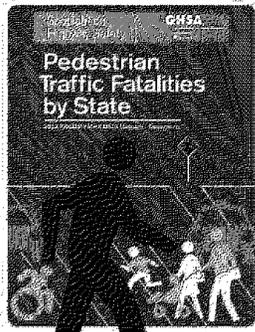


Source: Thurston County Sheriff's Office

### Report Determines Fentanyl is Often Unintentionally Ingested

A recent study by NYU School of Public Health found that 80 percent of people who inject drugs tested positive for fentanyl, despite only 18 percent knowing they were using the substance. The overwhelming majority of drug users in the study reported a strong preference for heroin over fentanyl, demonstrating the fentanyl prevalence in the NYC drug supply, and the data showed that more were seeking out fentanyl because of their increased tolerance and making heroin less potent in their opinions. These drug users were aware of the dangers of fentanyl and used a variety of techniques to protect themselves, including having a supply of Narcan, using trusted dealers, and using less of the product. The conclusion is that though most of the users thought they were not using fentanyl, the drug often is unintentionally consumed.

*\*Analyst Assessment\** NY recently legalized the recreational use of cannabis. Currently, there are seven legal cannabis dispensaries in NYC and authorities estimate over 1,400 illegal shops selling marijuana products. A study of products found at these illegal distributors contained heavy metals, toxic pesticides, and harmful bacteria, as well as an inaccurate potency labeling. Unlicensed and illegal shops, sell products that are unregulated and unsupervised and could be a source of health dangers. As with fentanyl, there are products being purchased that may not be what is expected. Also this week, an Illinois firefighter was charged with reckless homicide when the apparatus he was operating crashed into a civilian car, killing the driver and testing revealed the chauffeur was over the legal limit for THC, reported FireFighterNation. Source: Source; Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov



### U.S. Pedestrian Deaths Reach a 40-Year High

A new study paints a grim picture of American roads: every day, 20 people walk outside and end up killed by a moving vehicle. "There are more pedestrians being killed today than in decades," Russ Martin, the senior director of policy and government relations at the Governors Highway Safety Association, told NPR. The organization, which tracks pedestrian deaths in the U.S., estimates that more than 7,500 pedestrians were killed by drivers last year — the highest number since 1981. The final tally may be even greater given that Oklahoma was unable to provide data due to a technical issue. Pedestrian deaths have been climbing since 2010 because of unsafe infrastructure and the prevalence of SUVs, which tend to be more deadly for pedestrians than smaller cars, according to Martin. Source; NPR, 6/26/2023

*\*Analyst comment\** According to a recently released Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) report titled "Pedestrian Traffic Fatalities by State," over 7,500 pedestrians were killed by automobiles in the U.S. in 2022, which is the highest number of pedestrian deaths in the U.S. since 1981, and a 1% increase from the 7,443 pedestrian deaths that occurred in 2021. The report claims that the U.S. saw a 19% increase in pedestrian deaths from 2019 to 2022, and a 77% increase in pedestrian deaths from 2010 to 2021. The GHSA says that their report contains preliminary projections that are based on "preliminary data provided by the states, an in-depth analysis of recently released 2021 pedestrian fatality data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), and a review of strategies to reduce pedestrian crashes." Yonah Freemark, senior research associate at the Urban Institute, suggests that the increasing trend of pedestrian deaths in the U.S. is due to a myriad of factors, including the increasing commonality of heavy-bodied and taller consumer vehicles like SUVs and trucks that are more lethal than sedans during pedestrian collisions, and the development of roadways in suburban areas that do not have adequate sidewalks or crosswalks for pedestrians, despite having a pedestrian presence. The full GHSA report with a state by state breakdown in traffic fatalities can be found at: <https://www.ghsa.org/sites/default/files/2023-06/GHSA%20-%20Pedestrian%20Traffic%20Fatalities%20by%20State%2C%202022%20Preliminary%20Data%20%28January-December%29.pdf>

Source; Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

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## NATIONAL

### **US Retailers Targeted with Bomb Threats, Seeking Bitcoin and Gift Cards –WSJ**



Law-enforcement officials and retailers are investigating a recent wave of bomb threats across the United States, targeting grocery operators and other stores, the Wall Street Journal reported on Sunday.

Retail companies including Kroger, Walmart and Amazon's Whole Foods Market, among others, have received bomb threats at their stores in recent months, the report said, adding that some callers demanded gift cards, bitcoin or money and threatened to detonate bombs if payments were not made.

These threats have been spread across various areas from New Mexico to Wisconsin. At a Kroger-owned store in New Mexico, an employee received a call from a suspect who asked her to wire money and said a bomb would go off if she called the police.

A similar incident was reported in a suburb north of Chicago, where a caller told a Whole Foods Market employee a pipe bomb had been placed in the store and demanded \$5,000 in bitcoin, according to the Wall Street Journal.

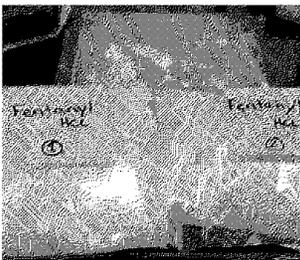
The FBI said it is working with local and state law-enforcement officials and asking members of the public to maintain awareness of their surroundings and report any suspicious activity to law enforcement, the newspaper added. According to the report, it is unclear to authorities whether the threats are part of an organized effort. Source; WSJ

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## INTERNATIONAL

### **United States: U.S. To Prosecute Chinese Companies on Charges of Trafficking Fentanyl Ingredients**



The U.S. Justice Department filed criminal charges on Friday against four Chinese companies and eight individuals for allegedly trafficking the chemicals used to make the highly addictive painkiller fentanyl in the United States and Mexico. The three separate indictments unsealed in federal court in New York represent the first prosecutions to charge China-based chemical companies and Chinese nationals with illegally selling the chemicals used to make fentanyl, which has been blamed for a deadly overdose crisis. A spokesperson for the Chinese Embassy condemned the

charges, accusing the U.S. government of seeking to shift the blame for its domestic drug problem. Federal prosecutors said the companies marketed the fentanyl precursor chemicals on their websites and social media accounts, advertised that they accepted payment in cryptocurrency and shipped them to drug traffickers including Mexico's Sinaloa cartel. "When I announced in April that the Justice Department had taken significant enforcement actions against the Sinaloa Cartel, I promised that the Justice Department would never forget the victims of the fentanyl epidemic," Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a news release.

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An indictment unsealed in Manhattan federal court charges the China-based chemical company Hubei Amavel Biotech Co. as well as three company executives with fentanyl trafficking, precursor chemical importation and money laundering.

Prosecutors said Amavel Biotech used deceptive practices to evade authorities, such as advertising that it could disguise its products as dog food, nuts or motor oil to ensure “safe” delivery to the United States and Mexico.

Two of the Amavel Biotech executives were arrested earlier this month and appeared before a federal magistrate judge in Honolulu. They will be brought to New York to appear in Manhattan federal court. The third has not been arrested.

Two additional indictments unsealed in federal court in Brooklyn charge five other executives or employees and three Chinese companies, identified as Anhui Rencheng Technology Co., Anhui Moker New Material Technology Co. and Hefei GSK Trade Co., with offenses including conspiracy to manufacture and distribute fentanyl and customs fraud conspiracy. None of these individuals has been arrested.

U.S. Attorney Breon Peace said the defendants “knowingly distributed the chemical building blocks of fentanyl to the United States and Mexico” and provided advice on “how they should be used to manufacture this dangerous drug.” Source; DOJ



### **Texas Man Sentenced to Over 13 Years for Attempting to Provide Material Support to [Islamic State Group (ISG)]**

A Houston man was sentenced today to 165 months, the equivalent of 13 years and nine months, in prison followed by a lifetime of supervised release for attempting to provide material support to [Islamic State Group (ISG)] a designated foreign terrorist organization. According to court documents, Kaan Sercan Damlarkaya, 23, attempted to join and support [ISG] from August 2017 until his arrest in December 2017. He pleaded guilty July 8, 2019. In addition to wanting to join [ISG], Damlarkaya also provided information to [ISG] supporters about the use of machetes, homemade construction of an automatic weapon and how to build and use explosive materials. Source; Department of Justice, 6/29/2023

*\*Analyst comment\** Between 2014 and 2017, Kaan Sercan Damlarkaya, a resident of Houston, Texas, was unknowingly communicating with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) online about his intentions to fight and die for the Islamic State Group (ISG) as well as his intention to assist them in carrying out terror attacks in the United States to “kill non-Muslim Americans.” Damlarkaya also expressed his desire to travel to the Middle East to experience fighting for the ISG there. The FBI reported that the investigation started in 2014 when Damlarkaya was only 15 after he posted online that it was his dream to be an “instishadi” [martyr] and have the “biggest explosion.” The Department of Justice (DOJ) reported that in addition to wanting to join ISG, “Damlarkaya also provided information to [ISG] supporters regarding the use of machetes, homemade construction of an automatic weapon, and how to build and use explosive materials.” Damlarkaya was arrested at his home in December of 2017 at the age of 23. On 8 July 2019, Damlarkaya plead guilty to terrorism charges, and on 29 June 2023, he was sentenced to a maximum of 13 years and nine months in prison. Source; Over the-Road-Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily (OTRBIAD) Report.

### **Other National/International Articles of Interest (Links):**

#### **Gun violence statistics at historic highs ahead of Fourth of July holiday**

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2023/06/29/us-gun-violence-statistics-4-of-july/70342727007/>

#### **Is gun violence an epidemic in the U.S.? Experts and history say it is**

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**Seattle rise fatal shootings: new task force**

<https://www.axios.com/local/seattle/2023/06/26/seattle-fatal-shootings>

**Idaho sheriff to criminals: go to Seattle**

<https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/idaho-sheriff-implies-drug-users-criminals-should-go-seattle/6VVF4V4IYURA3ZGOHGQCO3TACZM/>

**Latest Threat to the Electricity Grid: White Supremacists**

[https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2023-2-summer/notes-here-there/latest-threat-electricity-grid-white-supremacists?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=7127845](https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2023-2-summer/notes-here-there/latest-threat-electricity-grid-white-supremacists?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=7127845)

**China owns 300,000 acres of land in the U.S. Here's where**

<https://www.npr.org/2023/06/26/1184053690/chinese-owned-farmland-united-states>

**Over 130 Organizations, Millions of Individuals Believed to Be Impacted by MOVEit**

**Hack** <https://www.securityweek.com/over-130-organizations-millions-of-individuals-believed-to-be-impacted-by-moveit-hack/>

**He lost \$340,000 to a crypto scam. Such cases are on the rise**

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**France sends tens of thousands of police to head off unrest after deadly police shooting of teenager**

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**Houstonian sent to prison for supporting terrorism**

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/houstonian-sent-prison-supporting-terrorism>

**Mexican Cartels' drug dealings 'top priority' as fentanyl pours across southern border, DEA says**

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/mexican-cartels-drug-dealings-top-priority-fentanyl-pours-across-southern-border-dea>

**CBP officers seize nearly 900,000 fentanyl pills in one event**

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-nearly-900000-fentanyl-pills-one-event>

**Worldwide: Fears Grow of Deep Fake ID Scams Following Progress Hack**

<https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2023/06/fears-grow-of-deepfake-id-scams-following-progress-hack/>

**FBI creates a national database to track swatting** <https://abcnews.go.com/US/fbi-creates-national-database-track-swatting/story?id=100527427>

**Seattle to launch 'dual dispatch' program, pairing police with mental health experts on**

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**Poll: Seattle's public safety concerns** <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/law-justice/drug-use-gun-violence-top-seattles-public-safety-concerns-poll-finds/>

**Drug prevention in schools? Fentanyl fears foster demands from parents**  
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<https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/public-safety/lynnwood-police-gps-tracking-technology-reduce-pursuits/281-ff380020-9d56-49d2-b9b3-fd3346b45824>

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**How can we stop school shootings in America?**  
[https://www.police1.com/preventing-school-shootings/articles/how-can-we-stop-school-shootings-in-america-VtuDiXnSEDwyhZVD/?utm\\_source=Police1&utm\\_campaign=294f62a556-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2023\\_06\\_28\\_04\\_07&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_5584e6920b-d32e6cb655-%5BLIST\\_EMAIL\\_ID%5D](https://www.police1.com/preventing-school-shootings/articles/how-can-we-stop-school-shootings-in-america-VtuDiXnSEDwyhZVD/?utm_source=Police1&utm_campaign=294f62a556-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_06_28_04_07&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5584e6920b-d32e6cb655-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D)

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