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“There must be a Lone Ranger!” 



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## REGIONAL

### These Are the Most Common Gun Related Crimes in Washington



Mass shootings have become a tragic staple in the American news cycle. According to the nonprofit organization Gun Violence Archive, there were over 640 mass shootings in the U.S. in 2022. Though these horrific incidents often receive widespread media coverage, when it comes to gun crimes in America, they are only the tip of the iceberg.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives traced a total of over 456,000 firearms likely linked to a crime in the United States in 2021, the most recent year of available data. Each of these traced firearms is assigned one of 59 categories that describe the circumstances in which it was recovered by law enforcement.

The ATF traced a total of 5,586 firearms in Washington in 2021. Excluding potential crimes which, by definition, always involve a firearm such as illegal weapon possession, the most common category of circumstances to which traced firearms were linked in the state were drug related. This classification accounted for 8.3% of all firearms traced by the ATF in the state in 2021.

The two other most common categories for traced firearms in Washington in 2021 were related to family offenses and aggravated assault, which accounted for 6.0% and 5.5% of all traced firearms, respectively.

**Methodology:** To identify the most common crimes involving a firearm in each state, 24/7 Wall St. reviewed 2021 gun tracing data from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The ATF traces firearms that were either used, or are suspected to have been used, in a crime.

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Each traced firearm is classified in one of 59 categories, assigned by the ATF, to designate the circumstances in which that firearm is suspected to have been used, or how it was being used when confiscated by law enforcement. To rank the top three circumstances a traced firearm was tied to, we excluded all categories that are not necessarily criminal in nature. Examples of these categories include liquor use and gambling.

Additionally, we only considered crimes which do not always necessarily involve a firearm, such as homicide, suicide, and kidnapping. We also included the sum total of all traced firearms that were directly linked to incidents that can only involve firearms, such as altering the identification of a weapon, carrying a prohibited weapon, and firing a weapon.

| State      | Total traced guns, 2021 | Top category for traced guns | 2nd most common category for traced guns | 3rd most common category for traced guns |
|------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Washington | 5,586                   | Dangerous drugs              | Family offense                           | Aggravated assault                       |

#### Recap for Washington:

- > Most common crime-category involving a traced firearm: Dangerous drugs (8.3% of all traced-guns)
- > 2nd most common crime-category involving a traced firearm: Family offense (6.0% of all traced-guns)
- > 3rd most common crime-category involving a traced firearm: Aggravated assault (5.5% of all traced-guns)
- > Traced guns linked to firearm-specific incidents only (ex. concealed carry, gun trafficking, concealed weapon): 2,911 (52.1% of all traced-guns)
- > All guns traced by the ATF in 2021: 5,586

**\*\*To Compare to the other 49 State Click-on following link:**

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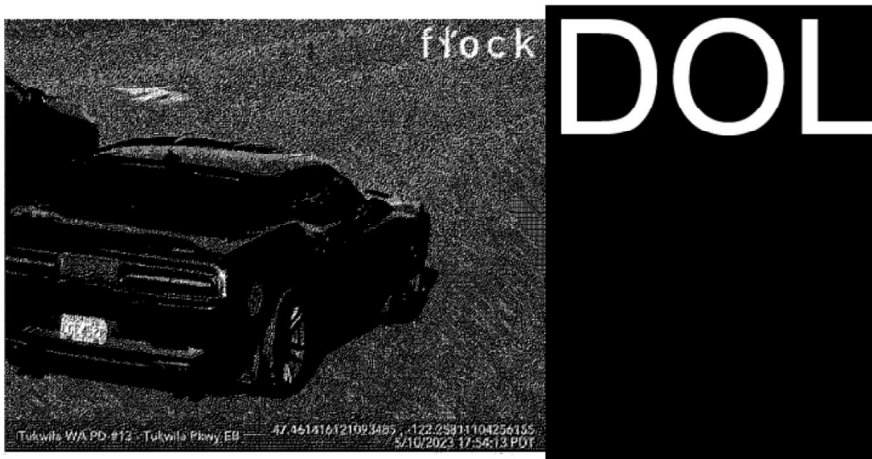
#### Saturday 24 June Street Racing ( DFRNT Car Club)

The DFRNT Car Club, run by De'antre Lemar FRAZIER (12/18/1991), is organizing street racing on Saturday 06/24. Info on Instagram indicates over 200 people have said they'll be attending, with a scheduled meet up time of 2100 hours at the Tahoma Market at 6006 Pacific Hwy. E. in Fife. Frazier drives a black Dodge Challenger (WA: CGC4528) and is ID only (no driver license)—photos of him and his car are below.



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LE contacted Frazier and he claimed his event will not involve any intersections or public roadways. He said he was planning to go to some "abandoned warehouse" parking lots far from any residential/business areas. LE warned him he needed the property owner's permission to be on any private property and any street racing crimes would likely result in him getting criminal charges.

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, Frazier organized street racing intersection takeovers in Seattle (unincorporated King County), Tukwila, and Auburn.

## **OFFICER SAFETY**

### **\*\*OFFICER SAFETY/SITUATIONAL AWARENESS\*\* (KIA Boyz)**



#### **"Get Cooked or Get Booked" night (KIA Boyz Massive Crime Spree)**

A PCSD on the FBI – South Sound Gang Task Force was provided information that the KIA Boyz may be going on a massive crime spree possibly tonight (first day of Summer). The KIA Boyz call it "Get Cooked or Get Booked" night. A confidential source had stated this was on a social media page. The KIA Boyz plan on going on a massive crime spree regarding shootings, robberies and auto thefts. The "KIA Boyz"

trend, which started up earlier in 2022, began in Milwaukee in 2021 and quickly began spreading across the Midwest to throughout the nation. The trend has now sparked increased car thefts nationwide thanks to countless videos on TikTok and YouTube. These individuals have also used the stolen vehicles to commit numerous violent crimes throughout local areas.

**\*Law Enforcement Officers need to continue to be aware of this possible activity occurring tonight and possibly it could occur in the next few days within their sectors and/or areas of responsibility.**

For any questions, contact the SSRIG at [PCINTEL@piercecounitywa.gov](mailto:PCINTEL@piercecounitywa.gov) or individuals listed above in the RIG.

**\*\*The above Officer Safety Bulletin went out on Weds June 21<sup>st</sup> and the results later that night were as followed below:**

**Incident #:** 23-172-02529



**Date:** 6/21/2023

**Location:** 12811 Meridian East

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SS911 put out a call of an Armed Robbery at gun point at the Rite Aid located at the listed address. Suspects were a group of possibly 5 to 6 teens who committed the crime. Suspects were wearing black surgical mask and black hoodies with the hoods up. Victim indicated that the gun was held to her head. Suspects were not wearing gloves. Pierce County Forensic were responded to the scene. Suspects left in a grey or silver Kia Sorrento northbound on Meridian. It is unknown if this is the (KIA BOYZ) at this time.

**\*Analyst Note\*** Although the following crime above occurred that night and we cannot verify that it was linked to the KIA BOYZ potential activity, it is very probable that this violent criminal activity will continue to occur in our area based on the very current trends of these types of crimes that have been occurring in the Puget Sound Region.

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|       | <h1>Special Bulletin</h1> <h2>TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</h2> <p>Bulletin Number: S23-103      Friday June 23rd, 2023</p> |                            |
| <p>Det. Brandon Showalter #064<br/>Tacoma Police Department<br/>Career Crimes Unit</p> |   | <p>Office-(253) 591-5828<br/><a href="mailto:BShowalter@cityoftacoma.org">BShowalter@cityoftacoma.org</a></p> |

### ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ROBBERY SUSPECTS (2316900410)



On 6/18/2023 at approximately 0705 hours a robbery occurred at 4211 Center St, Tacoma, WA- 98409 (Shell Gas). The pictured suspects entered the store and ordered the cashier to lay on the floor and threatened to hurt her if she did not

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comply. The suspects stole items from behind the counter, the cash register drawer and, attempted to break into an ATM machine. The suspects were unable to gain entry into the ATM machine and fled in the pictured Dodge Ram 2500. The pictured rear license plate on the Dodge Ram is a Kent PD Stolen license plate.

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).

### **OFFICER AWARENESS**



PCSD CIB 23-039s

PCSD CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

## **SPECIAL BULLETIN**

June 22, 2023

### **ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY – THEFT 1ST SUSPECT**

Pierce County Sheriff's detectives are attempting to identify the suspect responsible for Theft 1st Degree under PCSD case #23-171-09026.

On 6/19/2023 at approximately 2355 hours the suspect entered the backroom storage area and stole a locked cart full of batteries, cigarettes and other merchandise estimated value over \$10,000. The suspect took the rack of merchandise out the back door and loaded it into a black truck, possibly a Dodge Ram. The suspect may have had an accomplice waiting outside the backdoor with the truck. Unknown race male, wearing all black.

**SUSPECT:** Black or H/M, 30's, medium/ muscular build, with an extended goatee, wearing a blue Nike baseball cap, white short sleeved t-shirt, chain, white watch, dark jeans, and white/black Nike sneakers.

**VEHICLE:** Newer Blk Pickup Dark tint, no plate. Poss Ram 1500.



If you have any information on the identity of this suspect or similar incidents, please contact Deputy D. Maier at [doug.maier@piercecountywa.gov](mailto:doug.maier@piercecountywa.gov).

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\*The suspect vehicle appears to be a newer model black pickup truck with dark tinted windows, black wheels, no rear license plate, no bed liner, black rear bumper, and a rectangular decal on the lower left rear window (possibly an American Flag). The truck appears to be a black 1999 Dodge Ram 1500, with an amber light on the roof.

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**CAIDEN J CHARLTON**

Armed Robbery

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**DESCRIPTION**

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| Date of Birth: 3/4/2005   | Eyes: Brown   |
| Hair: Black   | Weight: 165   |
| Height: 6'3   | Race: Black   |
| Sex: Male   | FBI number: ACCESS  |
| Scars and Marks: Cross tattoo under right eye, two tear drops under left eye, unknown tattoo on the webbing of his left hand. | Other identifiers: most footage shows him wearing a large, silver chain bracelet. |

**REMARKS**

Charlton has a federal arrest warrant for armed robbery. Charlton is responsible for a series of hold-up style, armed robberies to several marijuana dispensaries in the greater Seattle area, most recently on 6/21 in Ballard. No known address, phone, or vehicle at this time.

\*Charlton will likely give an incorrect name during police contact.

**CAUTION**

In footage taken at "Oz Cannabis" Charlton carried a firearm that appeared to have a fully-automatic Glock switch attached.

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS**

Field Office: Seattle

If apprehended immediately contact FBI Special Agent Emily Moore (206-586-1756)  
or SPD Detective Ashley Fitzgerald (206-399-0104) 24/7

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# Special Bulletin

## PUYALLUP POLICE DEPARTMENT



Case Number: Multiple

Friday, June 16, 2023

Bulletin approved by Capt. Bourbon

Prepared by Heidi Crawford (253) 770-3357  
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### PROBABLE CAUSE TO ARREST

**Ronald Edward Hubbard**

**DOB:** 4/7/1988 -- age 35

**DOL Address:** 2292 Collins Rd Buckley

5'11", 160 pounds

Brown hair, brown eyes

**Assoc Vehicle:** Blue Dodge Caravan, WA Lic#  
BKV9349

Det. Schaefer has probable cause to Arrest Hubbard, Ronald Edward for 8 counts of Burglary 2nd degree and 1 count of Organized Retail Theft 1st degree. Hubbard has targeted the Puyallup Home Depot at least 8 times since March of 2023 and stolen approximately \$8297.06 in power tools in that 4 month period. Home Depot corporate LP has a larger case on him targeting multiple stores in multiple counties. Hubbard has the same MO almost every time at our location. He parks his blue Dodge Caravan (WA LIC# BKV9349) on the North end of the store near the garden center emergency exit doors.

He goes and breaks into the power tool cages and then runs out the emergency exit and flees in his vehicle with the merchandise. The vehicle has a bill of sale as of March 2023 with no new owner listed.

Hubbard has an active PMC warrant for DWLS 3rd and Operating a Vehicle without Ignition Interlock. He is also currently DWLS 3rd with an ignition interlock requirement. In the past, Hubbard has lied about his name and given the name of his brother Rory Hubbard who looks similar.

Home Depot LP and security footage reveal Hubbard routinely grows out his facial hair and shaves it into random styles to alter his appearance. If Hubbard is located, notify Det. Schaefer at 253-387-9866 so he can be interviewed.

If you have questions, you can email Det. Schaefer at [mschaefer@puyallupwa.gov](mailto:mschaefer@puyallupwa.gov).

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## Special Bulletin

### FIFE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bulletin Number: 2316000117

Friday, Jun 23, 2023

Det. Sgt. Kenyon (253)896-8291  
tkenyon@cityoffife.org

Det. Fleming (253)896-8254  
rfleming@cityoffife.org

#### BOLO – PC for Robbery 1st Degree and Assault 2nd Degree

Bradley O'Neal Gaines

Date of Birth: 01/22/1985

DLN: Financial

Gender: Male

Height: 5'09"

Weight: 160lbs

Eye: Blue

Hair: Red/Blonde

Associated Vehicle: No Known Vehicle

Last known address: Transient – In and around N Levee Rd and River Rd from Fife to Puyallup

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On 06/09/2023 Fife Officers responded to the report of an armed robbery with a bat. The victim was riding her bicycle through her neighborhood when the suspect stopped her and told her to get off the bicycle. When the victim tried to ride away, the suspect pulled what was described as a wooded table leg and hit the victim in the side of the face. The suspect hit the victim two additional times before attempting to ride away on the bicycle. The bicycle was recovered a short distance away.

The victim sustained fractured facial bones and several stitches to her face. After investigation, Bradley Gaines has been identified as the suspect and Probable Cause exists to arrest him for Robbery 1st Degree and Assault 2nd Degree. Upon Gaines' arrest, please notify Det. Fleming for an interview and/or the on duty patrol supervisor for booking into the Pierce County Jail.

**If you have any information, please call Fife Police Department at 253-922-6633.**

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## CYBER THREATS



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CYBERSECURITY

DHS-IA-IF-2023-12763

### **(U//FOUO) Ransomware Actors Increasingly Attacking the US Education Sector**

**(U//FOUO) Ransomware actors are increasingly attacking the US education sector, very likely due to this sector's integration of educational technology tools and inadequate cybersecurity posture and resources.** The integration of education technology—including remote access tools, digital services, and support personnel—widens a network's attack surface and potentially introduces new attack vectors. Limited cybersecurity resources constrain the education sector's ability to protect against network intrusions and respond to attacks. While we generally lack insight into ransomware actors' perception of a victim's willingness to pay ransoms, they may view educational institutions' legal requirements to function within certain dates or operating hours as a catalyst for ransomware payments.

- **(U//FOUO)** The number of K-12 schools and higher education institutions impacted by ransomware attacks nearly doubled from 2021 to 2022—going from 1,043 to 1,981 and 26 to 44, respectively—and the average cost for education institutions to recover from a ransomware attack was \$2.73 million. In most cases, these types of ransomware attacks resulted in either encryption, exfiltration, or extortion of data, according to a body of reliable cybersecurity and industry news reporting. Ransomware actors generally pressure victims into payment by threatening to publish or sell sensitive information—including social security numbers and other sensitive personally identifiable and administrative information—or demand a follow-on payment to delete the stolen data, according to cybersecurity news reporting and a reputable cybersecurity firm.

- **(U//FOUO)** Approximately 55 percent of data breaches impacting K-12 organizations were against educational technology vendors, and there are more than 1,000 educational technology companies in the United States, according to a body of industry news reporting. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the education sector has continued to accelerate its integration of educational technology, including digital tools to enhance lessons and store confidential student, faculty, and staff data, according to industry news reporting.

- **(U//FOUO)** The US education sector generally faces financial and personnel resource limitations, which hinders sustained mitigation against the evolving tactics of ransomware actors, according to reputable cybersecurity and industry reports. At the K-12 level, in particular, the lack of overarching cybersecurity strategies, incident response plans, and cybersecurity professionals probably compound funding issues, judging from a reputable cybersecurity firm's reporting. For higher education institutions, the transient nature of students and faculty and a culture of information sharing probably present additional cybersecurity challenges for IT staff, judging from industry reporting.

**(U//FOUO) Incorporating and prioritizing cyber hygiene best practices throughout the US education sector and with its associated partners would likely hinder ransomware actors' activities, mitigating many unsophisticated network intrusions that lead to ransomware attacks.** Ransomware actors typically use relatively unsophisticated methods to gain access to educational institutions' networks, including phishing, credential stuffing, and exploiting common vulnerabilities. Education sector network defenders—including third-party suppliers and educational technology vendors—have a range of preventative measures available that can help thwart these initial access attempts and strengthen data security and availability.

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• (U) Identification of a network's vulnerabilities is often the first step to practicing cyber hygiene. CISA offers no-cost scanning and testing services to a wide range of public and private sector critical infrastructure organizations, which includes the education sector. CISA's information security experts evaluate the requesting organization's public, static IP address(es) for accessible services and vulnerabilities, culminating in weekly vulnerability reports and ad-hoc alerts as needed.

• (U//FOUO) Initial steps to protect critical infrastructure networks include enabling automatic updates; testing and deploying patches quickly; and replacing unsupported operating systems, applications, and hardware. Additionally, CISA recommends requiring multi-factor authentication for users with privileged, administrative, and remote access.

• (U//FOUO) In addition to cyber hygiene best practices, CISA and the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center have highlighted that the best ransomware prevention and preparation techniques include, but are not limited to, maintaining regularly updated offline, encrypted backups of data; establishing a cyber incident response plan; and employing security measures like e-mail filters.

**(U) Education Sector Resources**

(U) For additional resources, please refer to the following:

(U) **CISA**; "Protecting Our Future: Partnering to Safeguard K-12 Organizations from Cybersecurity Threats" at <https://www.cisa.gov/protecting-our-future-cybersecurity-k-12/> includes a detailed report on cybersecurity risks to the K-12 education subsector as well as cybersecurity recommendations and an online toolkit for institutions to utilize.

(U) **US Department of Education**; "Resources for K-12 Districts and Higher Education Institutions" at <https://tech.ed.gov/cyberhelp/>; offers a variety of cybersecurity resources for K-12 and higher education institutions.

(U) **MS-ISAC**; "K-12 Cybersecurity" at <https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac/k-12/>; offers services such as cybersecurity information sharing designed to improve readiness against malicious cyber activity and identify cyber risks facing K-12 schools.



## Worldwide: MOVEit Ransomware Wave of Extortion

The MOVEit Transfer extortion attacks continue to dominate the news cycle, with the Clop ransomware operation now extorting organizations breached in the attacks. On 14 June 2023, the Clop gang started listing the names of breached organizations, warning that data would be leaked in seven days if a ransom was not negotiated. Many organizations have decided to disclose the breaches rather than negotiating, warning impacted people that their data was exposed. Known impacted organizations include US federal agencies, the

Louisiana and Oregon DMVs, Zellis (BBC, Boots, and Aer Lingus, Ireland's HSE through Zellis), the University of Rochester, the government of Nova Scotia, the US state of Missouri, the US state of Illinois, BORN Ontario, Ofcom, Extreme Networks, and the American Board of Internal Medicine.

As for Clop, they have now listed thirty-seven organizations impacted by the MOVEit breaches on their website, hoping it will pressure them to negotiate.

This week's other big news is the FBI arresting a LockBit affiliate in Arizona just as CISA warned that the ransomware operation extorted over \$90 million in 1,700 attacks on US organizations.

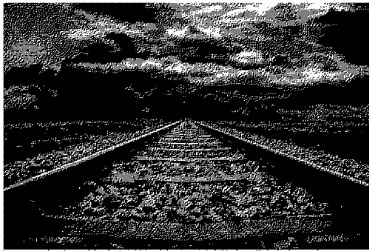
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We also learned more about ransomware attacks this week, with the Medusa operation extorting Argentina's National Securities Commission (CNV) and Rhysida ransomware leaking data stolen from the Chilean Army.

In addition to applying mitigations, FBI and CISA recommend exercising, testing, and validating your organization's security program against the threat behaviors mapped to the MITRE ATT&CK for Enterprise framework in this advisory. The authoring authorities of this CSA recommend testing your existing security controls inventory to assess how they perform against the ATT&CK techniques described in this advisory. Source: Security Week

*\*Analyst Comment\** Oak Ridge Associated Universities and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, a nuclear waste facility, both contractors for the Department of Energy (DOE), have been compromised by the MOVEit Transfer security flaw. A spokesperson for the DOE confirmed that both facilities received ransom requests via email on 16 June. Neither facility engaged with C10p, who has been actively exploiting the vulnerability for the last four weeks. Multiple other organizations have been compromised, including Louisiana's Office of Motor Vehicles and Oregon's Department of Transportation. International victims include the Nova Scotia provincial government, British Airways, the British Broadcasting Company, and the U.K. drugstore chain Boots. 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 Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Jen Easterly, told reporters that these attacks are "opportunistic." She further noted that "this is not a campaign like SolarWinds that presents a systemic risk to our national security or our nation's networks." Source: Over the Road-Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily (OTRBIAD) Report.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**



### **Railways Could Be a Key 'Utility Player' for Backup Power**

The U.S. electric grid faces simultaneous, evolving pressures. Demand for power from the grid is increasing as people adopt electric cars and building energy is transitioned from gas to electricity. At the same time, climate change is driving more extreme weather. Events like the 2020 heat wave that led to rolling blackouts in California are relatively infrequent, but they are happening more often – and utilities need to be ready for them. New research points to a flexible, cost-effective option for backup power when trouble strikes: batteries aboard trains. A study from the U.S. Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab) finds that rail-based mobile energy storage is a feasible way to ensure reliability during exceptional events. Source: Homeland Security Today, 6/14/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** In February 2021, multiple power plants contributing energy to the Texas power grid were unable to operate due to extreme cold weather, which caused power failures that impacted 4.5 million homes and businesses. To reduce strain on the power grid, transmission companies began cutting power to various entities, and inadvertently cut the power to parts of the natural gas supply chain. This caused a decrease in natural gas production, shutting down more than half of Texas' natural gas supply at one point, which in turn caused a loss of heat that contributed to at least 246 deaths. Researchers at the University of California at Berkeley have found that rail-based, mobile energy storage (RMES), which is essentially grid-powering batteries that can be transported by rail, could provide emergency power by connecting to the grids in areas affected "during exceptional events." Jill Moraski, a researcher at Berkeley Lab and the lead author of a recent study on RMES systems, stated, "we found that the U.S. rail network has the capacity to bring energy where it's needed when these events happen, and that it can cost less than building new infrastructure." Studies found that "compared to new transmission lines and stationary battery capacity, deploying RMES for such events could save the power sector upwards of US\$300 per kW-year and US\$85 per kW-year, respectively." It is estimated that RMES could be on scene where needed within a week, without interrupting freight operations, especially if they are prepositioned near an

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anticipated weather or high impact event. Source; Source; Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

## NATIONAL

### **Rise in Anti-LGBTQ Hate and Extremism Captured in New Reports**

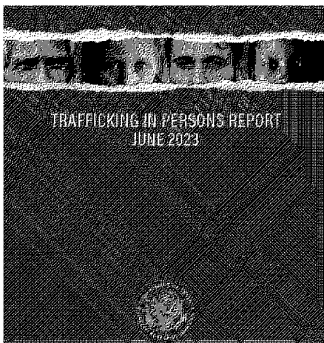


Two newly released reports capture the growing anti-LGBTQ+ extremism across the U.S., that has led to protests, threats and violence against the queer community. A new report from the Institute for Strategic Dialogue has found significantly more incidents of anti-drag protests, threats, and violence than previously reported, with the report adding that anti-drag efforts are accelerating amid growing anti-LGBTQ+ sentiment from conservative politicians. Another report from the Anti-Defamation League and the LGBTQ+ organization GLAAD shows there have been more than 350 incidents of harassment, vandalism or assault from June 2022 to April 2023, which the report states coincide with an increase in rhetoric and legislation targeting the

LGBTQ+ community. Source: ABC, 6/22/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** On 22 June 2023, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) released a joint report detailing anti-LGBTQ+ incidents in the United States between June 2022 and April 2023. The report, titled “Year in Review: Anti-LGBTQ+ Hate & Extremism Incidents, 2022 – 2023,” found that there were 356 incidents during the course of the study, including “305 incidents of harassment, 40 incidents of vandalism, and 11 incidents of assault,” and that 49% of the incidents were “perpetrated wholly or substantially by individuals associated with extremist groups.” The report claims that 138 of the incidents targeted drag performers and performances, though “schools and educators, health care facilities and providers, and government buildings and elected officials” were also targeted. According to the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, which released a separate report on anti-LGBTQ+ incidents also in June, the Proud Boys are “the leading group behind anti-drag activity,” and have protested 60 different drag events, and been involved in verbal or physical altercations at 39 of them. Over the past few weeks, Pride events scheduled in the U.S. and Europe have faced a series of threats, including a Kansas man who was arrested for threatening to bomb and commit a mass shooting at a Tennessee pride event, three teenagers who were arrested in Vienna, Austria for planning to conduct a vehicle ramming attack at a Pride festival, and a man was arrested for making a series of threats against an upcoming Pride festival in Oslo, Norway, which was attacked last year when an Iranian-born Norwegian citizen committed a mass shooting at it, killing two people and wounding 20. Source; Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

*\*Analyst Note\** For situational awareness: the **Tacoma** “Pride Festival” is scheduled for **Saturday, July 8, 2023 – 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM**. The location is the 700-800 block of Pacific Ave. Currently There are no known threats or concerns at this time.



### **2023 Trafficking in Persons Report**

This year’s Trafficking in Persons Report provides a comprehensive overview of the state of human trafficking around the world and the tools we are using to strengthen our response and coordination. It also highlights the stories of survivors, emerging tactics—like cyber scam operations—used by traffickers and provides recommendations for how we can better work together to address this crime. The report is the product of the hard work and dedication of countless individuals and organizations around the world, who are engaged in the fight against human trafficking sometimes at great personal risk. The pages that follow are an immediate call to action. Tackling a global problem like trafficking requires a global coalition, one that cuts across government, business, and civil society. By sharing resources and

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information, we can better equip front-line stakeholders to track and respond to evolving trafficking trends. By partnering with survivors, we can better establish trauma informed anti-trafficking policies and strategies. And by leveraging technology, we can better address the nexus between finance and human trafficking and better detect online exploitation. Source; Department of State, 6/19/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** Human trafficking involves forced labor, ranging from physical labor to sex work, and over 25 million people worldwide are victims of human trafficking. The fight against human trafficking requires governments, international organizations, the private sector, non-government organizations, and survivor focused or survivor-led organizations cooperate and implement measures that encompass prevention, protection, and prosecution, which are referred to as the three pronged approach. This need for cooperation and the importance of the three-pronged approach is highlighted in the United States' Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), which "recognizes the importance of both the three-pronged approach and strategic partnerships in global efforts to fight human trafficking." According to the U.S. State Department's 2023 Trafficking in Persons Report, the extent of human trafficking has been exacerbated by outsourcing manufacturing to regions that have no rules regarding labor protections or environmental safeguards and little capacity or desire to create those protections. The internet and social media have also created additional recruiting methods to lure vulnerable populations into forced labor. The report documents thousands of cases of cyber scams that have been used to snare victims into forced labor. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), human traffickers "often use public transit because it is low cost, offers greater anonymity in buying fare cards, and provides less direct interaction with government or transit officials." In 2012, the DOT formed the Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking (TLAHT) initiative which brings the transportation and travel industries together to maximize their efforts in identifying and acting against human trafficking. The report can be found in its entirety at: <https://www.state.gov/reports/2023-trafficking-in-persons-report/>

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

## All Railroads Must Alert First Responders Within 10 Miles of Derailed Train Cargo Under New Rule



[United States] Federal regulators want first responders to a train derailment to know exactly what they are dealing with even before they reach the scene, because the dangerous chemicals trains carry might require a specialized response. So the Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration proposed a new rule Wednesday that would require all railroads to immediately send the details of everything aboard their trains to every emergency responder within 10 miles, as soon as the railroad becomes aware of an accident. The new rule comes one day ahead of a National Transportation Safety Board hearing to scrutinize emergency

responses to the fiery Feb. 3 derailment of a Norfolk Southern train outside East Palestine, Ohio. Source; Associate Press, 6/21/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** On 3 February 2023 at approximately 9 p.m. local time, 38 rail cars carrying general merchandise, including 11 tank cars carrying hazardous materials including combustible liquids, flammable gas, and vinyl chloride, derailed in the City of East Palestine, Ohio. The crash ignited a fire that burned the tank cars as well as 12 of the non-derailed railcars. The cordoned area around the crash site extended for two miles and required 2,000 residents of the town to evacuate. The tank cars containing the boiling vinyl chloride had to be vented and burned under controlled conditions to prevent an explosion, and the burning chemicals resulted in numerous ecological complications and inhalation hazards. Following the accident, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT's) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is recommending that in addition to the existing "AskRail" app in use by first responders that enabled them to query the contents of rail cars, electronic push notifications and proactive efforts by rail personnel should be made to notify emergency personnel within 10 miles of any crash site or derailment involving hazardous materials. This would save valuable time by providing first responders with data prior to their arrival on scene. Currently, first responders have to arrive on scene and query the train inventory using the app before they know what they are dealing with. DOT

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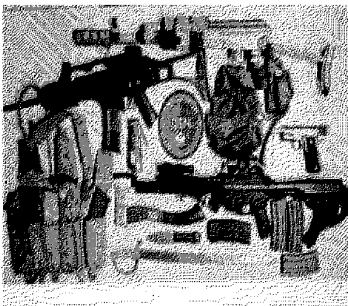
Secretary Pete Buttigieg stated, "Our proposal would improve rail safety and help protect communities across the country by requiring railroads to maintain detailed, real-time information about trains carrying hazardous materials." The DOT proposal can be found at:

<https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/news/usdot-proposes-requirements-real-time-hazmat-information-firefighters-and-first-responders>

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## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Three Arrested Including 14-Year-Old as Police Foil Attack on Vienna's Pride Parade**



**Weapons confiscated during raid**

[Vienna, Austria] Police in Austria say they foiled an attack on Vienna's annual Pride parade Saturday after arresting three suspects with alleged links to Islamic extremism. The three – aged 14, 17 and 20 – are Austrian nationals of Bosnian and Chechen origin, Omar Haijawi-Pirchner from Austria's State Protection and Intelligence Directorate (DSN) told journalists at a hastily called press conference Sunday. They had allegedly become radicalized online and developed views sympathetic to [Islamic State Group (ISG)], according to Haijawi-Pirchner. "In our democratic society, hate and terror have no place," he said. State police president Gerhard Pürstl told journalists: "For the LGBTQ community, many Islamic as well as right-wing extremists represent an intense enemy, which is clear from the violent crimes that have been committed during events in the past across the world, as well as in Europe." The DSN had advance knowledge of the suspects' alleged plans and kept them "under constant control." The trio were arrested ahead of Saturday's parade by Austria's Cobra special forces. Source;

CNN, 6/18/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** On 17 June 2023, Austria's State Protection and Intelligence Directorate (DSN) Task Force Cobra arrested three Austrian nationals of Bosnian and Chechen origin, ages 14, 17, and 20, who are suspected of planning a terrorist attack in Vienna, Austria. The individuals were allegedly motivated by Islamic State Group (ISG) ideology and are suspected of planning a coordinated attack on Vienna's annual Rainbow Parade, which is attended by approximately 300,000 people each year. According to an 18 June press release, the three suspects were arrested approximately an hour before the parade began, though there was "no danger for the participants of the parade at any time" because Austrian officials had "advance knowledge of the suspects' plans" and kept the suspects "under constant control." During searches of properties associated with the suspects, Austrian police found "various evidence," including three long guns, a handgun, a sword, a knife, and a hatchet. A spokesman for the DSN said that the individuals were radicalized online, and that they may have also intended to use a car during their planned attack. According to the European Union's 2023 Terrorism Situation and Trend Report (TE-SAT), 266 individuals were arrested on charges related to jihadist motivated terrorism in Europe in 2022. The 2023 TE-SAT also claims that Europe saw two completed jihadist terrorist attacks (one in France, and one in Belgium), and four foiled jihadist terrorism attacks (three in France, and one in Belgium) throughout 2022.

*\*Analyst Assessment\** Last year 31 members of the Patriot Front were arrested in Idaho for planning to riot at a Pride event and members of the Proud Boys disrupted an event in San Lorenzo, Calif. This month, protesters clashed in California and Montana, and Pride flags were vandalized at the Stonewall Monument National Park in NYC, according to ABC News. NYC's annual Pride March will start with elected officials stepping off at 11am on Sunday, June 25 and is expected to include more than 700 groups and millions of spectators. The route can be found here. In past years, the March has gone on for between six and 12 hours. Source; Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov

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

### **Seattle safe? Seattle PD chief thinks so**

<https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/seattle/is-seattle-safe-police-chief-adrian-diaz/281-2af24456-cab3-4af8-8eb1-e3f7b0c633d1>

### **Renton PD busts nationwide retail theft ring**

<https://komonews.com/news/local/renton-police-department-stolen-items-fred-meyer-home-depot-target-walmart-shoplifters-multi-million-dollar-retail-theft-operation-special-enforcement-team-ebay-e-commerce-merchandise#>

### **Extremist messages spread Snohomish Co.**

<https://www.fox13seattle.com/news/its-really-disheartening-violent-extremist-messages-spread-in-snohomish-county>

### **Sleeping Seattle driver's arrest leads to recovery of fentanyl, more drugs and cash**

<https://komonews.com/news/local/sleeping-driver-seattle-fentanyl-drugs-crisis-crime-meth-heroin-cocaine-powder-pills-cash-methamphetamine-dealer-selling-intent-narcotics-illegal-asleep-behind-wheel-block-sidewalk-bike-lane-clothes-kirkland-washington-fbi#>

### **Border Patrol sets record with 29 terrorism suspects encountered in May**

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2023/jun/20/border-patrol-sets-record-29-terrorism-suspects-en/>

### **FBI Terror Watchlist Arrests, Encounters at Southern Border for FY 23 Hits All-Time Record**

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/fbi-terror-watchlist-arrests-encounters-southern-border-fy-23-hits-all-time-record>

### **Suspect Arrested After FBI Uncovers Alleged Mass Shooting Plot**

<https://abcnews.go.com/amp/US/suspect-arrested-after-fbi-uncovers-alleged-mass-shooting/story?id=100155442>

### **Kansas man accused of threatening 'mass shooting' at Nashville Pride event**

<https://www.wsmy.com/2023/06/20/kansas-man-accused-threatening-mass-shooting-nashville-pride-event/>

### **75 people shot, 13 fatally, in Chicago over violent holiday weekend**

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/75-people-shot-13-fatally-chicago-violent-holiday/story?id=100228756>

### **Norwegian Citizen Arrested in Hungary for Alleged Extremist Plot**

<https://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/norwegian-citizen-arrested-hungary-alleged-extremist-plot-100225790>

### **Why the current state of court security is cause for concern**

[https://www.police1.com/courthouse-security/articles/why-the-current-state-of-court-security-is-cause-for-concern-rKRHeXz5mtWOJUKN/?utm\\_source=Police1&utm\\_campaign=3854b64f44-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2023\\_06\\_20\\_04\\_56&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_5584e6920b-50e97291e0-%5BLIST\\_EMAIL\\_ID%5D](https://www.police1.com/courthouse-security/articles/why-the-current-state-of-court-security-is-cause-for-concern-rKRHeXz5mtWOJUKN/?utm_source=Police1&utm_campaign=3854b64f44-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_06_20_04_56&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5584e6920b-50e97291e0-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D)

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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)

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

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### **Criminal Arrest Warrants Heather R. Jolicoeur**

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### **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**

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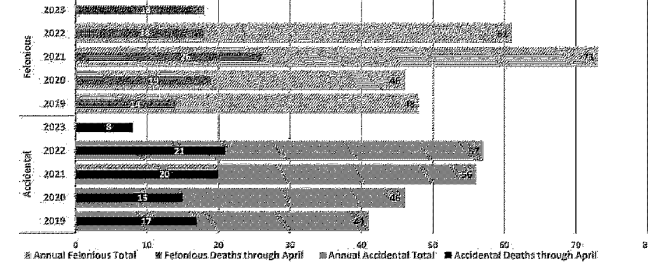
# LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DEATHS 01/01/2023-04/30/2023

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.

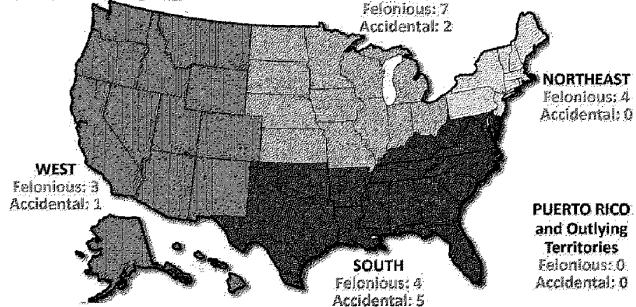
## KEY OBSERVATIONS

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

## Weapons Used by Offender

- 18 Felonious Killings
- 18 Officers killed with firearms:
- 5 Handguns
  - 1 Rifles
  - 0 Shotguns
  - 10 Not reported
  - 0 Unknown
- 2 Vehicles
- 0 Knives/cutting instruments
- 0 Personal weapons (hands, 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:

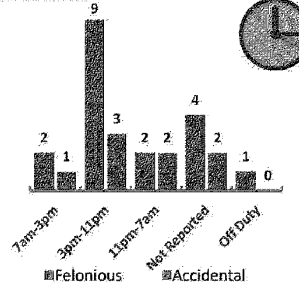
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- 18 Incidents
  - 18 Victims



## Officer Deaths by Month

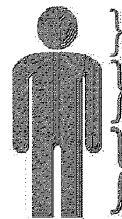
|     | Felonious |      | Accidental |      |
|-----|-----------|------|------------|------|
|     | 2022      | 2023 | 2022       | 2023 |
| Jan | 3         | 3    | 10         | 0    |
| Feb | 4         | 5    | 4          | 3    |
| Mar | 9         | 4    | 6          | 5    |
| Apr | 2         | 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
  - 11 Fatal wound location not reported



5 Officers Confirmed Wearing Body Armor

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

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| 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.

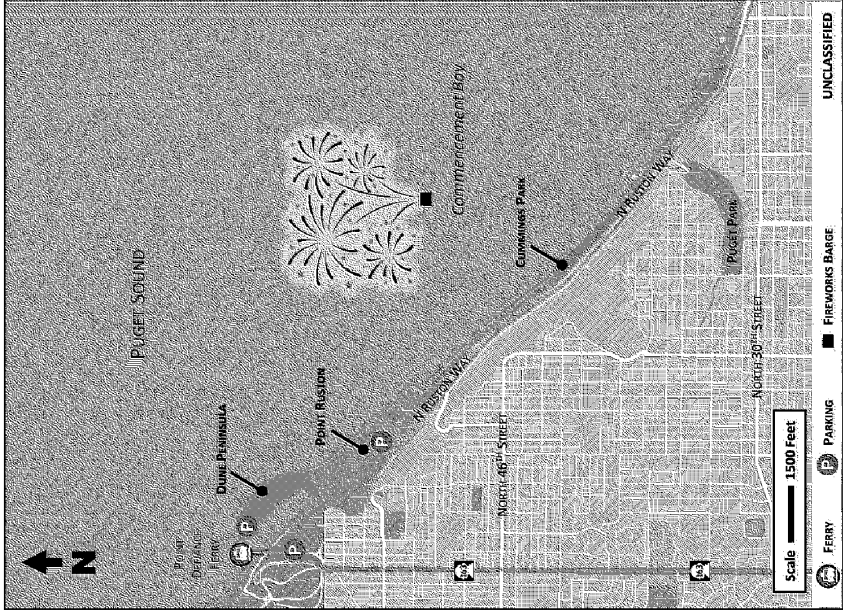
(U) Suspicious Activity – Indicators and Behaviors:

- (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 Ramming (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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**WEEKLY SUMMARY**

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**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.

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| <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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|                      | <h1>Special Bulletin</h1> <h2>TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</h2>  |  |
| Bulletin Number: S23-114  | June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023   |   |
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### **Criminal Arrest Warrants Heather R. Jolicoeur (9/27/1986)**



Heather R. Jolicoeur (9/27/1986) currently has two felony warrants for her arrest out of Pierce County (FTA Attempt to Elude Police Vehicle and UPCS w/ Intent to Deliver/UPOF 2<sup>nd</sup>) plus two misdemeanor warrants out of Tac Muni and Dist #1. She has prior felony convictions for Felony Harassment and is known to carry a firearm. Jolicoeur is wanted for questioning in numerous investigations in Tacoma and Milton. Jolicoeur has recently been seen driving a newer dark gray Nissan Murano 4 door (spare rear pass tire), a newer silver Chrysler Sebring 4 door with a black bumper and an early 2000's silver Cadillac CTS 4 door.

There is currently no fresh probable cause for her arrest, but arrest on the outstanding warrants if contacted. There is no current address for Jolicoeur. Please seize any cellular communication devices as evidence for follow-up search warrants. If she is contacted in possession of a vehicle, please have the vehicle towed to Tacoma Police HQ for a follow-up search warrant. **Jolicoeur should be considered armed and dangerous so use appropriate caution during contact.**

Please contacted Detective C. Lawless (253-255-8327) or Detective T. Song (253-732-3482) if arrested. Please do not discuss any active investigations with Jolicoeur.

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# Special Bulletin

## TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT



Bulletin Number: S23-113

June 28, 2023

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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](mailto: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

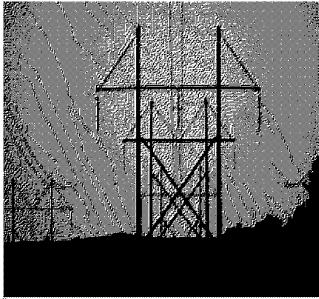
Schubert with the bureau's Criminal Justice Information Services headquarters in Clarksburg, West Virginia, told NBC News that the agency formed a national online database in May to facilitate information sharing between hundreds of police departments and law enforcement agencies across the country pertaining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



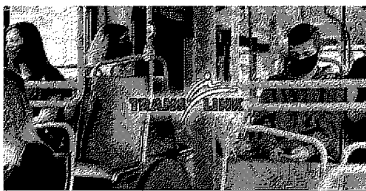
Attempted attacks on the grid increased nearly seven-fold between May 2022 and December 2022, according to a new report from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation. This includes physical attacks—such as vandalism, assault, and ballistic attacks, but also new types of malware and ransomware 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%20SOR%202023%20Overview.pdf)

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



### Metro Vancouver Transit Police Hit by Cyber Attack

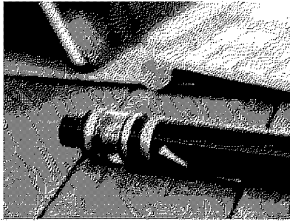
Metro Vancouver Transit Police has disclosed that a limited number of its files were accessed during a cyber-attack on MOVEit, a third-party file transfer software used by the agency. Hackers were able to access 186 files that had been transferred using MOVEit. There is a thorough review underway to 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, Cl0p 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." Cl0p 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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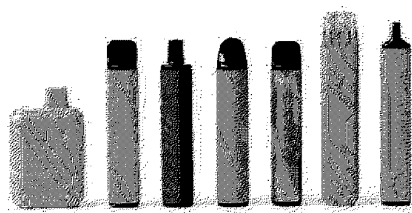
## **PUBLIC SAFETY**



### **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)  
<https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2023-06-22/steady-rise-in-vape-product-poisonings-among-kids-under-5>

### **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

[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/72/wr/mm7225a1.htm?s\\_cid=mm7225a1\\_w#suggestedcitation](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/72/wr/mm7225a1.htm?s_cid=mm7225a1_w#suggestedcitation)

Second CDC Report: Notes from the Field: E-Cigarette-Associated Cases Reported to Poison Centers — United States, April 1, 2022-March 31, 2023; Weekly / June 23, 2023 / 72(25);694-695

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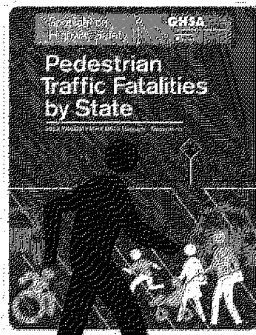


Source: Thurston County Sheriff's Office

## 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.

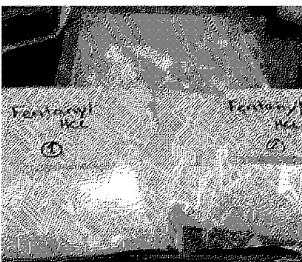
The FBI said it is working with local and state law-enforcement officials and asking members of the public to maintain awareness of their surroundings and report any suspicious activity to law enforcement, the newspaper added. According to the report, it is unclear to authorities whether the threats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

#### **Key Points:**

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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 Amarvel Biotech Co. as well as three company executives with fentanyl trafficking, precursor chemical importation and money laundering.

Prosecutors said Amarvel 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 Amarvel 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**

<https://www.npr.org/2023/06/29/1184731316/gun-violence-epidemic-suicide-mass-shooting-public-health-emergency-chicago>

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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/6VF4V4IYURA3ZGOHGQCO3TACZM/>

**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**

<https://www.npr.org/2023/06/25/1180256165/crypto-scam-senior-victims-spirebit>

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

<https://apnews.com/article/france-police-shooting-protests-paris-nanterre-nahel-220e30e596ed6ad28e152be3df03ec98>

**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**

**911 calls** <https://komonews.com/news/local/seattle-dual-dispatch-police-mental-health-providers-911-report-calls-health-public-safety-behavioral-response-crisis-connection-city-council-washington-king-county-october-fall-safe-intervention>

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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**  
<https://www.king5.com/article/news/health/drug-prevention-schools-fentanyl/281-84fe294d-084d-425d-b2f9-8739c9c2436d>

**Lynnwood police using GPS tracking technology to reduce pursuits**  
<https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/public-safety/lynnwood-police-gps-tracking-technology-reduce-pursuits/281-ff380020-9d56-49d2-b9b3-fd3346b45824>

**SPD task force prevented mass shooting?** <https://komonews.com/news/local/seattle-police-spd-community-violence-task-force-mass-shooting-gun-crime-crisis-violence-homeless-encampment-belltown-eina-kwon-pregnant-sung-kwon-chinatown-international-district-aurora-ave-south-washington-king-county-kent-station-movie-theater>

**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-d32eeeb655-%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-d32eeeb655-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D)

\*TPD/PCSD Homeland Security Reports Received this week 8.

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Also Attached to this email is The Washington State Fusion Center (WSFC) Special Event Threat Assessment for the Tacoma Pride Festival 8 July 2023

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| <b>South Sound Regional<br/>Intelligence Group</b><br>SSRIG email: <a href="mailto:PCINTEL@piercecounitywa.gov">PCINTEL@piercecounitywa.gov</a><br>Weekly Summary |          |  |
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## REGIONAL

**Authorities hunt for suspects linked to over 30-armed robberies across region; \$15K reward offered**

**Upcoming Large Crowd Venues in Pierce County; Summer FEST (Lakewood)**

**Washington: Bomb Threat on Plane Leads to Flight Diversions at Spokane International Airport**

## OFFICER SAFETY

OFFICER SAFETY CONCERN – MURDER SUSPECT

Officer Safety/Attempt to Identify Drive-By Shooting Vehicle; TPD case # **Juv. Off**

## OFFICER AWARENESS

**ATL PC to Arrest Assault 2nd degree and UPOF 1ST degree**

**PC to ARREST: Robbery 1, Assault 1, Theft of Motor / Vehicle & Hit and Run property (Lakewood)**

**Fake Gold Scammers**



**ATI street racer**

## **CYBER THREATS**

**FBI warns of using AI deepfakes as part of sextortion schemes**

**Stolen identities remain top cybersecurity threat**

**US and Canadian Authorities Warn of Increased Truebot Activity**

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Targeting of Medical Office Electronic Protect Health Information by Malicious Threat Actors**

**Changes to Light Rail Prioritize Safety, Ridership**

## **NATIONAL**

**22 Mass Shootings Across the US Over Holiday**

**Two In Custody After Ballistic Vest-Wearing Suspect Kills 5, Injures 4 In Philadelphia Mass Shooting**

## **INTERNATIONAL**

**Prominent Neo-Nazi Propagandist Arrested in Canada**

**French Firefighter Dies Battling Riot Blaze**

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**TACOMA PRIDE FESTIVAL (JULY 8, 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 Pride Festival is scheduled for July 8, 2023, in downtown Tacoma, Washington, along Pacific Avenue between S 7th Street and S 9th Street. The festival celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community and will be an all ages event that will include a mainstage, hosted by Alma Tacoma, with queer and BIPOC entertainment, a beer garden, and a Makers Market. Parking in the area will be limited.

**(U) Executive Summary:**

**(U//FOUO) The Washington State Fusion Center (WSFC) is not currently aware of any credible or specific threats targeting the Tacoma Pride Festival, or downtown Tacoma. 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 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//FOUO) DVEs and hate crime actors have intensified threats of violence against the LGBTQIA+ community during the last year. These issues include actions linked to drag-themed events, gender-affirming care, and LGBTQIA+ curricula in schools. <sup>DHS-IA-IF-2023-02423</sup>
- (U//FOUO) On June 1, 2023, the administrator of a public instant messaging channel that posts suspected racially or ethnically motivated violent extremist - white supremacist (RMVE-WS) content, encouraged mass shootings, arson, bombings, and vehicular attacks against the LGBTQIA+ community during Pride month. <sup>DHS OSIR-04001-0115-23</sup>
- (U) Recent open source reporting indicates the possibility of extremist groups, such as Proud Boys<sup>USPER</sup> and Patriot Front<sup>USPER</sup>, attempting to actively disrupt June Pride celebrations across the country.<sup>2,3,4</sup>

**(U) Key Findings:**

- (U//FOUO) The WSFC is not currently aware of any credible or specific threats targeting the Tacoma Pride Festival, or downtown Tacoma.
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SETA Template 2.3 – January 2023

TACOMA PRIDE FESTIVAL

|                          |                |   |                                     |
|--------------------------|----------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Start Date: July 8, 2023 | City: Tacoma   | Location: Downtown Tacoma               | Estimated Crowd Size: 10,000-20,000 |
| End Date: July 8, 2023   | County: Pierce | Venue Type: Open-Air                    | Waterborne: No <sup>2</sup>         |
| Timeframe: 1200-1800     | Region: 5      | Venue Access: Unrestricted <sup>1</sup> | Fireworks: No                       |

(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.

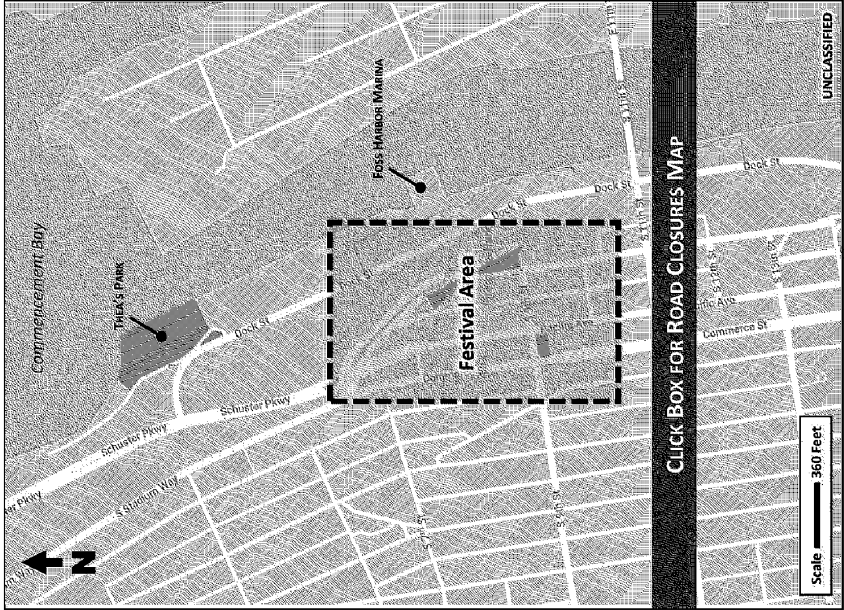
(U) Suspicious Activity – Indicators and Behaviors:

- (U) Reported theft of large or heavy-duty vehicles.
- (U) Theft of law enforcement, security, and public safety uniforms.
- (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) Writing or posting online a paper, manuscript, manifesto, image, etc., that is fixated on harming others, mass violence, or murder-suicide.

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

- 23-0093 FBI – Heightened Threat Environment Surrounding LGBTQ+ Pride Month – 09Jun23 (U) \*
- 23-0071 DHS – Intensified Threats of Violence Against the LGBTQIA+ Community – 11May23 (U-FOUO) \*
- 23-0045 WSFC – 2023 Annual Threat Assessment – 18Apr23 (U-FOUO) \*
- NCTC – US Violent Extremist Mobilization Indicators – 28Dec21 (U)
- HSIN Washington Infrastructure Protection (WA-IP) – Vehicle Ramming (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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### WEEKLY SUMMARY

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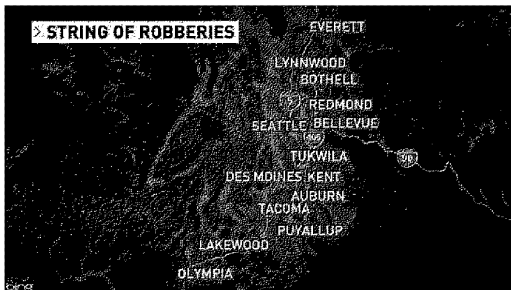
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## REGIONAL



### Authorities hunt for suspects linked to over 30-armed robberies across region; \$15K reward offered

PIERCE COUNTY, Wash. — Multiple law enforcement agencies are looking for several suspects believed to be linked to more than 30 armed robberies at convenience stores across the region from Olympia to Everett.

Jim Fuda with CrimeStoppers of Puget Sound told News media the suspects are hitting stores like Walgreens, 7-Eleven, Rite-Aid and Bartell's. All three companies have added to the \$15,000 cash reward offered for information that leads to arrests. Somebody knows who they are, " Fuda said. "They can call CrimeStoppers, report that anonymously, we get these guys off the street, detectives say this is the tip that did it, and you'll get that payout."

Most of the robberies have happened at 7-Eleven stores during overnight hours or as the stores were closing. Investigators said the group of armed suspects are holding employees up at gunpoint and demanding cash from the register and also taking merchandise like liquor and cigarettes. "As many as six or eight go in, one stands by the door to make the automatic door stay open, they pull guns and put them in customers and employees faces," Fuda said. "They go in, steal cash, cigarettes, alcohol."

Investigators said the robberies started in early May and estimated they're looking for between 12-15 suspects connected to the robbery ring. Authorities believe the same group is responsible for these robberies after comparing surveillance video of the suspects across multiple robberies; many are seen wearing the same clothing or have the same distinguishable

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physical characteristics. The group is allegedly responsible for a robbery at a 7-Eleven on Sixth Avenue in Tacoma on June 29, where surveillance video captured the suspects appearing to try to shoot a customer after robbing the store, but the gun jammed. No one was hurt, but two 16-year old suspects later crashed a stolen Kia allegedly used in that robbery into a semi-truck in Lakewood, killing the semi driver.

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) later identified the truck driver as 57-year-old Bodham Vetrov from Tacoma. Investigators also said Vetrov was not wearing a seatbelt. The two suspects involved were arrested, but investigators are still looking for several others. "The problem is these kinds of crimes escalate," Fuda said. "You never know what a citizen or what a store clerk is going to do that ends up having somebody getting shot."

If you have any information, you can text an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound through the P3 Tips App on your cell phone or call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). See additional pictures of suspects below:



For more pictures click-on following link: <https://komonews.com/news/local/pierce-county-puget-sound-crime-stoppers-armed-robbery-suspects-sought-reward-offered-7-eleven-rite-aid-bartells-walgreens-robbery-ring-gun-violence-crime-tacoma>

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## Upcoming Large Crowd Venues in Pierce County; Summer FEST (Lakewood)



(U) One of the South Sound's biggest festivals, SummerFest is located at the Fort Steilacoom Park in Lakewood, WA. SummerFest Saturday July 15, is an outdoor festival for the whole family, at no cost! Thousands visit Lakewood every year to enjoy this summer spectacle. This event attracts approx.. 30,000 people. A lot of entertainment venues, food trucks, beer gardens, live music, fire dancers, a pop-up skate park, a car show, a balloon glow, a drone show, and interactive sports and arts for all ages when Lakewood's famous SummerFest returns on July 15, 2022 at Fort Steilacoom Park.

### **HOURS & LOCATION**

Saturday, July 15, 2023  
11:00 am - 10:00 pm

Fort Steilacoom Park  
68714 87th Ave SW  
Lakewood, WA 98498

### **Threat Summary:**

(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.

**The South Sound Regional Intelligence Group (SSRIG) have not identified any specific, credible threats to Summer Fest (Lakewood).** 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 entities. 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

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\*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.

(U) 'Active Shooters' and or firearm use remain the most likely threats to this event and others in our region.

(U) Recently on June 17, 2023, a mass shooting occurred at the Gorge Amphitheatre, near George, Washington. The shooter opened fire at a campground near the amphitheater, killing two people and wounding two others.

(U) Over the recent July 4th holiday, from 5pm on Friday 30 June, until 5am on Wednesday 5 July, there was recorded the most mass shootings of any other days of the year in nearly a decade, according to the Gun Violence Archive. In total 20 people were killed in the string of shootings, with 126 others injured. The incidents occurred across 17 states

**(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.

**\*\*A more likely threat exists as a result of opportunists engaging in low-level street crimes (e.g., pickpocketing, purse snatching, car break-ins, etc.), impromptu demonstrations, nuisances related to public intoxication, disorderly conduct, and unauthorized drones or unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) flying in close proximity to event venues and participants.**

## **Washington: Bomb Threat on Plane Leads to Flight Diversions at Spokane International Airport**



Spokane police units and a bomb squad responded to a bomb threat on a diverted plane at Spokane International Airport (GEG). The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) also was on scene responding to the threat. According to Spokane police, all passengers on that plane were able to leave safely after the plane landed around 5:30 p.m. on July 5, 2023. Alaska Airlines confirmed the flight involved in the incident was Alaska Airlines Flight 334 from Atlanta to Seattle. They said a man made a "direct threat to the safety of our aircraft" to a flight attendant.

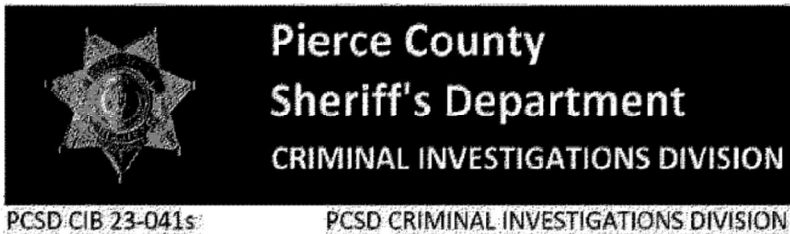
This caused the flight to be diverted to Spokane, where it landed at 5:15 p.m. Pacific Time. Consistent with security procedures, local and federal law enforcement were immediately notified and met the aircraft when it arrived. Since this is a law enforcement matter, please contact the FBI for additional details. No information is available at this time regarding the suspect.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) also issued a statement on the incident: "Alaska Airlines Flight 334 landed safely at Spokane International Airport in Washington due to a security concern. Passengers were bused to the terminal. The Boeing 737 departed Atlanta International Airport(ATL)and was originally destined for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA).Please contact the airline and the Transportation Security Administration(TSA) for more information." The suspect was in police custody after the incident on July 5.

There were 177 passengers and 6 crew members on board.

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## OFFICER SAFETY



## SPECIAL BULLETIN

July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### OFFICER SAFETY CONCERN – MURDER SUSPECT

The Pierce County Sheriff's Department is advising law enforcement to use caution with Tameron N. Rodriguez (8-9-2003). There is Probable Cause to arrest Tameron Rodriguez for Murder 2nd Degree (PCSD case #23-186-00535).

On 7-5-2023 at approximately 0050 hours, Tameron was involved in a homicide in near his parent's residence at 1807 187th St Ct E. Tameron fled the scene following the shooting in the street. Tameron should be **considered ARMED and DANGEROUS**. The firearm has not been recovered.

If Tameron Rodriguez is located or if you have information on his whereabouts, please contact Detective Alex Richards at 253-377-5455 or Detective Jake Lawrence at 253-377-5356. Please detain the suspect and notify detectives for an interview.



NAME: Rodriguez, Tameron N

DOB: 8-9-2003



PHY: White Male, 5'11", 160 lbs, Brown/Brown

LKA: 4912 108TH ST SW, APT 28,

LAKEWOOD WA, 98499-3795

VEH: Unknown

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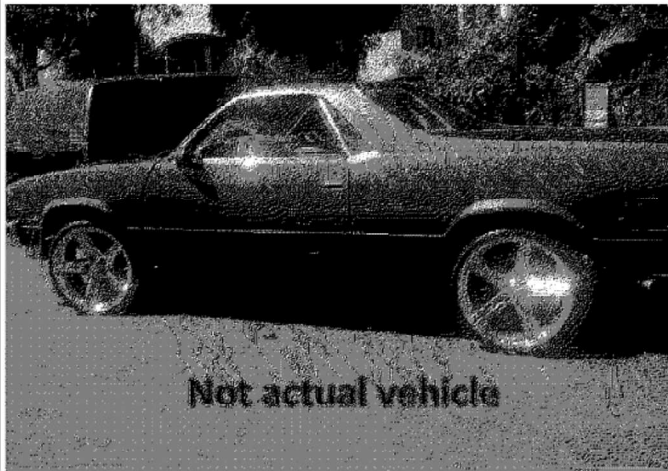
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**ATL PC to Arrest Assault 2nd degree and UPOF 1ST degree  
Iven M. Thomas (9/27/1976), suspect vehicle WA/B66974N  
TPD case #23-112-00997**



On 4/22/2023, a road rage incident occurred in the area of the 5600 block of E. Portland Avenue. The victim was driving southbound on Portland Ave. when he was cut off by the driver of a burnt orange El Camino with **oversized gold rims and low-profile tires** (WA/B66974N). The victim honked his horn at the suspect and continued southbound on Portland Avenue. Near the intersection of E. 64th and Portland Ave., the driver of the El Camino pointed a dark colored, two tone, semiautomatic handgun at the victim and his 11-year-old daughter before fleeing southbound on Portland Avenue. The driver of the El Camino has been identified as the registered owner of the vehicle, Iven M. Thomas (9/27/1976). Thomas is described as a dark-skinned black male, thin build, unshaven, with long hair in a ponytail. Thomas is a convicted felon with 14 prior convictions. The DOL address for Thomas is 1817 S. 40th St. in Tacoma with a mailing address of 2121 S. Hosmer Street. **There is probable cause to arrest Thomas for Assault 2nd degree and UPOF 1st degree. If contacted in a vehicle, please impound the vehicle for a search warrant and contact Detective C. Lawless for an interview.**

**If the vehicle is located unoccupied, please email Detective C. Lawless with the location.**

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**PC to ARREST:  
Robbery 1, Assault 1, Theft of Motor  
Vehicle & Hit and Run property**



On 07/06/23 at 1145 hours, the pictured individual suspect approached a stranger victim in the parking lot of Denny's, 11755 Pacific Hwy SW, Lakewood, WA. The suspect attempted to enter the victim's running vehicle, however the victim and suspect struggled at the door. The suspect attempted to stab the victim with a 6" folding knife prior to successfully stealing the vehicle. The victim and friend chased the vehicle in another vehicle to 111th St. SW, and Kline St. SW, where the suspect lost control, crashing the vehicle in a power pole. The suspect fled on foot and was not located by police. Incident investigated under LPD case # 23-187-01096.

Lakewood Police are searching for the identity of the above shown individual or any information on this crime. If you have any information, Please call Investigator Matt Leitgeb at 253.830.5083



**WASHINGTON STATE PATROL**



**REFERENCE: Fake Gold Scammers**

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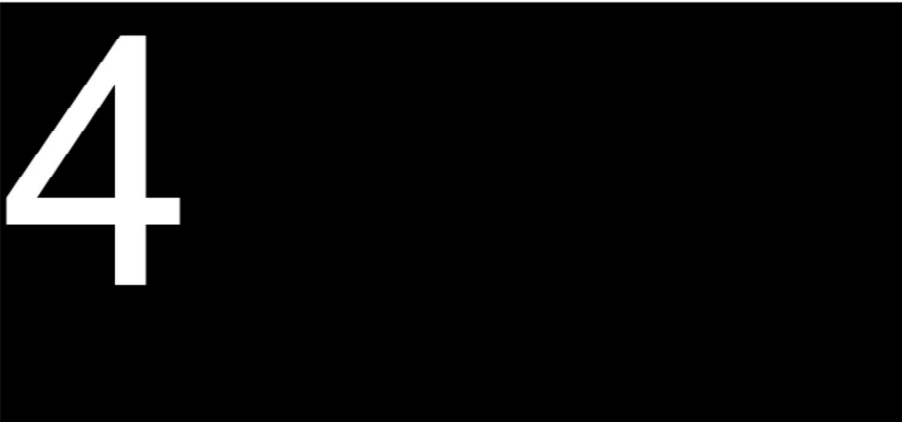


On 7/5/2023 around 1520 hours, troopers contacted a silver 2007 BMW X5 with CA plate 9AUZ163 on the ramp from eastbound SR18 to northbound SR167. The occupants were outside the vehicle attempting to flag down traffic and claimed they were having vehicle problems. Through investigation, it was believed the occupants were associated with the fake gold scam. No crime could be established and both subjects were released.

They provided cell phone (701)561-3274 and claimed to be staying at the Travel Lodge- 3518 Pacific Hwy E, Tacoma.



**Driver: Apostol Darius (Romania) 03/30/1995**  
**Passenger: Stoian Marius (Romania) 11/22/02**



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# Vehicle Registration

**CONTACT INFO:** Det. Tim Hanson: [425-401-7719](tel:425-401-7719)/[Tim.Hanson@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:Tim.Hanson@wsp.wa.gov)

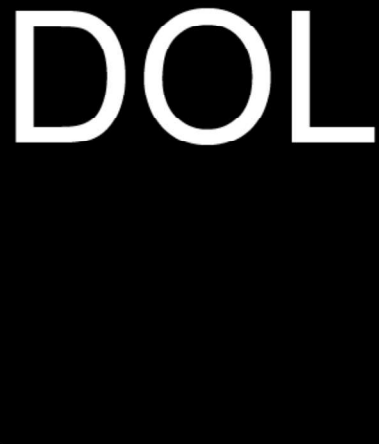
## ATI street racer

The truck pulled into the lot and began drifting and doing burnouts in front of the deputy in what appeared to be an attempt to bait the deputy into a pursuit. The truck's driver appeared to be a Hispanic male and is believed to possibly be associated with the Royal Kings Truckin' group.

Thanks to Kent PD Officer Lam, this vehicle has been identified as a 2002 Chevrolet Silverado (WA: C19900Y) registered to Jose C. ESCOBAR (01/12/1991), who is not licensed (ID only). On 07/03/2023 the below 1990s Chevrolet pickup truck, red with a white hood and fenders, drove past a Pierce County Sheriff's deputy in a parking lot in Tacoma.

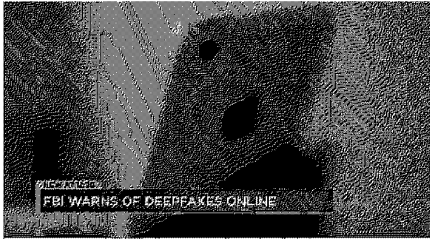
If you have any info regarding the truck's license plate or owner/driver, please let me know and I'll pass it on to PCSD.

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



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## CYBER THREATS



### **FBI warns of using AI deepfakes as part of sextortion schemes**

A warning from the FBI may impact what you share online and post on social media.

The agency says some criminals are now using artificial intelligence to transform harmless photos into explicit content. Officials explain that advances in artificial intelligence are improving the quality of fake images.

"Anybody can now access can digitally manipulate or edit these images and create harmful content out of benign content," said Lauren Coffren, Executive Director for the Exploited Children Division at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The FBI reports the victims range from children and adults. According to the alert, many of them didn't even know their photos were copied, manipulated, and shared until someone else told them.

Other times, the altered images are sent directly to victims for harassment. The FBI warns criminals are threatening to share these deepfakes on social media if they aren't paid a ransom. "Payment does not stop the threats, it just increases the requests for more and more and more money," said Coffren.

The FBI warns victims are also targeted for sextortion. This type of crime typically happens when victims are coerced into sharing sexually explicit photos or videos of themselves. In this case, the agency says criminals may use these fake pictures to get victims to send them real sexually explicit content.

Experts say it may be difficult to prevent these crimes because many of us use the Internet so that's why they want you to have a plan just in case this happens to you or your child. People can report instances of child sexual exploitation or even these images that have been created at benign images to the cyber tipline," said Coffren. "They can get assistance and help from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to get that content taken down."

Coffren said they're also urging AI creators and lawmakers to act too. "We need more guardrails around this type of technology before too much imagery is created that is completely indistinguishable," she said.

FBI officials started tracking an increase in sextortion cases involving fake images or video in April.

The FBI recommends the following tips when sharing content or engaging with users online:

- Monitor children's online activity and discuss risks associated with sharing personal content
- Use discretion when posting images, videos, and personal content online, particularly those that include children or their information.
- Images, videos, or personal information posted online can be captured, manipulated, and distributed by malicious actors without your knowledge or consent.
- Once content is shared on the internet, it can be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to remove once it is circulated or posted by other parties.
- Run frequent online searches of you and your children's information (e.g., full name, address, phone number, etc.) to help identify the exposure and spread of personal information on the internet.
- Apply privacy settings on social media accounts—including setting profiles and your friends lists as private—to limit the public exposure of your photos, videos, and other personal information.
- Consider using reverse image search engines to locate any photos or videos that have circulated on the internet without your knowledge.

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- Exercise caution when accepting friend requests, communicating, engaging in video conversations, or sending images to individuals you do not know personally. Be especially wary of individuals who immediately ask or pressure you to provide them. Those items could be screen-captured, recorded, manipulated, shared without your knowledge or consent, and used to exploit you or someone you know.
- Do not provide any unknown or unfamiliar individuals with money or other items of value. Complying with malicious actors does not guarantee your sensitive photos or content will not be shared.
- Use discretion when interacting with known individuals online who appear to be acting outside their normal pattern of behavior. Hacked social media accounts can easily be manipulated by malicious actors to gain trust from friends or contacts to further criminal schemes or activity.
- Secure social media and other online accounts using complex passwords or passphrases and multi-factor authentication.
- Research the privacy, data sharing, and data retention policies of social media platforms, apps, and websites before uploading and sharing images, videos, or other personal content.

Source: <https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/fbi-warns-using-ai-deepfakes-part-sextortion-schemes/T6T33HQATBE5RLOYPCD22IB74/>



## Stolen identities remain top cybersecurity threat

Stolen identities continue to cause massive breaches, exposing 1.5 billion user records and costing businesses an average of \$9.4 million per breach in 2022, according to a new report.

The ForgeRock 2023 Identity Breach Report shows that attackers continue to target credentials and use them as a stepping stone to infiltrate an organization across industries and geographies. What's more, AI is making it more difficult for the average human to identify threats.

The report reveals that unauthorized access is the leading cause of breaches for the fifth consecutive year and 52 percent of all reported breaches came through third-party partners and suppliers.

Among other findings, the healthcare sector remains a top target with attacks increasing by 50 percent compared to 2021. Attacks within the financial services sector on the other hand decreased by 29 percent, but nearly half of those affected the insurance industry. Social security number and date of birth information were exposed in 72 percent of breaches.

As more identities are stolen each year, AI-driven fraud attacks are creating a larger threat landscape for consumers and enterprises alike. Through the use of new technologies like generative AI, tactics such as phishing emails, malicious code and voice or video-based impersonation, otherwise known as deep fakes, are becoming more common and difficult to detect.

The report recommends that organizations adopt best practices like adopting a Zero Trust framework to verify access requests, implementing passwordless authentication to stop password-based attacks, and leveraging AI-driven IAM tools to manage the volume and velocity of cyberattacks. "The most secure organizations will be those that combine the use of technologies like AI with a well-designed approach to security operations and usability," says Eve Maler, CTO at ForgeRock.

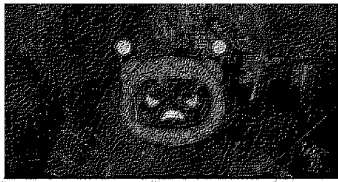
The [full report](#) is available from the ForgeRock site.

<https://betanews.com/2023/06/26/stolen-identities-remain-top-cybersecurity-threat/>

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## US and Canadian Authorities Warn of Increased Truebot Activity



A warning about increased Truebot malware activity involving new tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs) has been issued by US and Canadian authorities on July 6 2023. The joint advisory from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) and the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security (CCCS) noted that threat actors are leveraging newly identified Truebot malware variants to target organizations via new techniques in the US and Canada. Truebot is known to be used by notorious cyber-criminal gangs such as Clop and Silence to collect and exfiltrate information from victims. Source: InfoSecurity Magazine, 7/7/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), and the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security (CCCS) have issued a joint Cybersecurity Advisory (CSA) warning the public of increased activity from Truebot malware. The CSA also reported that new variants of the malware have been discovered. TrueBot is a botnet, which is a network of computers infected by malware that are under the control of a single attacking party: the "bot-herder." TrueBot traditionally spreads through phishing email attachments, a common attack vector for botnets. Spam botnets are typically very large in order to send a mass amount of phishing emails. TrueBot is believed to have been developed in 2017 by Russian-speaking threat actor "Silence Group" (Silence). However, the botnet is used by a variety of threat actors; most notably by Cl0p ransomware. The CSA notes that since 2022, there has been an increase in threat actors using TrueBot to target U.S. and Canadian victims. Additionally, the authoring agencies have reported a shift in the tactics and variants that "rely on the exploitation of a remote code execution (RCE) vulnerability affecting the Netwrix Auditor application." The vulnerability is being tracked as CVE-2022-31199 and a patch is available. It is recommended that organizations update Netwrix Auditor to version 10.5, implement application controls to manage and control the execution of software, require phishing-resistant multifactor authentication, and consider adding an email banner to emails received from outside your organization. Source: Over the Road-Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily (OTRBIAD) Report.

## PUBLIC SAFETY



### HEALTHCARE & PUBLIC HEALTH SECTOR

27 JUNE 2023

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### Targeting of Medical Office Electronic Protected Health Information by Malicious Threat Actors

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The FBI Las Vegas Field Office, in coordination with the Office of Private Sector, prepared this Liaison Information Report (LIR) to inform private sector partners about the risk of malicious cyber threat actors targeting medical offices with malware through phishing emails with the goal of exfiltrating electronic protected health information (ePHI) to extort victims.

• Beginning in the Fall of 2022, a cyber actor posed as a specialty board member of an American Board of Medical Specialties and called doctors' offices across the country spoofing the specialty board's legitimate telephone number.

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While on the phone, the cyber threat actor used a recredentialing ruse to extract the receptionist's email address. The threat actor, using a spoofed email address, sent the receptionist an email with an attachment. When opened, the attachment deployed malware on the receptionist's computer which allowed the malware to pivot from the receptionist's computer to other devices on the network.

- On 2 February 2023, a malicious cyber actor posing as a member of a national medical board called a Nevada medical office and directed them to an email sent by the malicious cyber actor with a spoofed email address to distribute malware to the Nevada medical office.

- On 22 February 2023, the malicious cyber actors contacted the Nevada physician again via email with a link to the practice's breached ePHI and a demand for a response.

- Beginning 1 March 2023, patients of the Nevada medical office (as well as the patients' friends, colleagues, and family) were contacted through social media profiles, email, or text messages with their personally identifiable information, photographs, and copies of treatment notes.

- On 3 March 2023, malicious cyber actors extorted the Nevada medical office to prevent further distribution of stolen patient ePHI.

The following proactive measures may help identify attempts of phishing or malware, and reduce likelihood of being compromised:

- Performing a risk assessment of your offices' technical safeguards for ePHI.

- Conducting regular security audits of network infrastructure to address vulnerabilities and reduce the risk of a successful malware/phishing attack. Conduct regular tests for all employees with mock-phishing campaigns.

- Educating employees about social engineering techniques, like phishing and spoofing. CISA.gov provides information on these social engineering techniques, in addition to other techniques, malicious cyber actors use to steal sensitive information.

- Employing the principle of least privilege; employees should only have access to the specific data and resources needed to complete their jobs, nothing more. Compartmentalize and minimize which staff/roles in the medical office require and have access to ePHI, and

- Adopting a clean desktop policy where ePHI is not housed on any specific user's computer desktop for an extended period, rather safeguarded it in the proper ePHI system.

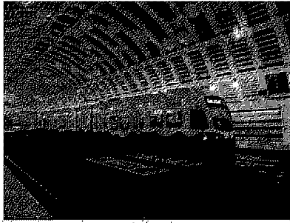
The FBI's Office of Private Sector disseminated this LIR; please direct any requests and questions to your FBI Private Sector Coordinator at your local FBI Field Office: <https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices>.

• Phishing is the use of fraudulent communications that appear to be from a reliable sender to steal sensitive data or install malware on the victim's machine. *Source:* Website | Cisco | "What is Phishing?" | Not Dated | <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/security/email-security/what-is-phishing.html> | accessed on 20 April 2023.

• ePHI is defined by HIPAA as all individually identifiable health information a covered entity creates, receives, maintains, or transmits in electronic form. *Source:* Website | U.S. Department of Health & Human Services | "Summary of the HIPAA Security Rule" | 19 October 2022 | [https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/security/laws-regulations/index.html#:~:text=The%20Security%20Rule%20protects%20a,%22%20\(e%2DdPHI\).](https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/security/laws-regulations/index.html#:~:text=The%20Security%20Rule%20protects%20a,%22%20(e%2DdPHI).) | accessed on 20 April 2023.

• A spoofed email address is an email that appears to be from a known or trusted source and is commonly used to infect a victim's computer with malware. *Source:* Website | Norton | "What is email spoofing? A complete guide" | 4 November 2022 | <https://us.norton.com/blog/online-scams/email-spoofing> | accessed on 21 April 2023.

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## Changes to Light Rail Prioritize Safety, Ridership

[Minneapolis, Minnesota] Metro Transit officials are aiming at reducing crime, improving cleanliness and increasing ridership on the light rail with a new safety plan. The safety plan comes as part of a state passed transportation bill in May, which officials began implementing in June. Under the plan, officials will work alongside community groups such as A Mother's Love, RADIAS Health and Circle of Discipline to address mental health and social service needs on the light rail. RADIAS Health and A Mother's Love work with the Metropolitan Council on the Metro Transit Homeless Action Team by helping the homeless using the light rail for shelter find housing, while Circle of Discipline works to improve young people's physical and mental well-being. Source; Minnesota Daily, 7/6/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** On 23 June 2023, Minneapolis hosted a popular music concert that drew over 100,000 fans, which required that more attention be given to the logistics and safety of the Metro Transit light rail system. Metro Transit has been struggling with increased homelessness and vagrancy on its light rail commuter trains and in its transit stations, which has led to safety and cleanliness concerns. To bring every resource to bear on the problem, Metro Transit has partnered with local community groups to address individuals using the public transit system who are suffering from homelessness, mental health crises, and addiction. The project, which is called the Transit Safety Intervention Project (TSIP), will use community service officers who can "intervene" with riders experiencing homelessness, addiction, or mental health issues rather than police officers, according to The Minnesota Daily. The programs are designed to proactively connect people with the resources they need prior to enforcement action by the police, which is expected to ultimately reduce crime, improve cleanliness, and increase ridership across Metro Transit. Metro Transit officials believe that people may be more receptive to these community support organizations than they are to police, and thus more willing to accept aid from them. In addition to direct intervention by goodwill ambassadors, Metro Transit will increase monitoring of surveillance cameras and deploy more uniformed security officers for high visibility. Details of the Metro Transit Safety and Security Action Plan can be found at: <https://www.metrotransit.org/safety-in-the-news> Source; Over the Road-Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily (OTRBIAD) Report.

## NATIONAL

### 22 Mass Shootings Across the US Over Holiday

The July 4th holiday, from 5pm on Friday until 5am on Wednesday, recorded the most mass shootings of any other days of the year in nearly a decade, according to the Gun Violence Archive. In total 20 people were killed in the string of shootings, with 126 others injured. The incidents occurred across 17 states as well as Washington, DC. The greatest fatalities in a single incident was seen in Philadelphia, where five people were killed when a shooter wearing a bulletproof vest and using an AR-15 style rifle and a pistol went on a random rampage firing at least 50 shots on Monday night, according to police.

*\*Analyst Assessment\** From 11 p.m. on Tuesday till Wednesday morning, there were 11 shooting incidents across NYC, with 12 people shot and two killed, according to NY1. A study of shootings in Chicago from 2012 to 2015 found that a 10-degree (°C) = 50F, higher temperature was significantly associated with 34% more shootings on weekdays, and 42% more shootings on weekends or holidays. Monday and Tuesday were the hottest days on Earth in at least 44 years and likely much longer, AP reports. Warm weather and holidays bring more people outside and possibly into conflict. Whether the shooter is motivated by ideology, perceived grievance, health challenge, or disputes with others, responders will be entering a chaotic, potentially dangerous environments, call for force protection. Source; Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov



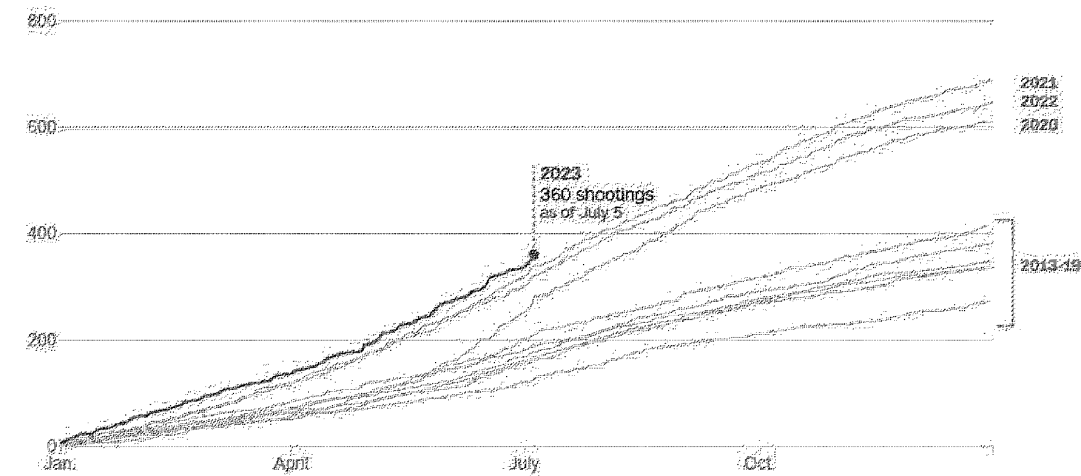
Philadelphia shooter opening fire on occupied vehicles

### More mass shootings in 2023 so far than at this point in any year since at least 2013

Over 350 mass shootings have taken place in the United States so far this year, including the one in Monterey Park, California — the deadliest attack since the Uvalde massacre in May 2022. There have been more shootings in 2023 than in any previous year since at least 2013.

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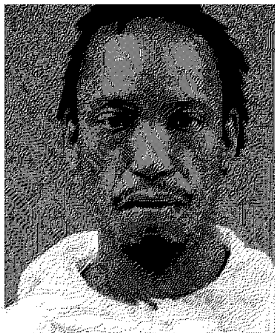


Note: Data updated at 11:00 p.m. ET on July 5, 2023.

Source: Gun Violence Archive

Graphic: Annette Choi and Curt Merrill, CNN

## Two In Custody After Ballistic Vest-Wearing Suspect Kills 5, Injures 4 In Philadelphia Mass Shooting



*A toddler and a teenager were injured in the Philadelphia shooting, but survived*

[Philadelphia, Pennsylvania] Two men are in custody after a mass shooting in the Kingsessing section of southwest Philadelphia Monday evening left five people dead and two others injured, both of whom are children, Fox News has learned. Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw said the suspected gunman, a 40-year-old man, was arrested without incident. He was allegedly wearing a ballistic vest, had multiple magazines, an "AR-type rifle," a handgun and a police scanner during the shooting rampage, which began at approximately 8:30 p.m. Several children were among those injured by gunfire, including a 2-year-old and a 13-year-old, both of whom survived.

According to local media, the gunman continued firing as officers chased him and eventually cornered him in a back alley on Frazer Street. He was then taken into custody without officers firing back. A motive is not yet known. However, the suspect on Monday night told police in sum and substance that he carried out the attack to clean up the neighborhood, two law enforcement sources stated. Authorities are also investigating a since-deleted social media page believed to belong to the accused gunman, 40-year-old Kimbrady Carriker, that includes a series of posts about guns, the Second Amendment and the "loss of freedoms," according to a law enforcement source. Also, authorities say another person who police believe may have fired back at the gunman during the rampage was taken into custody. Source: Fox News, 7/4/2023

**\*Analyst Comment\*** On 3 July 2023 at approximately 8:30 p.m. local time, a 40-year-old man armed with an AR-15 and wearing a ballistic vest and ski mask opened fire in the Kingsessing section of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, shooting seven people, five of whom were killed. Those killed by the shooter range in age from 15-years-old to 59-years-old, and those injured include twin 2-year-olds, one of whom was shot four times in the legs, and the other was struck in the eyes by breaking glass. According to law enforcement, the shooter was firing "seemingly at random," and "shooting aimlessly at occupied vehicles and individuals on the street as they walked." Philadelphia police responded to the incident and cornered a suspect in an alleyway where he surrendered and was arrested approximately ten minutes after the shooting

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started. The suspect has been charged with "five counts of murder as well as charges of attempted murder, aggravated assault and weapons counts of possession without a license and carrying firearms in public." No motive has been released for the shooting, and police have said they "have absolutely no idea why this happened."

## INTERNATIONAL

### **Prominent Neo-Nazi Propagandist Arrested in Canada**



On Wednesday, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) arrested a 26-year-old Ottawa man for alleged involvement "in the activities of the terrorist group Atomwaffen Division, linked to neo-Nazi ideology," a RCMP statement said. The man is believed to have produced propaganda material including videos and posters for recruitment for the Atomwaffen Division, an accelerationist neo-Nazi group originally formed in the US. This material was intended to promote the group and recruit members, and encourages the commission of terrorist activities. He was also a member of a Canadian active club, an international network of neo-Nazi fitness groups, Vice reports. The case is the first in Canada in

which an individual advocating a violent far-right ideology has been charged with both terrorism and hate propaganda. According to the Canadian federal government, the Atomwaffen Division - founded in the US in 2013 - "calls for acts of violence against racial, religious, and ethnic groups, and informants, police, and bureaucrats, to prompt the collapse of society". The RCMP also arrested an unnamed individual of Kingsey Falls, Canada, who is allegedly involved in AWD's activities. Atomwaffen Division was listed by Canada as a terrorist entity in 2021. Source: BBC News

*\*Analyst Assessment\** On May 8th, a man with a history of online posts describing his white supremacist and misogynistic views, killed eight people at a Allen, Tx mall. The last week of June, two synagogues in Georgia had a hate group, the Goyim Defense League, demonstrating outside their services. And on June 24th, two far-right groups, the PDX Proud Boys and the Rose City Nationalists, a neo-Nazi group affiliated with the active club network, gathered at an Oregon Pride Night festival to protest. These two groups ended up fighting each other, with some of the Rose City members being demasked by the Proud Boys. Violence, confrontation, and publicity are what these groups seek. Their online presence can lead to "pop-up" rallies and protests with very little warning. Source: Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov

*\*Analyst Note\** Macdonald's design style reportedly influenced the aesthetics of content released by "Terrorgram," a network of accelerationist and racially and ethnically motivated violent extremist (REMVE) Telegram channels. Macdonald also created the skullmask imagery, which is a trademark of the AWD. Source: NYPD Daily Terrorism Brief



Overtumed cars burn on a French street

### **French Firefighter Dies Battling Riot Blaze**

On the sixth night of riots, which were sparked by the fatal police shooting of a 17-year-old teenager of North African origin as he attempted to flee a traffic stop, a 24-year-old Parisian firefighter was killed as he was extinguishing a blaze in an underground car park. He reportedly died of a heart attack, according to a statement from Paris police. The cause of the fire is under investigation. During the riots, hundreds of cars and buildings were set on fire and schools, city halls, police stations, and a politician's home were attacked around the country.

*\*Analyst Assessment\** Last night, two Newark firefighters died while trying to extinguish multiple vehicle fires on board a massive container ship docked at Port Newark. In September 2018, a 7-alarm car fire in the King's Plaza above ground parking garage in Brooklyn led to 19 FDNY injuries. Car fires in enclosed spaces are challenging scenarios. Generally, the entrance to these places are not large enough for the apparatus to approach, necessitating long stretches, and the

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materials burning, from fuels and batteries to plastics, produce huge amounts of smoke and higher temperatures. Consider using search ropes during these difficult operations. Source; Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov

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

**Oregon man attacked courthouse security officer before being shot, authorities say**  
<https://apnews.com/article/portland-oregon-security-officer-shooting-d973e377dc53622b253b6bcd116e0359>

**Oregon notches 74% rise in reports of hate crimes, bias incidents**  
<https://www.opb.org/article/2023/07/06/oregon-hate-crime-rates-bias-incidents/>

**The wave of mass shootings over the Fourth of July highlights the challenges police face**  
<https://apnews.com/article/july-fourth-mass-shootings-block-party-e666444a2689210c0535289a2140385b>

**Suspect in Philadelphia shooting believed to be mentally ill, law enforcement source says**  
<https://news.yahoo.com/suspect-philadelphia-shooting-believed-mentally-025244752.html?guccounter=1>

**3 dead, 8 wounded after shots fired into a crowd of hundreds following Texas holiday festival**  
<https://www.police1.com/active-shooter/articles/3-dead-8-wounded-after-shots-fired-into-a-crowd-of-hundreds-following-texas-holiday-festival-jAo6tCJozXSvn8K/>

**(U) District of Columbia – Nine Injured in Fourth of July Shooting**  
<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/9-are-injured-in-shooting-in-washington-dc-police-say/ar-AA1drx8C>

**Body parts strewn around state capital outside Mexico City, apparently left by violent cartel**  
<https://apnews.com/article/mexico-toluca-bodies-drug-cartel-0194909a99c6725ce908278e03173e73>

**CBP [Customs and Border Protection] Released Migrant On Terrorist Watchlist, Watchdog Finds**  
<https://www.newsnationnow.com/us-news/immigration/cbp-released-migrant-terrorist-watchlist-oig-report/>

**Germany, Netherlands Arrest Nine Over An Alleged Plan For Attacks In Line With Islamic State Group**  
<https://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/germany-netherlands-arrest-9-alleged-plan-attacks-line-100762264>

**Rural gunfights that changed their agencies**  
[https://www.police1.com/rural-law-enforcement/articles/rural-gunfights-that-changed-their-agencies-sOBXRwcMHGOoAAjE/?utm\\_source=Police1&utm\\_campaign=465adffdda-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2023\\_07-07\\_04\\_57&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_5584e6920b-465adffdda-%5B%5D](https://www.police1.com/rural-law-enforcement/articles/rural-gunfights-that-changed-their-agencies-sOBXRwcMHGOoAAjE/?utm_source=Police1&utm_campaign=465adffdda-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_07-07_04_57&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5584e6920b-465adffdda-%5B%5D)

**Ransomware criminals are dumping kids' private files online after school hacks**  
<https://apnews.com/article/schools-ransomware-data-breach-40ebeda010158f04a1ef14607bfed9b0>

\*TPD/PCSD Homeland Security Reports Received this week 8.

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**U.S. Hunts Chinese Malware That Could Disrupt American Military Operations**

**OT/IoT Malware Surges Tenfold in First Half of the Year**

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**Group questions safety of rubber chips made from old tires used on La Crosse playgrounds**

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**Pennsylvania: University Student Charged with Making False Statements to Federal Agents in Terrorism Investigation**

**Mexican Cartels Allegedly Exploit CBP One App By Selling VPN Services Enabling Migrants To Make Appointment Outside Of App's Geofence - United States**

**Teenagers ‘Risking Prison Over Extremist Content Without Leaving Their Rooms’**

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"There must be a Lone Ranger!" 

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## TACOMA / PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT



29-2023

Friday, August 04, 2023

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## REGIONAL



### Traces of fentanyl found in 'suspicious envelope' sent to King County elections officials

SEATTLE - The Office of the Secretary of State reported that traces of fentanyl were found in a 'suspicious letter' received by the King County Elections office while elections workers were processing ballots.

The letter was turned over to the United States Postal Inspection Service, who determined there was a trace of fentanyl in the letter. It's unclear if there were any health impacts for those who came in contact with it.

In Okanogan County, their courthouse was evacuated on Wednesday after the Auditor's Office reported receiving an envelope containing an unidentified substance.

That substance is being tested to confirm what it is.

There is no known connection between the two incidents, but it is still under investigation.

"Elections offices in every county in Washington have had to develop emergency plans and protective strategies for events like these, which should serve as a sobering reminder of the dangers that surround our elections process and elections workers," Secretary of State Steve Hobbs said. "My office and I will provide all the resources at our disposal to any county that needs help confronting any challenge, and will continue to advocate for stronger protection for all elections workers."

Up to \$80,000 was made available for election-related security funding for each Washington County.

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**KING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE  
OFFICER SAFETY & AWARENESS BULLETIN**

August 2, 2023

KCSO-CID-23-85  
Approved by: Batt

## LETTER RECEIVED BY KING COUNTY WA ELECTIONS LACED IN FENTANYL

On August 1, 2023, the King County Elections received a threatening letter. If you see similar letter(s), DO NOT TOUCH OR OPEN. The Seattle Division of USPIS is handling the investigation, and please immediately contact Postal Inspector J. Stephenson at 206-730-3917. The USPIS will come and safely collect them from you ASAP.

After inspection by the USPIS, the letter was found to have **contained trace amounts of white-powder (fentanyl)**. The letter states, "Enjoy some complimentary white powdered! No saying what it is but I HIGHLY RECOMMEND ASKING AROUND FOR A NARCAN! THERE MUST BE: NO MORE ELECTIONS!!!! We are a communist country now and COMMUNIST COUNTRIES DO NOT HAVE ELECTIONS!!!! SHUT THIS DOWN, AND STOP LETTING THE RIGHT BELIEVE THEY HAVE ANY SAY OR CONTROL OVER ANYTHING!!!!!!"

If you have any information regarding this letter/incident, or other related information, please go direct to USPIS.

USPIS has notified all WA state county auditors and election managers. Along with notifying the Office of the Secretary of State.

**\*Note\* Other Counties have reported receiving a similar threat.**

## OFFICER SAFETY

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|   | <h1>Special Bulletin</h1> <h2>TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</h2>  |  |
| Bulletin Number: S23-140  | Friday August 4th, 2023  |  |
| Detective A. McNeely #184<br>Tacoma Police Department<br>Homicide / Aggravated Assault Unit<br>Case Number : 23-214-02236 | Office-(253) 830-6506<br>Cell-(253) 606-0820<br><a href="mailto:Jmcneely@cityoftacoma.org">Jmcneely@cityoftacoma.org</a> |  |

## PC to Arrest Shooting / Assault 1st Suspect

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WILLIAMS, TRAVIS MICHAEL - 2019274039



**Williams, Travis M 01/06/1991 - AKA "Travis Saso"**

On 8/2/23, a shooting occurred in the 3700 block of E G St. in the City of Tacoma. The suspect was identified and Probable Cause exists to arrest Travis M Williams (1/6/91) for:

- Assault 1 x 2
- Drive-by Shooting
- UPOF 1st

Travis was last seen driving an unknown white "newer" Dodge Pickup truck. Travis is likely associated with the Upper Park Apartments (#3) and is believed to be in that area. The firearm used in the crime is still outstanding and Travis Williams is believed to be **ARMED AND DANGEROUS**.

If contacted please arrest and notify Detective Aaron McNeely at 253-606-0820. If driving a vehicle, please impound for a search warrant.

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**PC to Arrest Shooting / Assault 1st Suspect**

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**Sutton, Charles L 04/20/1993 - AKA "K.O."**

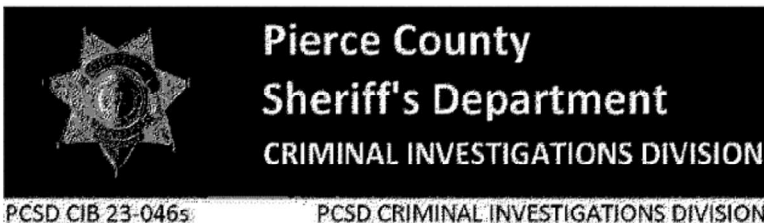
LKA: 502 108th St S (Park Court Apts Unk Unit #)

On 7/30/23, a shooting occurred at the Aero Apartments (1828 S 95th), in the City of Tacoma. The suspect was identified and Probable Cause exists to arrest Charles L Sutton – "KO" (1/6/91) for:

- Assault 1 x 3
- Drive-by Shooting
- UPOF 1st

Charles has been involved in two Police pursuits in the last 4 days (TPD #23-211-00811 / WSP #23-013608 and PCSD #23-216-000380) and was last seen fleeing handcuffed on foot from PCSD from St Clare's Hospital in Lakewood in the morning hours of 8/4/23.

The gun utilized in this shooting has NOT been recovered. If contacted please arrest and notify Detective Aaron McNeely at 253-606-0820.



## SPECIAL BULLETIN

August 1, 2023

### ATTEMPT TO LOCATE- ROBBERY/KIDNAPPING SUSPECT

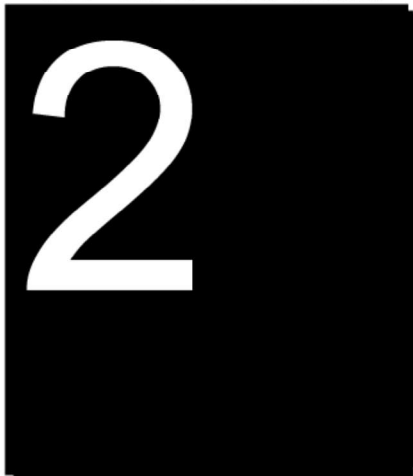
Pierce County Sheriff's Detectives are attempting to locate suspect Adam K. Swaggerty (DOB 6/3/91). Detectives have PROBABLE CAUSE to arrest Swaggerty for Robbery 1st, Kidnapping 1st, and Theft of a Motor Vehicle under PCSD Case #23-209-00134. On 7/28/23, Swaggerty went to the victim's house to deliver a car part. He pulled a handgun on the victim and demanded several items and the keys to his vehicle. Swaggerty made the victim drive him to an ATM where he forced the victim to pull out cash. Swaggerty then had the victim drive back home where he kicked the victim out and stole his vehicle.

The vehicle has been recovered and searched. 9mm ammunition was recovered from the vehicle but the firearm is still outstanding. SWAGGERTY should be considered **ARMED and DANGEROUS**.

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If Adam Swaggerty is located, please arrest him for the listed charges and notify Detective Shane Masko at 253-377-5398 or [shane.masko@piercecounitywa.gov](mailto:shane.masko@piercecounitywa.gov).



NAME: Adam K. Swaggerty  
DOB: 6-3-91  
PHY: 5'8" 185lbs  
LKA: 7232 163rd St E Puyallup, WA  
5015 21st Ave SE Lacey, WA

### **OFFICER AWARENESS**



28 July 2023

### **(U//FOUO) Firearm-Mounted Brass Catchers Impede Law Enforcement Investigations**

#### **(U) SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**

(U//FOUO) Some violent criminals attach brass catchers to firearms to avoid law enforcement (LE) identification, challenging LE's ability to connect investigations or link known firearms to crime scene evidence. Violent criminals' use of brass catchers follows LE's increased participation in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' (ATF) National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) Program. Firearm companies sell brass catchers as a legal accessory in a variety of retail locations and online at prices ranging from \$20 to \$80. These companies market the brass catchers' ability to prevent expended cartridge cases – ejected from the firearm – from landing on shooters or others nearby, to save the fired cartridge cases (FCCs) for reloading, or to reduce clean up time after shooting sessions at firearm ranges.<sup>1,2</sup> Alternatively, individuals can legally create homemade brass catchers using a 3D printer or common household items, such as plastic bags or socks wrapped around or taped to firearms.

(U) The purpose of this Situational Awareness report is to provide awareness of violent criminals' use of brass catchers and to alert LE to the opportunity to identify and collect brass catchers and any FCCs within the brass catchers during search warrant operations. This awareness report is based on information obtained from FBI investigations, ATF, and open-source reporting.

(U//FOUO) FCCs can be valuable pieces of evidence when investigating firearm crimes, as firearms leave individual markings — impressions and striations — on cartridge casings; in some instances, FCCs carry DNA or latent prints.

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These individual characteristics can potentially link a firearm to a crime scene or make connections between multiple crime scenes through ATF's NIBIN Program. LE organizations throughout the United States participate in NIBIN, continually contributing evidence to the database, which can be compared to evidence across LE agencies. Additionally, criminals can use brass catchers at a crime scene and leave behind different FCCs as decoys for LE.

(U//FOUO) Opportunities exist for training to increase LE officers' knowledge about the use, wide variety, and availability of brass catchers, improving LE's chances of identification during search warrant operations. In addition, an opportunity exists to generate new leads from NIBIN submission of FCCs obtained from seized brass catchers or test fires if firearms were discovered; potentially revealing the same firearm was used at other crime scenes. These leads can provide LE with new lines of questioning or investigative avenues, particularly if the officers did not previously suspect the subject of committing related crimes, which can also help determine possible motives for using brass catchers. LE should be mindful of how they share successes of evidence-based programs and databases to specific audiences and encourage others participate in programs, such as NIBIN, as too much public exposure can provide an opportunity for criminals to adjust tactics and behaviors to the available information.

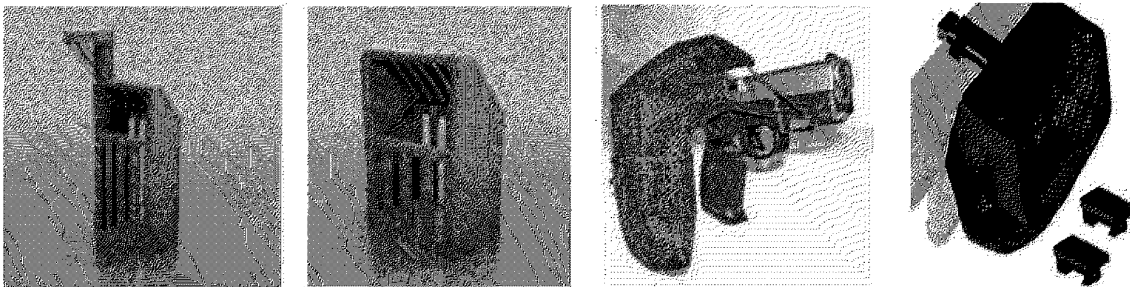
## (U) CONSIDERATIONS

(U) It is the purpose of this public safety awareness report to provide forward-leaning considerations for public safety executives.

- (U//FOUO) Since brass catchers come in many shapes, sizes, and can be homemade, LE officers may not be familiar with identifying them during search warrant operations, traffic stops, or when responding to calls for service. This awareness report seeks to expand LE's knowledge of brass catchers and to increase reporting to ATF and FBI.

- (U//FOUO) The possibility exists that a criminal using a brass catcher will leave other FCCs at a crime scene as decoys for LE.

(U) Brass Catcher Gallery



(U) The blue items on the left are examples of search results from [www.yeggi.com](http://www.yeggi.com) for the term "brass catcher." The search yielded 1,920 thumbnail images of 3D printable brass catchers and related accessories, such as hanger supports and adapters. The remaining images show two types of brass catchers. On the left, a metal and fabric mesh basket is attached to a tactical light mount of a pistol. On the right, a larger, mesh bag attaches to the side of an assault rifle through the use of attachment clips.

## (U) Resources

- (U) Resources on NIBIN are available through ATF's website [www.atf.gov](http://www.atf.gov) or by contacting [NIBINmail@atf.gov](mailto:NIBINmail@atf.gov).

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## CYBER THREATS



### **U.S. Hunts Chinese Malware That Could Disrupt American Military Operations**

The Biden administration is hunting for malicious computer code it believes China has hidden deep inside the networks controlling power grids, communications systems and water supplies that feed military bases in the United States and around the world, according to American military, intelligence and national security officials. The discovery of the malware has raised fears that Chinese hackers, probably working for the People's Liberation Army, have inserted code designed to disrupt U.S. military operations in the event of a conflict, including if Beijing moves against Taiwan in coming years. Source: New York Times, 7/29/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** The New York Times (NYT) has reported that U.S. officials within the intelligence community and military are searching for malware believed to be "hidden deep inside the networks controlling power grids, communications systems, and water supplies that feed military bases in the United States and around the world." The malware is believed to have originated from Chinese hackers and, if true, would give the threat actor the ability to cut off water, power, and communications to military bases, residential homes, and businesses. According to the article, officials from the Biden Administration have begun briefing members of Congress, state governors, and utility companies about the matter. As of now, it is unclear to national security experts if the operation is targeting military personnel or broad U.S. civilian life. In late May 2023, Microsoft detected malware in telecommunications systems in Guam and elsewhere in the United States. The attack, now attributed to Chinese threat actor Volt Typhoon, was incredibly sophisticated and stealthy. As with most cyber-attacks committed by China-based attackers, the goal of this campaign was likely espionage. It is thought to have been first launched in mid-2021. Although this campaign is the first public reporting of Chinese malware of this kind, the NYT notes that "the U.S. government's effort to hunt down the code, and eradicate it, has been underway for some time." On July 13 the city of Hayward, Calif. declared a local emergency after computer and network systems were disabled by a cyber-attack, reported ABC. The ransomware disrupted the city's 911 dispatch center for almost two weeks while dispatchers had to rely on pencil and paper going "old school."

Additionally, those who spoke to the NYT anonymously have reported that the hunt for the malware has shown that the issue is more widespread than previously thought. Ransomware is a type of malware used by criminal elements to extort money from an entity to protect sensitive data or to unlock infected systems. The malware discovered in Chinese manufactured electronics is most likely inserted by the CCP as a way to create disruption in U.S. civilian and military infrastructure to further Chinese interests.

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



### **OT/IoT Malware Surges Tenfold in First Half of the Year**

Malware-related cyber-threats in operational technology (OT) and Internet of Things (IoT) environments jumped tenfold in the first six months of 2023 versus the previous half-year, according to Nozomi Networks. The security vendor compiled its latest Nozomi Networks Labs OT & IoT Security Report from ICS vulnerabilities, data from IoT honeypots and attack statistics from OT environments. "Specific to malware, denial-of-service (DoS) activity remains one of the most prevalent attacks against OT systems," the vendor explained in a blog post announcing the report. "This is followed by the remote access Trojan (RAT) category commonly used by attackers to establish control over compromised machines. Distributed denial of service (DDoS) threats are the top threat in IoT network domains. Malicious IoT botnets remain active this year as threat actors continue to use default credentials in attempts to access chained IoT devices." Source; Infosecurity Magazine, 8/2/2023

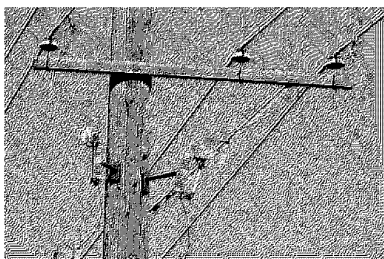
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*\*Analyst Comment\** According to U.S.-based software company Nozomi Networks, malware discovered in operational technology (OT) and Internet of Things (IoT) environments has increased in the first half of 2023 compared to 2022. The data was compiled from research on industrial control system (ICS) vulnerabilities, data from IoT honeypots, and attack statistics from OT environments. The report noted that “Since the beginning of the year, we have continued to see high-profile cyber activity from several types of threat actors, mainly ... ransomware gangs deploying living-off-the-land techniques. These techniques are easily accessible, capable of evading detection, highly adaptive, and supportive of automation.” Manufacturing, energy, healthcare, water, wastewater, and government sectors have been the most impacted by the rise in OT/IoT-related attacks. In late May, Mandiant released a vulnerability assessment on a newly discovered Russian-linked OT/ICS-oriented malware, CosmicEnergy. CosmicEnergy is designed “to cause electric power disruption by interacting with IEC 60870-5-104 (IEC-104) devices.” IEC-104 is a network protocol used in OT environments. Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and ICS devices often use IEC-104 to communicate with other devices like Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) and Remote Terminal Units (RTUs). The assessment noted that the malware is capable of turning OT devices on and off and disrupting power operations as a whole. The malware, albeit new, does not have major differences from other OT-oriented malware and even uses many of the same tactics, techniques, and protocols (TTPs) like the use of open-source libraries for protocol implementation and the use of Python for malware development and/or packaging. Source Over-The-Road-Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily (OTRBIAD) Report

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **Toxic lead telephone lines: Searching for solutions**



July 28, 2023 (Brookings Institution). Washington, DC - From the late 1800s to the 1960s, it was common practice to shield the copper wires inside telephone cables from electromagnetic interference by sheathing the cables in lead. It is believed the cables remaining today with this coating are mostly distribution cables for trunk lines rather than the lines that go into a home or office. These cables are either aerial deployments on utility poles, buried in the ground either directly or in conduits, or under water. A recent court filing by AT&T estimated that approximately 10% of its two million miles of copper wires are sheathed in lead. The company said about two-thirds of its lead-covered cables are “either buried or in conduit” followed by aerial cable, and a “very small portion”

running underwater. Analysts estimate that about 25% of those 200,000 miles of cable are aerial, 63% is buried in conduit, seven percent buried directly without the protection of conduit, and the remaining five percent is under water. The level of health and safety risks depend on how the cables are deployed. One theory holds the risk associated with cables contained inside buried conduits is different from cable buried directly in the ground or cable hung from poles. This, coupled with how removing the cables may release lead, suggests the need to prioritize sites of remediation that also take into consideration issues such as proximity to schools, playgrounds, hospitals, and other areas containing vulnerable individuals. <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/toxic-lead-telephone-lines-searching-for-solutions/>



### **Group questions safety of rubber chips made from old tires used on La Crosse playgrounds**

July 31, 2023 (La Crosse Tribune). La Crosse, Wisconsin - Parents, students, and other citizen scientists are taking advantage of summer's hottest days to test playground surface temperatures with infrared sensors. On a recent 95-degree day, students discovered playground surface temperatures at Crowley Park to be between 140 degrees to 150 degrees on the rubber chips and 95 degrees near grass and wood chips. Recycled rubber chips, also called tire crumb, are produced by shredding, or grinding old tires into small pieces. The fill materials are promoted as a way to reuse old products. [Safer

Playspaces and Community Environments] SPACE has found toxic chemicals lurk in the rubber surfaces and can be released, especially on hot days. The recycled tires often contain lead, other heavy metals, carcinogenic chemicals, and

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volatile organic compounds, a category of chemicals more likely to release when hot. Short-term effects from exposure to these compounds can cause irritation to the eyes, nose and throat, headaches, asthma, and nausea. Long-term health risks include damage to the central nervous system, liver, and other organs. <https://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/group-questions-safety-of-rubber-chips-made-from-old-tires-used-on-la-crosse-playgrounds/article-98c01190-2cbb-11ee-b430-cf2040daa7f1.html>

## **NATIONAL**

### **(U//LES) Domestic Trafficking of Xylazine and Nitazene Synthetic Opioids**

(U//LES) The FBI assesses domestic drug traffickers likely distribute xylazine and nitazene synthetic opioids (NSOs) into the illicit drug supply for financial profit and to meet current market demands, contributing to an increase in overdose fatalities. This assessment is made with medium confidence, based on reporting from FBI human sources with varying degrees of access, FBI subject interviews, FBI agents, local police department laboratory results, and DEA laboratory results.



(U//FOUO) The FBI makes this assessment based on the key assumption domestic drug traffickers devise novel and cost-effective ways to make their supplies more appealing to consumers and increase profits. If this assumption proved false, the likelihood of this assessment would decrease, as it could mean domestic drug traffickers are not selling stand-alone xylazine and NSOs, or adulterated drug combinations containing these substances, for profit. Indicators that, if detected, would refute the main analytic judgment include reporting on alternative trends in the domestic production, transport, and trafficking of illicit drugs without xylazine and NSOs through human source reporting, investigative case information, and partner agency information. In the next 6 to 12 months, the FBI assesses domestic drug traffickers likely will expand distribution of xylazine and NSOs as stand-alone illicit products and as adulterants of other illicit drugs for profitability, given the low cost of production, limited law enforcement scrutiny, and laboratory testing limitations and priorities.

#### **(U//LES) Domestic Drug Traffickers Likely Distributing Xylazine and NSOs into the Illicit Drug Supply, Contributing to an Increase in Overdose Fatalities**

(U//LES) The FBI assesses domestic drug traffickers likely distribute xylazine and NSOs into the illicit drug supply for financial profit and to meet current market demands, contributing to an increase in overdose fatalities. The FBI bases this assessment on reporting of xylazine and NSOs being sold as stand-alone illicit products and as adulterants in illicit poly-drug combinations.

• (U) As of November 2021, identified drug traffickers operating in Michigan sold fentanyl M30 pills containing 1 mg of NSOs etonitazene and isotonitazene on a Darknet marketplace. The drug traffickers' product was advertised as producing a high similar to a combination of Xanax and oxycodone, according to an FBI agent. On 5 April 2022, the execution of a search warrant on the drug traffickers' vehicle revealed 15,500 pills, a clear plastic container labeled "protonitazene," an unknown powder, Firmapress, pill presses, and other drug manufacturing equipment, according to an FBI agent.

• (U//FOUO) As of 7 February 2023, two identified drug traffickers operating in California acquired xylazine from China for use as an adulterant to increase the potency of their cocaine and compete with the Sinaloa Cartel in the illicit market. The identified traffickers intended to transform the illicit drug combination into a rock-like form to allow the blend of drugs to better integrate, according to an FBI human source with direct access.

• (U) As of January 2022, identified drug traffickers operating in Pennsylvania purchased xylazine from an unidentified supplier in Puerto Rico for \$7,500 to \$10,000 per case, according to an FBI agent. The drug traffickers purchased the xylazine for resale to other drug traffickers to adulterate heroin and fentanyl, according to an FBI subject interview. As of March 2022, a separate identified trafficker in Pennsylvania acquired up to 300 bottles of xylazine weekly from unidentified individuals in Pennsylvania for resale, according to an additional FBI subject interview.

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• (U) As of February 2022, identified drug traffickers operating in South Carolina sold NSO metonitazene and xylazine, both mixed with fentanyl, to individuals in South Carolina, according to an FBI human source with direct access, a local police department laboratory report, and an FBI agent. In March 2021, a separate identified drug trafficker sold suspected heroin to an individual in South Carolina, according to an FBI human source with direct access. Analysis of the purchased substance revealed the presence of xylazine and fentanyl, according to a DEA laboratory report.

• (U//FOUO) As of October 2022, an identified drug traffickers operating in North Carolina sold suspected fentanyl to an individual in North Carolina, according to an FBI human source with direct access. Subsequent testing revealed the presence of xylazine and fentanyl, according to a DEA laboratory report. As of January 2023, individuals in North Carolina purchased stand-alone xylazine from drug traffickers as a substitute when they were unable to acquire fentanyl, according to an FBI human source with indirect access.

### **(U) Perspective**

(U) Between June 2021 and June 2022, approximately 108,000 individuals in the United States died from drug overdoses, with approximately 77,000 of those deaths attributed to opioids. The opioid epidemic and resulting fatalities are further exacerbated by the continued introduction of novel synthetic drugs, trafficked either as stand-alone products or as adulterants to other illicit drug products, wittingly or unwittingly to the consumer. Drug traffickers increasingly use xylazine and NSOs to enhance, mimic, and extend the effects of the advertised drug, and the user may experience postponed withdrawal symptoms. Xylazine and NSO-caused overdoses may result in symptoms similar to those from opioids, including respiratory depression and arrest, but the overdose reversal application of naloxone has no mitigating effect on xylazine, as it is not an opioid. Xylazine and NSOs also pose a considerable forensic challenge for law enforcement and public health officials, as some forensic laboratories try to secure reference standards and prioritize testing but have limited resource capabilities.

(U) The trafficking of xylazine and NSOs, either as stand-alone products or as adulterants, is profitable both in terms of inexpensive sourcing and ease of combining these substances into illicit poly-drug combinations, which require less fentanyl, heroin, and cocaine. Xylazine may be obtained legitimately in liquid form through pharmaceutical veterinary retailers in vials or preloaded syringes, and is also available illicitly in liquid and powder forms online through suppliers based in China, who sell it for a relatively low price between \$6 and \$20 per kilogram. NSOs are also sourced from China and the cost of synthesizing these compounds are low and advantageous, resulting in higher potency products marketed as unique mixtures. Pricing for NSOs can vary on the open web and is dependent on the quantity purchased. These compounds are available in powder, liquid, and solid form; are often unrecognizable or undetectable; and are easily disguised in combination with other illicit drugs, such as heroin, fentanyl, counterfeit pills.

(U//LES) The assessment in this product aligns with and expands upon the 16 November 2022 FBI Emerging Intelligence Report, titled “(U//FOUO) US Criminal Actors Combine Fentanyl with Xylazine, Increasing Fatal Overdoses,” which assessed xylazine was being added to the domestic fentanyl supply to extend and enhance the effects of fentanyl. This product expands on that analysis by identifying xylazine and NSOs as a stand-alone illicit products that are also being used as adulterants in other illicit drug combinations in the United States. The product also aligns with and expands upon the 21 July 2022 Customs and Border Protection Intelligence Note, titled “(U//LES) Xylazine: A Growing Adulterant Threat,” which assessed xylazine was being used as an adulterant in the illicit domestic fentanyl and heroin supply. This product expands on that analysis by identifying xylazine and NSOs as stand-alone illicit products, in addition to being used as an adulterant in illicit drug combinations involving fentanyl, heroin, and cocaine in the United States.

### **(U) Analysis of Alternatives**

(U//FOUO) The FBI considered the alternative hypothesis domestic drug traffickers likely are unwittingly introducing xylazine and NSOs into the illicit drug supply using pre-adulterated illicit drugs sourced through international suppliers to meet current market demand, causing a rise in US overdose fatalities. This alternative is supported by limited surveillance and reporting on the domestic source of adulterated drugs containing xylazine and NSOs in the United States, leading to a partial understanding of the full scope and complexity of this issue. The FBI discounted this alternative because of law enforcement reporting revealing domestic drug traffickers are involved in the production and sale of xylazine and NSOs in the United States as a more profitable illicit alternative with similar or more powerful effects that is often more addictive

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and attractive to users. The likelihood of this alternative would increase if reporting indicated drug traffickers shifted operations towards the international sourcing of pre-adulterated illicit drugs, unaware they contained xylazine and NSOs.

#### **(U) Outlook**

(U//FOUO) The FBI assesses, in the next 6 to 12 months, domestic drug traffickers likely will expand distribution of xylazine and NSOs as stand-alone illicit products and as adulterants of other illicit drugs for profitability, given the low cost of production, limited law enforcement scrutiny, and laboratory testing limitations and priorities. Implications of an expansion include an increase in government resources expended to track, address, and mitigate the threat. Indicators of this activity include an increase in FBI reporting regarding the trafficking of xylazine and NSOs as stand-alone products or adulterants in other illicit drug combinations, and confirmatory laboratory results in federal, state, and local drug trafficking investigations.

(U//FOUO) In the next 12 to 24 months, the FBI assesses drug traffickers likely will seek additional adulterants, including novel illicit substances and those not currently scheduled at the federal or state levels, to evade law enforcement detection, increase profit margins, and keep up with domestic market demand for more powerful drugs with opioid-like effects. Implications of drug traffickers distributing additional novel drug combinations containing NSOs and xylazine include adverse public health consequences and social and economic strain on community resources. Indicators of this activity include reporting on the production, transport, and trafficking of these substances through human source reporting, investigative case information, and partner agency information mentioning the introduction of these additional substances in the domestic illicit drug supply.

(U//FOUO) Opportunities to mitigate the xylazine and NSO drug trafficking threat include outreach and liaison with law enforcement, public health, and industry specialists, including laboratory, pharmaceutical, and veterinary partners. Leveraging existing liaison relationships and forming new partnerships for intelligence collection on operational trends and drug trafficking tradecraft could address gaps in awareness and understanding on this threat. Collaboration among state and federal law enforcement partners and public health agencies may establish timelier reporting on tradecraft deviations, resulting in more reliable mitigation strategies for threat activity associated with domestic drug trafficking. Greater attention on the issue of xylazine and NSOs trends and emerging issues could result in increased reporting on drug trafficking operations and how these substances contribute to fatal overdoses in the United States.

(U//FOUO) Source: FBI (19 JUL 2023) Domestic Trafficking of Xylazine and Nitazene Synthetic Opioids.

### **Driver Charged With Plowing Car Into Migrant Workers**



[Lincolnton, North Carolina] A 68-year-old man who plowed his S.U.V. into a group of six migrant workers outside a Walmart in Lincolnton, N.C., on Sunday turned himself into police on Monday evening, saying he accidentally hit the gas while trying to park and fled in a panic, the police said. The man, Daniel Gonzalez, of Hickory, N.C., was arrested and charged with a felony hit-and-run after he arrived at the police station just before 6 p.m. together with several family members, the City of Lincolnton Police Department said in a statement. Source: New York Times, 7/31/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** At approximately 1:15 p.m. local time on 30 July 2023, a 68-year-old man struck six migrant workers with an S.U.V. as they congregated outside a Walmart in Lincolnton, North Carolina. The driver initially fled the scene but turned himself into the local police station five hours later. All six of the struck workers were transported to a nearby hospital with "various injuries," none of which are considered life-threatening. The causes leading up to the incident are

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under investigation. Local law enforcement who reviewed footage of the incident said it appeared to be “an intentional assault;” however, the driver claims it was accidental, and said that he “hit the gas by accident” while trying to park, then fled in a panic. The driver is cooperating with authorities, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is assisting with the investigation. In May 2023, a similar event occurred when a 34-year-old man allegedly lost control of an S.U.V. in Brownsville, Texas and struck multiple migrants who were waiting at a bus stop near a migrant aid facility, killing eight and injuring ten others before attempting to flee. In the May incident, witnesses claimed the driver was using anti-immigrant slurs, but law enforcement were unable to corroborate the claim. The driver was ultimately charged with manslaughter and the incident is still under investigation. Source; Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **(U) Pennsylvania: University Student Charged with Making False Statements to Federal Agents in Terrorism Investigation**

(U) According to open-source reporting, on 20 JUL 23, Kamal Fataliev, 19, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania who is a legal permanent resident with Russian citizenship was arrested and charged with making false statements to FBI special agents during an international terrorism investigation in May 2023. Reportedly, in 2022, the FBI became aware of Fataliev after disrupting a Chicago, Illinois terrorist plot and discovered more than 700 messages between Fataliev and one of the suspects tied to the Chicago investigation. According to open-source reporting, when FBI agents questioned Fataliev about his contact with Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) sympathizers and assistance to individuals plotting the Chicago attack, and found that Fataliev lied twice about his involvement. (Open Source, 26 JUL 23; Open Source, 20 JUL 23)



(U) Kamal Fataliev

(U) According to open-source reporting, Fataliev, a sophomore at USBUS Pennsylvania State University Abington campus, uploaded more than 200 bomb, poison, and weapons-making manuals to multiple terrorism-related online chat groups while working part-time and attending business classes at the university. According to open-source reporting, in 2022, agents conducted a legal search at Fataliev's home and discovered hundreds of firearms and explosives manuals on his computer as well as several online posts where Fataliev allegedly “demonstrated support for violence on behalf of ISIS.” Fataliev admitted that he provided the materials to people he believed to be legitimate ISIS fighters. (Open Source, 26 JUL 23; Open Source, 20 JUL 23; Open Source, 26 JUL 23)

(U) Additionally, in a separate interview in 2022, Fataliev indicated to agents that he turned away from radical Islamic ideology and swore off any further contact with online terror-related groups. However, within months, Fataliev offered to assist an individual with planning a terrorist attack set to occur during the 2023 May Memorial Day holiday weekend. Unknown to Fataliev, the witness was cooperating with the FBI. Reportedly, Fataliev helped connect the witness with terrorists he knew overseas and offered suggestions; for example, suggesting that supplies needed to build the bomb be bought at different stores making it more difficult for investigators afterward to piece together the preparation steps. According to reporting, FBI agents again confronted Fataliev prior to the holiday weekend and Fataliev stated that he never offered any advice or encouragement for an attack and that he was unaware of a timeline of any impending terrorist strikes. (Open Source, 26 JUL 23; Open Source, 26 JUL 23)

(CUI) *ARTIC Comment:* According to open-source reporting, authorities are unclear on why Fataliev turned towards Islamic extremism. Reportedly, Fataliev is described as an exemplary student who graduated from USBUS Pennsbury High School in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and is a National Business Honor Society member who maintained a 3.99 GPA while working in IT support at the university.

(CUI) According to additional open-source reporting, Fataliev made two separate trips to the Russian consulate in New York City, New York after he realized he was under federal investigation. Reportedly, his father asked authorities if he

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should take his son out of the country. Fataliev is considered a flight risk and remains in federal custody. (Open Source, 26 JUL 23; Open Source, 20 JUL 23) Source: Army Threat Integration Center (ARTIC).

### **(U) Mexican Cartels Allegedly Exploit CBP One App By Selling VPN Services Enabling Migrants To Make Appointment Outside Of App's Geofence - United States**



The Mexican government is allegedly allowing any migrant who enters the country from Guatemala to continue traveling to the United States border if they have obtained an appointment on the U.S. government's Customs and Border Protection (CBP) One phone app, which Mexican cartels have found ways to exploit, the Washington Examiner reported Friday

- Mexican cartels are exploiting the app's security and found a way to request unlimited appointments for anyone in the world, which is far beyond the app's "northern Mexico" geofence
- An investigation conducted by the Washington Examiner included a review of unclassified, internal DHS documents and communications revealed that the Mexican government's National Immigration Institute earlier this summer ordered its immigration officials to turn away all non-Mexican citizens who do not have a CBP One app appointment, according to one of the documents
- Cartels have used Mexico's policy to its advantage by overpowering the app and making profits from any migrant who wishes to enter Mexico
- "Mexico will certainly let people through if they have an appointment, they're sort of counting that as a de facto transit visa," said an official with the defense oversight for the liberal immigrant advocacy organization of the Washington Office for Latin America
- Cartels have been selling migrants a service that provides them with an internet connection through a virtual private network (VPN)
- Rather than use a regular internet service provider in the user's location, a VPN routes a device's internet connection through a private service so that the app cannot tell if the person is in northern Mexico
- Smugglers openly advertise their VPN services in southern Mexico and on social media

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/policy/immigration/mexican-cartels-exploit-cbp-one-app>



### **Teenagers 'Risking Prison Over Extremist Content Without Leaving Their Rooms'**

[United Kingdom] Teenagers who share extremist content online are risking a prison sentence without leaving their bedrooms, the head of Counter Terrorism Policing has said. Matt Jukes also told the BBC officers were seeing more online hatred spill over into "real threats of violence on the streets". Under-18s accounted for 14% of all terrorism-related arrests in the UK in the year to March 2023, down from a record 15% in the previous 12 months, Home Office figures show. It marks a significant rise on 2019/20, when it was 5%. Some 24 people under the age of 18 were arrested for terror-related activity in the year to March 2023, down from 29 in the previous 12 months. Source: The Independent, 8/3/2023

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*\*Analyst Comment\** The United Kingdom's Counter Terrorism Policing Unit reports that it is currently working on more than 800 active investigations that have a nexus to suspected terrorism. Although the number of terror arrests is declining significantly, from 447 in 2017/18 to 169 in 2022/23, the number of juveniles arrested is increasing, identifying a unique trend. In 2019, just 4% of those arrested were under the age of 18, but by 2022 the figure had increased to 20%. Matt Jukes, head of Counter Terrorism Policing, told the BBC that counter terrorism officers have seen young people downloading instructions for 3D printed firearms, buying chemicals online, and reconnoitering potential targets. Jukes further stated that "one in five of the arrests we make now involve someone under 18, and more of them involving under 25s, so this is a new and emerging threat, which should concern us all and certainly should concern us in respect to the online lives of our communities." The UK's Counter Terrorism Program includes an effort called "Prevent" which seeks to identify young people who are in danger of becoming radicalized through exposure to extremist content online and intervene before they become a threat to themselves or the public. Jukes attributes the recent trend in youths turning to extremism to the social isolation produced by the pandemic, which redirected juveniles onto social media for interaction which may have exposed them to radical content. Source; Source; Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

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

#### **WA homelessness group exposed sensitive data on kids, young adults**

<https://crosscut.com/investigations/2023/07/wa-homelessness-group-exposed-sensitive-data-kids-young-adults>

#### **FBI finds 200 victims of sex trafficking, 59 missing children in nationwide sweep**

<https://www.fox13seattle.com/news/fbi-finds-200-victims-sex-trafficking-59-missing-children-nationwide-sweep>

#### **(U) Indiana – Mass Shooting at Street Party Leaves One Dead, 19 People Wounded**

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/muncie-mass-shooting-indiana-street-party/>

#### **(U) Washington – Five Shot Outside Rainier Beach Safeway at Community Event Aimed at Deterring Violence**

<https://www.king5.com/article/news/crime/5-shot-rainier-beach-safeway/281-fc9356bf-d3a9-4496-8491-5e693cc13a64>

#### **Man accused of firing a gun outside a Jewish school in Memphis faces multiple charges**

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/08/03/us/memphis-margolin-hebrew-academy-shooting-suspect/index.html>

#### **(U) Haiti – American Nurse Working in Haiti and Her Child Kidnapped**

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/alix-dorsainvil-kidnapped-haiti-child-american-nurse/>

#### **(U) Arizona – Glendale Police Arrest Suspect After Seizing More Than 780,000 Fentanyl Pills**

<https://ktar.com/story/5522050/glendale-police-arrest-suspect-after-seizing-more-than-780000-fentanyl-pills/>

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## REGIONAL



### Ford pickup truck tops list of Washington's most stolen vehicles in 2022

A full-sized 1999 Ford pickup has the dubious distinction of being the most stolen vehicle in Washington state last year, according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau. More than 4,100 of the older Ford trucks were ripped off by thieves in the Evergreen State in 2022, the NICB and NW Insurance Council announced in a Wednesday news release. While that particular Ford model may have topped Washington's top-10 list of stolen vehicles, a full-size 2004 Chevrolet pickup was the one most targeted by

thieves nationwide, the NICB reported.

The report tracks theft data for vehicles manufactured between 1997 to 2018. Certain models of older cars and trucks are popular with thieves because of their longevity and value of their parts, plus they are easier to steal, the news release stated.

Newer and more-expensive vehicles often have more sophisticated alarms and anti-theft systems and can be harder targets for auto thieves. But when stolen, these vehicles are frequently resold intact or shipped overseas, according to the insurance council.

Citing information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a motor vehicle is stolen every 32 seconds in the United States and those losses cost vehicle owners about \$8 billion in 2022. The number of vehicle thefts nationwide increased by 7% last year, the NICB also reported. Such losses affect vehicle insurance coverage for all consumers. "The cost to repair or replace stolen vehicles is reflected in insurance premiums. That makes auto theft prevention an important issue for every vehicle owner," said Kenton Brine, president of the NW Insurance Council, an

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insurer-supported organization that provides information to consumers, media, and public policymakers in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

When thefts occur, vehicle owners are urged to immediately notify law enforcement. Statistically, 34% of reported stolen vehicles are recovered the same day of the theft and 45% are located within two days, according to the NICB.

Reporting a theft to police also provides the vehicle owner with a record that is typically needed by an insurer to honor a claim.

According to NICB data, Washington state's most stolen vehicles in 2022 were:

- 1999 Ford pickup (full size) – 4,121 thefts
- 2000 Honda Civic – 3,267 thefts
- 1997 Honda Accord – 2,613 thefts
- 2004 Chevrolet pickup (full size) – 1,575 thefts
- 2001/2000 Honda CR-V – 1,338 thefts
- 1997 Ford pickup (small size) – 858 thefts
- 2007 Toyota Camry – 791 thefts
- 1998 Subaru Legacy – 771 thefts
- 2001 Dodge pickup (full size) – 744 thefts
- 2018 Hyundai Elantra – 698 thefts

To reduce the risk of being ripped off, vehicle owners can take these precautions:

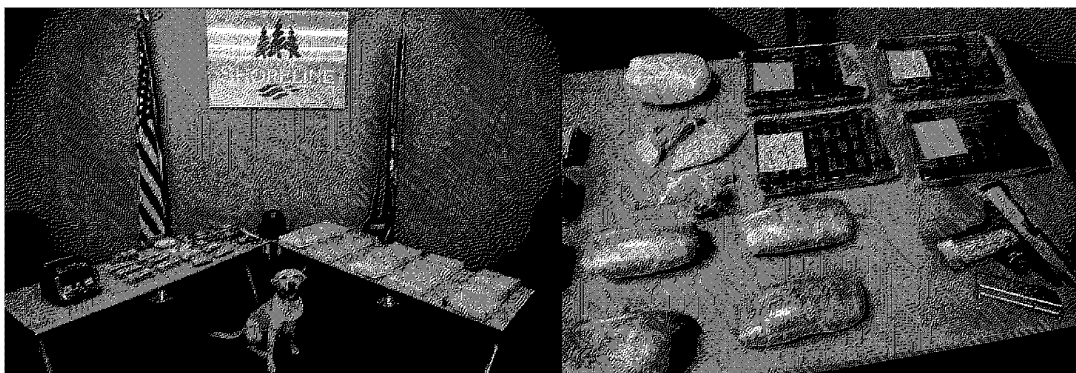
- Keep doors locked and windows completely rolled up.
- Remove keys from the ignition or take the key fob with you, even when only briefly stepping away from the vehicle.
- Remove or hide valuables such as purses, wallets, cell phones, briefcases, bags, or firearms.
- Park in well-lit areas.

If equipped, always activate the alarm or security system of your vehicle when it is parked or unattended. The insurance council said auto owners may add optional comprehensive coverage to their insurance plans which can offset the cost of repairs or loss of a stolen vehicle. Such policies are separate from collision and personal injury auto liability insurance required by state law.

Source; <https://www.thecentersquare.com/washington/article/2fff46fc-356d-11ee-9ac0-cb60838575ac.html#tncms-source=infinity-scroll-summary-sticky-siderail-latest>

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## 2 million lethal doses of fentanyl seized, dealer arrested during King County drug bust



SHORELINE, Wash. — Officials seized more than \$1.2 million in drugs, including 290,000 fentanyl pills, in a King County operation that took place on Thursday.

The drug bust — called "Operation Jade" — was led by the Shoreline Police Department and King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO), according to a press release from the county.

From the operation, officials said they seized the following:

- 290,000 M-30/fentanyl pills
- 9.5 pounds of fentanyl powder
- 1 pound of cocaine
- 5.7 pounds of heroin
- \$52,043 in cash
- 1 stolen firearm (handgun)

The amount of fentanyl seized is enough to cause more than 2 million lethal doses, according to the sheriff's office, which said "Operation Jade" is one of its largest busts ever. The operation targeted a drug trafficker suspects of dealing in Shoreline, Burien, White Center and Seattle.

*"We're incredibly proud of our dedicated deputies who, through their relentless efforts and investigation, were able to remove a large amount of narcotics from our community," King County Sheriff Patti Cole-Tindall said in a statement. "Every drug removed from our streets is a potential life saved, and this operation showcases our commitment to enhancing safety for all within our neighborhoods."*

*"I'm incredibly grateful for the hard work of our Sheriff's Office in fighting the scourge of fentanyl," King County Executive Dow Constantine added in the release. "In this one operation, the Sheriff's Office stopped enough fentanyl to take the lives of millions of people. King County will not stop in this fight, and we're working around the clock, through law enforcement, public health, and human services to protect people from this deadly toxin."*

In King County's press release, it explained the meaning behind the name of the operation.

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"Operation Jade was dedicated to and named after retired King County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Detection K9 Jade, who sadly passed away last month, surrounded by her family," the release said. "Jade dedicated much of her life to protecting the communities of King County and bringing joy to whoever was fortunate enough to interact with her." Source; KOMO News

## **OFFICER SAFETY**



PCSD CIB 23-050s

PCSD CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

## **SPECIAL BULLETIN**

August 9, 2023

### **ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY – STRONGARM ROBBERY SUSPECT**



Pierce County Sheriff's detectives are attempting to identify the suspect responsible for a Strong-arm Robbery under PCSD Case #23-199-01762

On July 18, 2023, at approximately 1645 hours the subject pictured below shoplifted items from the Safeway store located at 3842 Bridgeport Way W. in University Place. When confronted by Loss Prevention, the suspect punched one of the loss Prevention employees causing a broken nose, chipped teeth, and other facial abrasions. The suspect dropped the merchandise and walked away.



If you have any information on the identity of this suspect or similar incidents, please contact Detective Darren Moss Sr. at 253 798-7721 or [darren.moss@piercecounitywa.gov](mailto:darren.moss@piercecounitywa.gov).

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| <p>Det. R. Beck<br/>Desk: 253-591-5679 Cell: 253-278-7020</p>                     |  | <p>RBeck@CityofTacoma.org</p>   |

**Attempt to Identify - Assault 1x2 Suspect**  
**No PC at this time**  
**TPD Case # 2322001257**



Suspect was described as:  
 Black male with a medium complexion  
 5'5" to 5'10"  
 Slight build 140-170 lbs.  
 Unknown age possibly a teenager

Wearing a full blue bandana print sweat suit,  
 gray balaclava, black shoes, and black socks

Armed with a black semi-auto handgun

On 08/08/23, the depicted individual fired multiple shots from a semi-automatic 9mm handgun, towards crowded parking lot, located at south 12th and Sprague. A woman and her teenage stepdaughter were struck by gunfire and sustained non-life-threatening wounds.

The suspect fled the area on foot and was last seen by witnesses entering the courtyard of Midtown 15 Apartments (1801 S. 15th Street). He was described as a black male, medium complexion, 5'5" to 5'10", 140-170 pounds. As depicted above, he was last seen wearing a blue sweat-suit with white markings similar to a bandana pattern, gray balaclava, black socks and shoes.

The firearm used in the incident was not recovered and the depicted individual is considered ARMED & DANGEROUS.

\*\*\*If located please attempt to identify the depicted individual or if you are familiar with him contact Det. Beck. There is NO PC at this time. Please do not discuss the details related to this incident with the suspect.

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**Pierce County  
Sheriff's Department  
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**

**SPECIAL  
BULLETIN  
\*UPDATE\***

PCSD CID 23-049s

PCSD CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

August 9, 2023

**ATTEMPT TO LOCATE – HOMICIDE SUSPECTS**

**NO PC FOR GLEN PEREZ, STILL DETAIN TO TALK TO DETECTIVES**

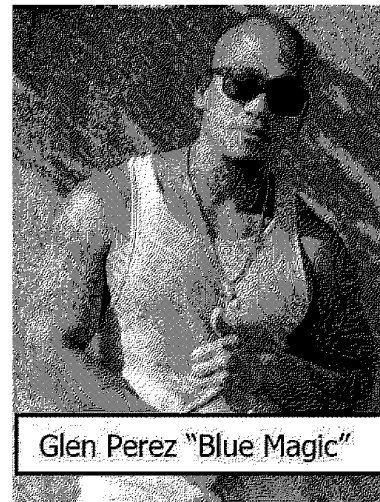
Pierce County Sheriff's Detectives are attempting to locate Homicide Suspects Shaun Luzama (8-30-74) and Glen Q. Perez (11-09-88). There is **PROBABLE CAUSE** to arrest LUZAMA for MURDER 1st Degree under PCSD Case #2321702275. There is **NO PROBABLE CAUSE** to arrest Perez, but detain for interview by detectives he is still a person of interest.

On 08/07/2023 at approximately 2200hrs, three subjects were outside Concordia Apts in Tacoma when a Charcoal Nissan Frontier Crew Cab arrived. The driver was identified as Shaun Luzama and the passenger, Glen Perez "Blue Magic." A witness was walking on Glen's side of the vehicle and the victim was walking on the driver's side. Shaun is reported to have shot at least 3 times, hitting the victim, who later succumbed to his injuries.

The vehicle has not been recovered. 45 caliber casings were located at the scene but no firearm(s) were located/recovered. Suspects should be considered **ARMED AND DANGEROUS**.



Shaun Luzama "Panta"



Glen Perez "Blue Magic"

**VEHICLE:** Dark Grey Nissan Frontier. If the vehicle is located, please secure it for a search warrant.

If either LUZAMA is located, do not discuss the case and arrest for the listed charges. **Immediately** notify Detective Sergeant L. Kirkegaard at 253-606-1281, [Lindsay.Kirkegaard@piercecounitywa.gov](mailto:Lindsay.Kirkegaard@piercecounitywa.gov) AND Detective A. Cannon at 253-254-8744, [Ashton.Cannon@piercecounitywa.gov](mailto:Ashton.Cannon@piercecounitywa.gov).

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DOL

**NAME: Glen Q. Perez (Blue Magic)**

**DOB: 11-09-1988**

**PHY: Pac Islander/M, 5'11", 209lbs, Bro eyes, bald.**

**SMT: Tattoos on arms and neck**

**LKA: Possibly 133 124th St SE Apt B301, Everett, WA, and 5721 36th Ave E, Tacoma, WA.**

**VEH: Charcoal Nissan Frontier 4-door or 2007 Chevy Cobalt WA# CFZ5624**

DOL

**NAME: Shaun Luzama**

**AKA: Panta Luzama**

**DOB: 08-30-1974**

**PHY: Pac Islander/M 6'1" 220lbs gry/bro. Long Hair**



**SMT: Tattoos on arms**

**LKA: 3414 Forest Dr NE, Bremerton, WA and  
1128 S 204th St Seatac, WA**

**VEH: Charcoal Nissan Frontier, 4 door**



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## OFFICER AWARENESS

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### Attempt to Identify Assault Suspect #2321101022

The Suspect took what appeared to be a cellphone or some other object and struck the Victim on the right side of her neck and arm causing mild bruising and swelling. The Suspect then immediately left the park on foot with her dog traveling in an unknown direction.

The Victim was able to obtain photos of the Suspect who was seen wearing a purple jogging suit, appearing to be in her mid to late forties.

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## **CYBER THREATS**

### **Exclusive: America Is Struggling to Safeguard Water Supply From Hackers, New EPA Data Shows**



Water utilities across the United States are making important progress in hardening their cyber defenses, but they're struggling to implement some advanced technologies, according to data obtained exclusively by The Messenger. The data, contained in an Environmental Protection Agency spreadsheet received through a Freedom of Information Act request, highlights the water sector's uneven progress in improving its digital defenses. The spreadsheet shows that small utilities are lagging behind their larger peers; that funding issues have prevented utility managers from buying sophisticated protections; and that a shortage of security experts has limited

utilities' ability to practice ongoing readiness. In March, the EPA began requiring state water system supervisors to review utilities' cyber defenses as part of their periodic inspections. Source: The Messenger, 7/25/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** The United States has over 150,000 public water systems, 93% of which serve 10,000 people or less, and 59% of which serve 500 people or less. Between Spring 2020 and Spring 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted assessments every six months on 249 public water utilities to determine cybersecurity preparedness. On 3 March 2023, the EPA issued a memorandum addressing the public water systems (PWS) cybersecurity posture, and based on the results of their assessments, they "saw important, significant improvements in a lot of very essential areas in cybersecurity," but found that many municipal PWSs had failed to adopt basic cyber-security best practices and are still at high risk of being victimized by a cyber-attack. The EPA noted that cyberattacks against critical infrastructure facilities like PWSs are increasing, and that past incidents have shown that these attacks have the potential to disable or contaminate the delivery of drinking water to consumers and other essential facilities, including hospitals. In February

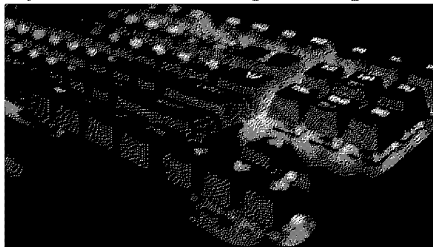
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2021, a water treatment plant in Florida was targeted when the amount of sodium hydroxide (lye) used to treat drinking water was changed from 100 parts per million to 11,100 parts per million, which would have poisoned the water for consumers. The tampering was discovered and corrected by plant personnel. In June 2021, a water treatment plant in San Francisco was also targeted when the digital programs the plant used to treat the water were deleted. Following the attacks, U.S. Senator Tom Carper of Delaware cited a 2019 report by the American Water Works Association that listed cyber-risk as the number one threat facing the U.S. water sector, and the Cyberspace Solarium Commission, a Congressionally mandated organization created to "develop a consensus on a strategic approach to defending the United States in cyberspace against cyber-attacks of significant consequences," has "identified the nation's water and wastewater utilities, as comprising one of the components of the nation's critical infrastructure system most vulnerable to cyberattacks, along with the electric grid and the financial system."

The full text of the EPA's memorandum can be found at: [https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-03/Addressing%20PWS%20Cybersecurity%20in%20Sanitary%20Surveys%20Memo\\_March%202023.pdf?sm\\_au=isVkJTJ8M6PTPLMTP](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-03/Addressing%20PWS%20Cybersecurity%20in%20Sanitary%20Surveys%20Memo_March%202023.pdf?sm_au=isVkJTJ8M6PTPLMTP) Source: Over-The-Road-Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily (OTRBIAD) Report

## New acoustic attack steals data from keystrokes with 95% accuracy

A team of researchers from British universities has trained a deep learning model that can steal data from keyboard keystrokes recorded using a microphone with an accuracy of 95%. When Zoom was used for training the sound classification algorithm, the prediction accuracy dropped to 93%, which is still dangerously high, and a record for that medium. Such an attack severely affects the target's data security, as it could leak people's passwords, discussions, messages, or other sensitive information to malicious third parties. Moreover, contrary to other side-channel attacks that require special conditions and are subject to data rate and distance limitations, acoustic attacks have become much simpler due to the abundance of microphone-bearing devices that can achieve high-quality audio captures. This, combined with the rapid advancements in machine learning, makes sound-based side-channel attacks feasible and a lot more dangerous than previously anticipated. Listening to keystrokes.



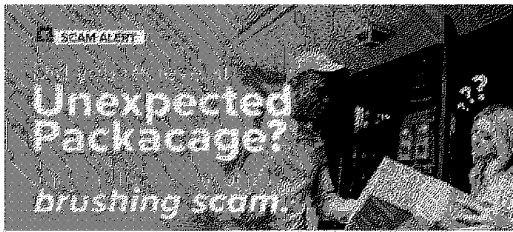
The first step of the attack is to record keystrokes on the target's keyboard, as that data is required for training the prediction algorithm. This can be achieved via a nearby microphone or the target's phone that might have been infected by malware that has access to its microphone. Alternatively, keystrokes can be recorded through a Zoom call where a rogue meeting participant makes correlations between messages typed by the target and their sound recording.

The researchers gathered training data by pressing 36 keys on a modern MacBook Pro 25 times each and recording the sound produced by each press. Then, they produced waveforms and spectrograms from the recordings that visualize identifiable differences for each key and performed specific data processing steps to augment the signals that can be used for identifying keystrokes. The spectrogram images were used to train 'CoAtNet,' which is an image classifier, while the process required some experimentation with epoch, learning rate, and data splitting parameters until the best prediction accuracy results could be achieved. In their experiments, the researchers used the same laptop, whose keyboard has been used in all Apple laptops for the past two years, an iPhone 13 mini placed 17cm away from the target, and Zoom. The CoANet classifier achieved 95% accuracy from the smartphone recordings and 93% from those captured through Zoom. Skype produced a lower but still usable 91.7% accuracy. Possible mitigations. For users who are overly worried about acoustic sidechannel attacks, the paper suggests that they may try altering typing styles or using randomized passwords. Other potential defense measures include using software to reproduce keystroke sounds, white noise, or software-based keystroke audio filters. Remember, the attack model proved highly effective even against a very silent keyboard, so adding sound dampeners on mechanical keyboards or switching to membrane-based keyboards is unlikely to help. Ultimately, employing biometric authentication where feasible, and utilizing password managers to circumvent the need to input sensitive information manually, also serve as mitigating factors.

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/new-acoustic-attack-steals-data-from-keystrokes-with-95-percent-accuracy/>

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## How to guard against 'brushing' scams



Imagine coming home to find unexpected packages on your doorstep. Boxes full of random merchandise from Amazon or other companies. Seems like a jackpot, doesn't it? But as the Better Business Bureau (BBB) warns, this scam called "brushing" has a scary downside, and you are not the real winner here. What is a 'brushing' scam?

Brushing scams have seen a sudden nationwide surge. You start receiving unordered boxes of miscellaneous items such as

humidifiers, hand warmers, flashlights, Bluetooth speakers or computer vacuum cleaners. The items are often lightweight and inexpensive to ship, like ping pong balls, face masks, or even seeds from China. It happens when a third-party seller gets hold of your name, shipping address and potentially even your account information. They then send you unsolicited items and write a positive review on your behalf. This scam is a tactic to artificially inflate the seller's ratings and boost their online presence. While this might sound harmless or even beneficial to you, remember – there's no such thing as a free lunch. Why it's a red flag. If you're receiving items as though you've purchased them, it signifies that someone has access to your personal information. Your name, address, and perhaps even your phone number are all potentially exposed. Once this information is online, it could be used for numerous illicit activities.

How online sellers use brushing scams to increase their sales and reputation. The companies executing the brushing scam increase their sales numbers by making these fake purchases. Though padded, the inflated sales numbers improve the company's reputation and lead to more legitimate sales. How 'porch pirates' exploit online shopping scams. Another angle to this scam is the "porch pirate" tactic, where thieves use others' addresses and accounts, wait for the delivery, and steal the package before the resident gets it.

### What can you do?

1. Contact the retailer - Brushing and fake reviews violate Amazon's policies. So, if you suspect a brushing scam and the package appears to come from Amazon, contact Amazon Customer Service. They take such reports seriously and will take appropriate action. If the package appears to come from another company, contact them directly via their official website.
2. Return the package - If the package is marked with a return address and is unopened, mark it "Return to Sender," and USPS will return it at no charge to you.
3. Do not pay for unordered merchandise- Whatever you do - do not pay for the merchandise that you didn't order in the first place. Avoid falling victim to these brushing scams by absolutely refusing to pay for any unordered packages.
4. Try to identify the sender - If you can identify the sender of the unordered packages, check for false reviews in your name and request for them to be removed.
5. Monitor your accounts - If you find yourself flooded with unordered packages, refuse package delivery at your home address and temporarily redirect your actual orders to a package acceptance service. Keep a close eye on your accounts for any recent orders you didn't make.
6. Erase your digital footprint – How did these criminals get your address in the first place? It's probably found on various people search sites all over the web and it's time to reclaim your privacy. While no service promises to remove all your data from the internet, having a removal service is great if you want to constantly monitor and automate the process of removing your information from hundreds of sites continuously over a longer period of time.
7. Have strong passwords - If you've been a victim of a brushing scam, it's best to change your passwords immediately as this means that your personal information is exposed somewhere online.

According to the Federal Trade Commission you have a legal right to keep unordered merchandise. However, this should not distract you from the potential privacy concerns it represents. It's clear that this is a phenomenon that emphasizes the

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adage, "Not all that glitters is gold." While the allure of free items showing up on the doorstep might initially seem like a lucky day, it's crucial to stay vigilant and understand the hidden risks that lurk beneath the surface. These scams serve as a sobering reminder of the importance of online privacy. As technology continues to permeate every aspect of our lives, protecting personal information becomes even more vital. It's always best to approach unexpected events with a good measure of caution and skepticism, particularly when it involves your personal information. In the face of such scams, the best course of action is a proactive one, employing resources to guard your data, updating passwords regularly, and enabling two-factor authentication for an extra layer of protection. But as always, the most potent tool in your arsenal is awareness. <https://www.foxnews.com/tech/how-guard-against-brushing-scams>

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **Shop Smart this School Season: Business, Law Enforcement Team Up to Educate Americans to Identify, Avoid Counterfeit Goods**



WASHINGTON — As students and educators across America gear up to return to campus, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce are on a mission to educate the public. The lesson? To teach students, parents, teachers, and small businesses about the risks posed by counterfeit goods and how to avoid them.

August is the peak season for school supply shopping, but it's also an opportunity for scammers to peddle counterfeit, potentially harmful goods. In Fiscal Year 2022, CBP seized nearly 25 million counterfeit goods with an estimated manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) of nearly \$3 billion. These fakes include back-to-school staples like electronics, footwear, study supplies, and clothing.

"CBP is committed to maximizing compliance with laws that protect American families from the dangers counterfeit goods pose to their health and well-being," said Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner for CBP's Office of Trade, John P. Leonard. "As a father, I don't want my kids carrying backpacks or lunchboxes with unsafe levels of lead in their zippers. That's the type of risk we're talking about here, and the type of risk that CBP is working to mitigate."

Opting for a knock-off backpack or counterfeit phone charger might seem like a budget-friendly choice, but it comes with risks. Fake goods often break down or don't meet safety standards, ultimately doubling the cost for consumers, who pay with their health and their wallet. Despite luring shoppers with promises of low prices, counterfeiters' subpar and potentially dangerous products don't make the grade.

"Fake goods are a real danger to American families, especially for those preparing for the new school year," said Tom Quaadman, Executive Vice President at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Center. "Together, business and law enforcement urge everyone to protect themselves with our Five Tips to Shop Smart."

Counterfeits drain more than \$500 billion annually from the global economy, posing a serious threat to small businesses. That's why companies and law enforcement are taking to the airwaves and online in an ongoing nationwide public education nationwide to spread the lessons on identifying, avoiding, and reporting fake goods.

For more information about what you can do to shop smart for the back-to-school shopping season visit CBP's the truth behind counterfeits webpage and [www.USChamber.com/shopsmart](http://www.USChamber.com/shopsmart).

#### **Tags:**

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***\*Analyst Note\**** U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the comprehensive management, control, and protection of our nation's borders, combining customs, immigration, border security, and agricultural protection at and between official ports of entry.

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## **(U//FOUO-LES) United States: Criminals Impersonating Campus Law Enforcement in Fraud Scheme**



**(U//FOUO-LES)** The FBI Memphis Field Office, in coordination with the Office of the Private Sector (OPS), prepared this Liaison Information Report (LIR), as of July 2023, to inform private sector partners, in Academia, of the tactics threat actors used to impersonate college campus law enforcement and/or security personnel. Impersonators, who often use spoofed campus telephone numbers, contacted parents in a fraudulent scheme to illicit "bond" money for the students to simply help get them "out of trouble." Bond amounts varied and the scheme has resulted in the loss of funds to impersonators through various payment streams. In multiple incidents, the schemes targeted the family of student-athletes, and some victims described the caller as having a 'southern' accent.

- **(U//FOUO)** In Tennessee, threat actor(s) made calls on multiple dates to parents associated with several different four-year universities. In one incident, the caller claimed to be campus police and stated the student athlete had been arrested 'off campus' and to secure release, the parent needs to make a bond payment. In another incident, the caller claimed the student had been charged with Driving Under the Influence. In another, the caller claimed the student athlete had been detained for having a firearm on campus and that if a bond payment was made, the charge would be handled 'internally.'
- **(U//FOUO)** In North Carolina, threat actor(s) made calls to parents associated with a four-year university. In one incident, the call appeared to have been made from a non-emergency police line. In another, the caller claimed the student had been involved in an assault.
- **(U//FOUO)** In Georgia, threat actor(s) made calls on multiple dates to parents associated with two different four-year universities. In one incident, the caller claimed the student had been involved in a bar fight. In another, the caller claimed the student had been involved in a serious car accident.
- **(U//FOUO)** In Ohio, threat actor(s) reportedly made a call to the parent of a four-year university student athlete. The caller claimed to be from campus police and stated the student was detained while departing a local night club and demanded payment for bail.

### **(U//FOUO) Indicators of Law Enforcement Impersonation Fraud**

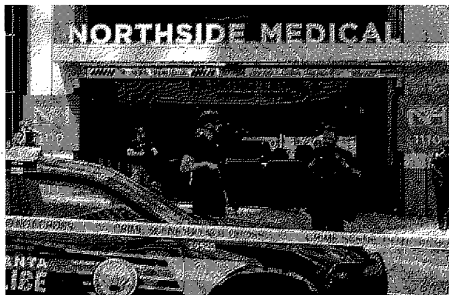
**(U//FOUO)** An indicator alone does not accurately determine fraud activity; organizations should evaluate the totality of law enforcement impersonation fraud behavior, including message delivery and other relevant circumstances before notifying security/law enforcement personnel.

**(U//FOUO)** The following suspicious activities/indicators include, but are not limited to any individual, group, or business; observe these indicators in context and not individually:

- **(U//FOUO)** Calls from local or campus law enforcement or security stating a student has fines, outstanding warrants, been arrested, detained, or caught with a weapon on campus and a bond payment is needed to "release them" and/or permit them to participate in a "diversion program" and/or to have charges "handled internally."
- **(U//FOUO)** Calls from local or campus law enforcement or security demanding you remain on the line until the "bond is paid."
- **(U//FOUO)** Requests for monetary payment to post bond amounts or avoid jail time are directed to payment systems such as Venmo, Zelle, CashApp, PayPal, Google Pay, Apple Pay, Corpay, or entail the purchase of gift cards (Visa, Green

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## NATIONAL



### Attacks at US medical centers show why health care is one of the nation's most violent fields

Word spread through an Oregon hospital last month that a visitor was causing trouble in the maternity ward, and nurses were warned the man might try to abduct his partner's newborn. Hours later, the visitor opened fire, killing a security guard and sending patients, nurses and doctors scrambling for cover.

The shooting at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center in Portland was part of a wave of gun violence sweeping through U.S. hospitals and medical centers, which have struggled to adapt to the growing threats. Such attacks have helped make health care one of the nation's most violent fields. Data shows American health care workers now suffer more nonfatal injuries from workplace violence than workers in any other profession, including law enforcement. "Health care workers don't even think about that when they decide they want to be a nurse or a doctor. But as far as actual violence goes, statistically, health care is four or five times more dangerous than any other profession," said Michael D'Angelo, a former police officer who focuses on health care and workplace violence as a security consultant in Florida. Other industries outpace health care for overall danger, including deaths.

Similar shootings have played out in hospitals across the country. Last year, a man killed two workers at a Dallas hospital while there to watch his child's birth. In May, a man opened fire in a medical center waiting room in Atlanta, killing one woman and wounding four. Late last month, a man shot and wounded a doctor at a health center in Dallas. In June 2022, a gunman killed his surgeon and three other people at a Tulsa, Oklahoma, medical office because he blamed the doctor for his continuing pain after an operation.

It's not just deadly shootings: Health care workers racked up 73% of all nonfatal workplace violence injuries in 2018, the most recent year for which figures are available, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. One day before the July 22 shooting in Portland, employees throughout the hospital were warned during meetings to be prepared for a possible "code amber" announcement in case the visitor attempted to kidnap the child, according to a nurse with direct knowledge of the briefing who spoke to The Associated Press. She spoke on condition of anonymity because she feared retaliation at work. Fifteen minutes before the shooting, someone at the hospital called 911 to report the visitor was threatening staffers, according to a timeline provided by Portland police. "He kind of fell through the cracks," the nurse said. "I don't know how many chances he received. It kind of got to the point where staff did not know what to do, or what they could or couldn't do with him."

Police arrived at the maternity ward within minutes, but it was too late. Bobby Smallwood, a security guard who had been called in from another Legacy hospital to cover shifts for Good Samaritan's understaffed security team, had been fatally shot. Another hospital employee was wounded by shrapnel. The suspect fled and was later killed by police in a nearby community.

The hospital declined to respond to the nurse's comments because the case is still under investigation. "Events like these are unpredictable, but our team exhibited professionalism and a great deal of courage in the face of extraordinarily challenging circumstances that day," Legacy Health said in a statement to the AP. Legacy Health in Portland plans to install additional metal detectors, require bag searches at every hospital and send patients and visitors to controlled

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entrances. More security officers will be provided with stun guns, the hospital said, and bullet-slowing film is being applied to some interior glass and at main entrances.

Around 40 states have passed laws creating or increasing penalties for violence against health care workers, according to the American Nurses Association. Hospitals have armed security officers with batons, stun guns or handguns, while some states, including Indiana, Ohio and Georgia, allow hospitals to create their own police forces.

Critics say private hospital police can exacerbate the health care and policing inequities already experienced by Black people. They also say private police forces often don't have to disclose information such as how often they use force or whether they disproportionately detain members of minority groups. Security teams cannot address all of the factors leading to violence because many of them are caused by a dysfunctional health care system, said Deborah Burger, a registered nurse and the president of National Nurses United.

Patients and families are often bounced between emergency rooms and home, and are frustrated over high costs, limited treatment options or long wait times, Burger said. "Hospitals don't really have a complaints department, so the only real target they have is the nurse or staff that are standing right in front of them," she said.

Understaffing forces nurses to care for more patients and affords them less time to assess each one for behavior problems. Efforts to de-escalate aggression aren't as effective if nurses haven't had time to bond with patients, Burger said.

Understaffing is an "absolutely catastrophic formula for workplace violence increasing," D'Angelo said. "Now you don't even have the good old buddy system of two co-workers keeping an eye out for each other." Some hospital administrators encourage staff to placate aggressive visitors and patients because they are worried about getting bad reviews, Burger said. That's because the Affordable Care Act tied a portion of federal reimbursement rates to consumer satisfaction surveys and low satisfaction means a hit to the financial bottom line. "The results of those surveys should never take priority over staff safety," D'Angelo said.

Eric Sean Clay, the president-elect of the International Association for Healthcare Security & Safety and vice president of security at Memorial Hermann Health in Houston, said the workplace violence rates attributed to health care facilities are "grossly underreported." "I think that a lot of it comes down to caregivers are just very tolerant, and they come to look at it as just part of the job," he said. "If they're not injured, sometimes they don't want to report it, and sometimes they don't think there will be any change." Clay's hospital uses armed and unarmed security officers, though he hopes to have them all armed eventually. "We actually have our own firing range that we use," Clay said. None of his security officers have drawn their weapons on the job in recent years, but he wants them to be ready because of the rise in gun violence. Clay and Memorial Hermann Health declined to answer questions about whether an armed security force could negatively affect access to health care or existing inequities.

The nurse at the Portland hospital said the shooting left her colleagues terrified and unusually solemn. She is worried Legacy Health's promises of increased safety will be temporary because of the cost of finding, training and retaining security officers. Some of her co-workers have resigned because they don't want to face another "code silver," the alert issued when someone at the hospital has a weapon. "You know, we always say these patients and their families are so vulnerable, because they're having the worst day of their life here," the nurse said, and that makes many staffers reluctant to demand better behavior. "We have to stop that narrative," she said. "Being vulnerable is bleeding out from a bullet wound in your chest. Being vulnerable is having to barricade yourself and your patients in a room because of a code silver." <https://apnews.com/article/hospitals-workplace-violence-shootings-aa6918569ff8f76ff8a15b9813e31686>

## Hospital Cyber Attack Diverts Patients



A cyberattack disrupted hospital computer systems across the US, forcing emergency rooms and outpatient facilities in several states to close last Thursday. Friday morning, a network of three hospitals and a medical center in the Philadelphia suburbs, were still diverting ambulances for stroke and trauma patients to other hospitals, CNN reports. Sixteen hospitals and more than a hundred other medical facilities were taken offline in California, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. This hack is the 157th

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cyberattack on a US health care organization this year.

*\*Analyst Assessment\** Last week, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released its strategic plan for fiscal year 2024 through 2026, focusing on three goals: addressing immediate threats, hardening the terrain, and driving security at scale. Cyberscoop reports. NYS also released its first cybersecurity strategy, including plans to modernize government networks, provide digital defenses at the county level, and regulate critical infrastructure. WSJ reports. NYS ranks third by victim losses due to cybercrime, according to FBI. Local governments and agencies are prime targets due to aging technology and limited resources. Good cyber security begins with the human components of the system. Learn and practice good security habits. Source; Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov

### **Utah man is shot dead in FBI raid after posting online he was 'digging out my hold Ghille suit and cleaning dust off M24 sniper rifle' ahead of president's visit to Salt Lake City on Wednesday**



A Utah man was fatally shot during an FBI raid in Salt Lake City on Wednesday morning, a source at the FBI told ABC News. Special agents attempted to serve arrest and search warrants at a residence in Provo when they shot and killed Craig Deleuw Robertson at around 6:15 am. An FBI official said the raid was in connection with an investigation into alleged threats against President Joe Biden and other figures. The threats involved plans to take physical action and the FBI deemed them 'credible.' Court documents show Robertson threatened to 'inflict bodily harm' on Biden during his visit to Utah. In a social media post he sent on August 7, Robertson allegedly wrote: 'I hear Biden is coming to Utah. Digging out my hold Ghille suit and cleaning the dust off the M24 sniper rifle.' 'Welcome Bafoon in Chief!', he concluded the post, which was written in bold black letters on a pink and purple

swirly background. Biden is expected to arrive in Salt Lake City on Wednesday afternoon and stay overnight.



In March, Robertson allegedly also threatened to murder New York County District Attorney Alvin Bragg, who was overseeing the criminal investigation into former President Donald Trump. 'I'll be waiting in the courthouse parking garage with my suppressed Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm to smoke a radical fool prosecutor that should never have been elected,' he posted at the time. 'BYE, BYE, TO ANOTHER CORRUPT B \_\_\_\_\_!!!'

While conducting surveillance on Robertson's home on March 19, a special agent attempted to speak with Robertson about his posts, according to Fox13. Robertson replied, 'I said it was a dream! and told the agent to come back with a warrant. The investigation began in April and the US Secret Services became aware of it in June. 'The FBI takes all shooting incidents involving our agents or task force members seriously,' the FBI said in a statement to ABC. 'In accordance with FBI policy, the shooting incident is under review by the FBI's

Inspection Division. As this is an ongoing matter, we have no further details to provide.' Source; Dailymail.co.uk

*\*Analyst Note\** On the same day an Oklahoma man plead guilty to making on-line threats to Republican politicians. On Saturday in Jackson, Mississippi, a candidate for the state's house of representatives was the victim of violence, when four men opened fire on her house, WAPT reported. In Ecuador, a candidate for president was fatally shot at a political rally on Wednesday. The 2024 elections are in full swing with candidates actively campaigning at a time when political divisions are very high. Recent Gallup polls have demonstrated significant partisan divides on key issues. The previous elections in 2020 were marred by months of political violence, culminating in the riots on January 6th. Though the 2022 midterm election was relatively peaceful, a rise in on-line political threats, appeals to violence, and increases in violent demonstrations should be considered as warnings, that must be assessed when evaluating threat environments. Demonstrations or events can be organized via social media and form without warning, as seen in the disturbance in Union Square this week. Source; Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov

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## Report: Growing concerns about school safety amid confidence in emergency plans



*Motorola Solutions' research spotlights primary safety concerns and offers insights into emergency notifications, technology and training*

CHICAGO — Both parents and teachers are much more concerned about school safety now than they were five years ago, according to the findings of the [Motorola Solutions 2023 K-12 School Safety Report](#).

According to the report, 1,000 K-12 parents and 1,000 K-12 educators throughout the United States took part in the research, with 67% stating they are more concerned with school safety, even as 73% of parents and 80% of teachers are confident that their school's emergency response plans are effective.

"School safety is top of mind for parents and educators alike, with both groups expressing concerns about mental health issues, bullying and active shooter situations," said Todd Piatt, vice president of Rave Mobile Safety at Motorola Solutions. "Ensuring that school personnel and families are aware of proactive planning practices, the notification methods employed by schools, technologies in place to thwart and report emergencies and school protocols for when incidents occur will not only help to alleviate worries, but ultimately improve safety outcomes."

### **KEY FINDINGS IN THE REPORT**

1. Earning the trust of parents and teachers hinges on the significance of safety and preparedness plans. When assessing educational institutions, both parents and teachers consider school safety a pivotal element, with 66% of parents and 72% of teachers regarding it as a critical factor.
2. The prominence of student mental health as a pressing issue continues. A substantial 64% of parents and 68% of teachers express concern for the well-being of students' mental health. Additionally, apprehensions extend to the mental state of community members who could potentially engage in acts of violence on school premises, as well as the mental health of teachers.
3. Effective communication pathways before and amid crisis occurrences are of utmost importance. Almost half of the educators (48%) state their capability to provide anonymous or confidential tips to their school, public safety, or both, in contrast to 43% of parents. In situations of urgency, 57% of teachers highlight their inclination to employ a classroom phone to contact the main office, albeit this method proves time-intensive and fails to immediately involve school district authorities, 9-1-1 responders, or swift first responders who may necessitate prompt action.
4. The utilization of school safety technology is prevalent and holds the potential to reassure parents. A notable 71% of teachers report the integration of new safety technology within their schools in the past two years. However, 54% of parents note a lack of visibility regarding the implementation of these novel technologies. This contrast provides schools with a chance to engage in periodic communication with parents, elucidating the safety measures being employed to minimize risks and enhance response efficiency.

Nearly half (46%) of parents express that panic button applications, enabling rapid notification of 9-1-1 by teachers and school staff, would notably enhance their confidence in school safety.

5. Almost all teachers and parents indicate involvement in lockdown drills: 89% of parents note their child's participation in a school lockdown drill, aligning with 96% of teachers who report the same experience. Moreover, 82% of parents detail their child's participation in drills tailored to active shooter preparedness. Among teachers, 73% have engaged in such drills alongside their students, while an additional 10% have conducted these drills without students present. It's worth mentioning that 36% of teachers express an interest in undergoing training with first responders, despite not having done so yet.

To view the full findings of the survey, download the 2023 K-12 School Safety Report [here](#).

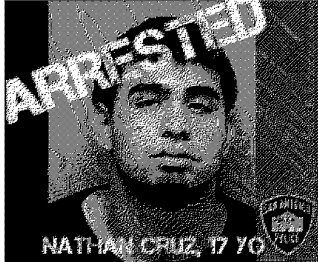
Source: Police 1.com

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## Teenage cousin of Uvalde school shooter arrested and accused of threatening to do 'the same thing'

The teenage cousin of the Uvalde, Texas, school shooter has been arrested after he threatened to “do the same thing” at a local school, police said Tuesday. The 17-year-old, whom NBC News is not naming as he is a minor, was arrested



Monday on charges of threatening to commit an act of violence to cause serious bodily injury and making a terroristic threat in a public place causing fear of serious bodily injury. The boy's mother called San Antonio police Monday saying her son was threatening to commit a school shooting, police said. She said he “planned to ‘do the same thing’ as his cousin, who committed a mass shooting 2022 at an elementary school,” the arrest warrant affidavit said. The teenage suspect is the cousin of Salvador Ramos, who killed 19 students and two teachers at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde in May 2022. Police did not state the boys' familial relationship but said the affidavit was factual. Sgt. Washington Moscoso confirmed they are cousins to The New York Times. The boy's mother was “especially concerned” because her son was on

probation and was intoxicated at the time and because they lived directly across from an elementary school, the affidavit said. The woman had called police after the suspect made alarming comments to his sister, who then told her mother, authorities said.

The woman told detectives she overheard a phone conversation her son had that morning trying to “acquire an AR-15 through an illegal private sale” with an unknown actor, the affidavit said. The sister told police that she had given her brother a ride and that while they were in the car he “threatened to shoot her in the head and stated that he would ‘shoot the school,’” the affidavit said. He allegedly noted that “school is starting soon.” The sister believed the threat was credible “due to the recent history of their family and the suspect's knowledge of his cousin's actions,” police documents said. The teenage suspect was taken into custody, interviewed by a detective and “denied making any threats,” the file said. He was arrested on an active warrant, San Antonio police said. The charge of threatening to commit an act of violence to cause serious bodily injury was in connection with his alleged comments to his sister, and the terroristic threat charge was in connection with his alleged comments toward the school, authorities said.

It was not immediately clear whether he has an attorney. The Edgewood Independent School District said in a statement that it was aware a teenager was in police custody accused of making a threat against a school on the city's west side, NBC affiliate WOAI of San Antonio reported. “Edgewood ISD is committed to the safety and security of all students, faculty, and staff. Each campus has an assigned Safety Officer. We encourage everyone to report any suspicious activity,” the statement said. Police called the case an example of “see something, say something.” “With school starting, SAPD wants parents and faculty to know, that SAPD takes all reports of threats seriously and will investigate and take appropriate action,” police said. Source: NBC News

## Union Square Riot Leads to Arrests



Rubbish fire in Union Square

Last week, a 21-year-old Bronx native and social media star was arrested and charged with inciting a riot after thousands of his followers descended upon Union Square Park for a live-streamed promotional stunt turned rampage, reported the NY Post. Some of the rioters were caught on film using pilfered construction equipment to attack police. Authorities are still searching for eight juvenile suspects wanted for assaults and vandalizing a police car. This incident led to 67 arrests and multiple injuries. Also this week, three men were charged for attacking a riverboat co-captain in Montgomery, Alabama. The brawl quickly spiraled out of control and attracted onlookers to join the fight, with one of them using a folding chair as a weapon, states the Washington Post.

*\*Analyst Assessment\** The modern landscape now requires that first responders include social media in their size-up. The 2011 Arab Spring and 2021 January 6th Capital riots, like the Union Square riot, showed how spontaneous peaceful gatherings can deteriorate and grow in size creating dangerous outcomes for civilians and emergency personnel.

While the inflection points of these events are not always anticipated, the use of on the scene materials as weapons (i.e.

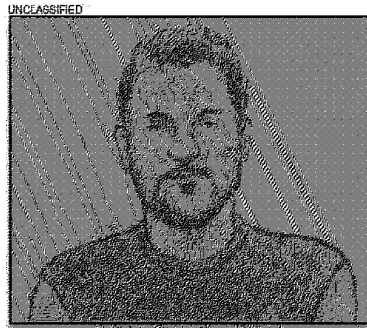
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chairs, construction materials, barricades, etc.) should be. When potential for civil unrest is recognized, so should the need to safeguard tools on the apparatus. Easy access to hooks, Halligans, and axes may tempt rioters to take them for unlawful use. Source; Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **(U) Canada: Authorities Arrest Two Members of Atomwaffen Division Formally Charging One**

(U) According to open source reporting, on 05 JUL 23 Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) arrested Patrick Gordon Macdonald, 26, of Ottawa, Canada with terrorism and hate propaganda offences for advocating a violent, far-right ideology. Reportedly, between 01 APR 18 and 31 DEC 19, Macdonald created propaganda material for the benefit of the far-right terrorist group Atomwaffen Division (AWD). A second un-named person was arrested in Kingsey Falls, Quebec, Canada as part of the ongoing investigation, however, no formal charges have been made at this time. (Open Source, 05 JUL 23; Open Source, 07 JUL 23)



(U) Patrick Macdonald

(U) According to reporting, in June 2022, RCMP officers conducted raids near Quebec City targeting people connected to the AWD. Reportedly, authorities arrested an un-named 19-year-old from Windsor, Ontario with alleged ties to the group. In 2021, the Canadian government classified AWD, a US-based neo-Nazi organization a terrorist entity. According to Canadian Public Safety officials, AWD calls for acts of violence against racial, religious, and ethnic groups, as well as informants, police and bureaucrats. (Open Source, 07 JUL 23; Open Source, 05 JUL 23)

(CUI) **ARTIC Comment:** According to additional reporting, Macdonald, a graphic designer, first garnered public attention in 2021 when an alternative news outlet identified Macdonald as a prominent visual propagandist for AWD operating under the online name "Dark Foreigner." Macdonald's case is the first in Canada in which an individual advocating a violent far-right ideology has been charged with both terrorism and hate propaganda. Reportedly, the group maintains training camps where AWD members receive weapons and hand-to-hand combat training to prepare for the collapse of society. (Open Source, 07 JUL 23; Open Source, 05 JUL 23)

(CUI) According to further reporting, following along the ideological lines of the former Nazi regime, AWD seeks to create a Nationalist Socialist government in pursuit of a total Aryan victory. Reportedly, other far-right groups and former AWD members have indicated that AWD has a growing fixation on the occult and is a front to the British neo-Nazi Satanists group the Order of the Nine Angels. (Open Source, 05 JUL 23; Open Source, 2023)

(U) In related reporting, in 2019, USPER Kaleb Cole, the reputed leader of Washington-based AWD cell, was held by Canadian immigration authorities for 42 days before he was deported and banned from the country for life. Reportedly, Canadian authorities deemed Cole too dangerous to release in the community while awaiting a deportation trial. Canadian authorities, at the request of Seattle-based FBI officials, were asking a judge to grant a civil Extreme Risk Protection Order against Cole, who has lived in Snohomish and Whatcom counties, Washington. Cole was reportedly part of an ongoing investigation related to stockpiling weapons and likely organized "hate camps." Additionally, online recruitment videos show AWD members in Washington training with military-style firearms, plastering hate-filled posters on buildings and burning the flag of Israel. (Open Source, 07 NOV 19) Source: Army Threat Integration Center (ARTIC).

\* (CUI)-Controlled Unclassified Information

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## **(U//FOUO) Transnational: Foreign Outlaw Motorcycle Gang, “The Gremium”, Almost Certainly Expanding Territory into the United States Through a Probationary Club in Wyoming**

(U//FOUO-LES) According to a Montana Analysis & Technical Information Center (MATIC) / Montana Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation Intelligence Note dated 02 AUG 23, the MATIC assesses it is almost certain the Gremium Motorcycle Club (MC) are expanding territory into the United States by establishing a Probationary Gremium MC (P.G. MC) in Wyoming, whose membership currently includes six Wyoming residents and two Montana residents. The MATIC further assesses the Wyoming-based P.G. MC will almost certainly become a full-Gremium MC chapter. The MATIC has high confidence in this assessment, which is based on reliable reporting from three Montana and one South Dakota local law enforcement agencies, as well as reporting from two federal law enforcement agencies.

(U//FOUO-LES)



(U//FOUO-LES) Image of a group of P.G. MC members. Multiple members were seen walking with the full patched Gremium MC member.

(U//FOUO-LES) The MATIC relies on the key assumption the P.G. MC Nomad chapter in Wyoming intends on becoming a full Gremium Chapter. Research into the P.G. MC reveals the P stands for Probationary, and G stands for Gremium. This title occurs when the Gremium MC is establishing a new chapter. If this assumption is incorrect and the P.G. MC are not allowed to become a full Gremium MC chapter, then club will likely dissolve. This would decrease the likelihood of this assessment.

(U//FOUO-LES) The MATIC assess the Gremium are almost certainly expanding into the US by establishing a P.G. MC chapter in Wyoming (with two Montana residents as part of the club), which will almost certainly promote the P.G. MC to a full Gremium MC chapter. This assessment is based upon multiple reports involving the P.G. MC and one full patched Gremium member at the 28th Annual Beartooth Rally and Iron Horse Rodeo in Red Lodge, Montana. No criminal activity was observed between P.G. MC members and other Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMG) members during the event.

- (U//FOUO-LES) On 14 JUL 23, The P.G. MC cut was seen at the Beartooth Rally in downtown Red Lodge, Montana. Within the P.G. MC group was a full patched member of the Gremium MC, who was later identified as a foreign national—possibly from Mexico, as identified through the member’s indicia on his cut.
- (U//FOUO-LES) On 14 JUL 23, the eight P.G. MC members were also seen with a member of Wyoming Bad 7 MC. The MATIC identified six members of the P.G. MC as Wyoming residents. MATIC also identified two Montana residents who appeared to be members of the P.G. MC.
- (U//FOUO-LES) On 14 JUL 23, the MATIC identified one member of the P.G. MC as a former Bad 7 MC member from Wyoming. Around the same time, Red Lodge Police Department had contacted the former Bad 7 MC member through a lawful traffic stop. The subject’s name and information were verified, and it was confirmed the subject is now a P.G. MC probationary member.
- (U//FOUO-LES) On 25 JUL 23, the MATIC identified the United States as a new “Nomad” chapter on the Gremium MC’s website.

(U//FOUO-LES) The Gremium MC was founded in 1972 in Mannheim, Germany and has claimed to be the largest OMG group in Germany, with over 50 chapters throughout the world. The Gremium MC claim nobody gets their membership right away, and everyone must run through a probationary period to get to know each other. Only after a member and chapter go through the probationary period can they become a full Gremium MC chapter.

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(U//FOUO-LES) At the time of this writing, there are no known products mentioning a US-based Gremium MC chapter. This is likely due to their lacking presence in the United States. However, there are mentions of OMG activity involving the Gremium MC in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs: 2016 Trends and Patterns – Domestic, International Military Effects. This report briefly discusses the Gremium MC's deep-rooted connection with Criminal underworlds across Europe and Russia. Another report from Europol, Right-Wing Activism & Extremism in European Groups & Movements 2021, also mentions the Gremium MC. This MATIC product confirms the Gremium MC's OMG status and why it is concerning they are establishing a United States Nomad chapter.

(U//FOUO-LES) **MATIC Comment:** The MATIC observed a large presence of "P.G MC" members at the 28th Annual Beartooth Rally and Iron Horse Rodeo in Red Lodge, Montana with the United States designated as their new area of responsibility. It is almost certain the Gremium MC have established a US-based chapter. Within the next three months, law enforcement should expect to see these members in Wyoming and Montana as they travel to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally starting 04 AUG 23 to 13 AUG 23, and Topless Tuesday, an event based in Alzada, Montana on 08 AUG 23. The MATIC expects to see the P.G. MC back in Red Lodge, Montana after 12 months to confirm they are established. If within the next 12 months the MATIC sees US-based, full patched Gremium MC members, this will confirm they have successfully completed their probationary status. Traditionally, new OMG members or chapters will have to prove their worth to the MC. Previous reporting involves a member or club successfully completing a criminal task or specific non-criminal tasks showing their worthy of the MC status before gaining full membership. If the P.G. MC are involved in criminal activity, this may be a sign they are attempting to solidify their chapters status and graduate from the probationary period.

(U//FOUO) This product addresses the potential threats to law enforcement personnel from the P.G MC Nomads. The Gremium MC are a foreign 1%er OMG with no previously known chapters in the United States. In Europe, the Gremium MC have been involved in crimes such as human, drug, and weapons trafficking, illegal prostitution, and organized crime. The MATIC recognizes these activities under Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 45-8-405 and identifies The Gremium MC as a Criminal Street Gang according to MCA 45-8-402. (MATIC / Montana Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation, Intelligence Note, Foreign Outlaw Motorcycle Gang, "The Gremium", Almost Certainly Expanding Territory into the United States Through a Probationary Club in Wyoming, 02 AUG 23) Sources: a Montana Analysis & Technical Information Center (MATIC) & the Army Threat Integration Center (ARTIC).



*\*SSRIG Analyst Comment\** Gremium claims to be the largest German motorcycle club since the patchover of the also formerly Mannheim-based German chapters of the Bones MC to the Hells Angels MC in 1999, with 73 full chapters in Germany, 71 chapters in other European countries, several associate chapters (Bad 7 MC support club) in Germany,[2] and a prospect chapter opened by German expatriates in Pattaya, Thailand in 2007. The club was established in 1972 in Mannheim. The club colors are black and white, on the back patch appears the word "GREMIUM" and the name of the country with a fist rising through clouds. Often, the terms "Black Seven" and the number 7 are used: the word "Gremium" consists of seven letters, and "G" is the seventh letter in the alphabet.

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

### **Lakewood police looking for young adults wanted in at least five armed robberies**

<https://www.newsbreak.com/lakewood-wa/3114517478686-lakewood-police-looking-for-young-adults-wanted-in-at-least-five-armed-robberies>

### **How Social Media Apps Could be Fueling Homicides Among Young Americans**

<https://www.propublica.org/article/social-media-violence-young-americans>

### **Attacks at US medical centers show why health care is one of the nation's most violent fields**

<https://apnews.com/article/hospitals-workplace-violence-shootings-aa6918569ff8f76ff8a15b9813e31686>

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**Who is sneaking fentanyl across the southern border? Hint: it's not the migrants**

<https://www.npr.org/2023/08/09/1191638114/fentanyl-smuggling-migrants-mexico-border-drugs>

**Idaho man charged with shooting rifle at two hydroelectric power stations**

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/idaho-man-charged-shooting-rifle-hydroelectric-power-stations-102117312>

**5 white nationalists sue Seattle man for allegedly leaking their identities**

<https://apnews.com/article/patriot-front-lawsuit-online-white-nationalists-identities-511193a98bb454fec81707458112c226>

**This New England neo-Nazi group is getting bigger and scarier, experts say. Most troubling: Militaryvets fill its ranks**

[https://www.boston.com/news/politics/2023/08/06/new-england-neo-nazi-group-bigger-scarier-military-veterans/?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=7430275](https://www.boston.com/news/politics/2023/08/06/new-england-neo-nazi-group-bigger-scarier-military-veterans/?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=7430275)

**Survey of nation's 911 workers shows poor staffing, burnout, minimal training**

<https://www.police1.com/dispatcher/articles/survey-of-nations-911-workers-shows-poor-staffing-burnout-minimal-training-7OUxwzMJIBuSYR39/>

**Where did all the old cops go?**

[https://www.police1.com/chiefs-sheriffs/articles/where-did-all-the-old-cops-go-62XEosuOAFSGoQIS/?utm\\_source=Police1&utm\\_campaign=1d617431c7-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2023\\_08\\_03\\_03\\_24&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_5584e6920b-1d617431c7-%5B%5D](https://www.police1.com/chiefs-sheriffs/articles/where-did-all-the-old-cops-go-62XEosuOAFSGoQIS/?utm_source=Police1&utm_campaign=1d617431c7-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_08_03_03_24&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5584e6920b-1d617431c7-%5B%5D)

\*TPD/PCSD Homeland Security Reports Received this week 6.

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Also Attached is the Washington State Fusion Center (WSFC) Special Event Threat Assessment (SETA) for the upcoming 2023 Washington State Fair and attached is the South Sound Regional Intelligence Group (SSRIG) Threat Assessment for the Washington State Fair 1-24 September

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## REGIONAL

**WA Man on His Way to Sturgis Rally Arrested for Terrorist Threats**

**Puget Sound Auto Theft Task Force (PSATTF) releases auto theft stats for July 2023**

## OFFICER SAFETY

**PC to Arrest for Robbery 1st.**

**Att Murder, Aslt, Att Rpe: Island (Tacoma PD)**

## OFFICER AWARENES

**ATTEMPT TO LOCATE – MISSING PERSON**

## CYBER THREATS

**CISA: New Whirlpool Backdoor Used in Barracuda ESG Campaign**

**US Critical Infrastructure Likely To Face Chinese Cyberattacks Amid Taiwan Conflict**



## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **A Longer-Lasting and More Powerful Treatment – New Antibody Reverses Effects of Potent Opioid**

**Border agents seize enough lethal drugs this fiscal year to kill more than 6 billion people**

## **NATIONAL**

### **Nationwide Swatting Campaign Demonstrates Employment of New Tactics**

#### **Swatting at Synagogues**

**(U//FOUO) Transnational: Domestic Violent Extremists and Criminal Actors Will Likely Continue Utilizing “OpenInfraMap” in Plots Targeting Electrical Infrastructure, Increasing the Likelihood and Impact of Successful Attacks**


## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **(U) Mexico: Authorities Discover a Criminal Surveillance Camera Network**

#### **Britain Warns of Possible Terrorist Attacks in Sweden**

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

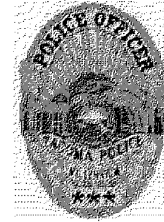
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Washington  
**STATE FAIR**



**(U) Washington State Fair Threat Assessment  
Overview 2023**

**Overview:**

(U) The Washington State Fair is being held in Puyallup, Washington from 01-24 September 2023. The 5-year average attendance is between 1.1 and 1.2 million guests.

**Fair Hours:** On Weekends 09:30am - 10:30pm.

On Week Days 9:30am - 9:30pm. Some hours on Fridays and Sundays fluctuate. All Tuesdays are closed and Weds 6 SEP is closed. To see times and dates click-on the following link: <https://www.thefair.com/general-info/dates-times/>

**(U) SEAR Level**

(U//FOUO) The Washington State Fair has been designated a SEAR 3 event of national and/or international importance that requires only limited federal support.

**Potential Threats:**

**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

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(U) The United States remains in a high criminal threat status. 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, upcoming High Profile Trial (Tacoma Police) in Tacoma starting 18 SEP 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.

#### **Recent Threat Activities:**

\* (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 amphitheater, killing two people and wounding two others

\* (U) July 01, 2023, An argument between multiple groups of people led to gunfire in a Puyallup church parking lot on that Saturday evening, injuring an innocent bystander. Puyallup Police said those involved were attending the Taste of Northwest in the Puyallup Fairgrounds. Puyallup Police said a dozen vehicles were hit by bullets as well. Shell casings of multiple calibers were located, they believe several guns were used and numerous people were involved in shooting at each other.

\* (U) On August 04, 2023 a Bethlehem PA. man accused of threatening to set off explosives at the music festival, Musikfest, had homemade explosives and a homemade gun in his home when he was arrested Friday. The police announced the 53-year-old man was charged in the case. He was arraigned on two felony counts of possessing a weapon of mass destruction and misdemeanor offenses of possessing a prohibited offense weapon and possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia. Court documents state improvised explosive devices with black explosive powder and a fuse, as well as modified grenades, were found in the investigation Those documents also report he had a homemade shotgun capable of firing a 12-gauge round. Bethlehem PD received tips Thursday evening that he planned to set off an explosive at Musikfest; however, they say no specific time or place was provided.

\* (U) On August 09, 2023 [in Rapid City, South Dakota] A man reportedly on his way to the Sturgis Rally with guns and possible explosives was arrested and charged with making a terrorist threat. John Charles Matthew Mann, 42, from Washington State was arrested Saturday during a traffic stop in Butte County. A court document from the Butte County State's Attorney's Office says when Mann was pulled over, law enforcement found two AR-15s, body armor, three handguns, bomb-making material, and a device that police say appeared to be a pipe bomb. Law enforcement also found a several hundred-page manifesto titled Manifesto: Descent into the Rational Justification for Genocide. The manifesto included descriptions of murder, mass killings, abduction and sexual molestation of children, and suicidal ideation. Mann is from University Place, Washington.

(U) **Profile of an Active Shooter:** An active shooter is an individual engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area. In most cases, active shooters use firearms and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims. Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Typically, the immediate deployment of law enforcement is required to stop the shooting and mitigate harm to victims. Because active shooter situations often are over within 10 to 15 minutes, before law enforcement arrives on the scene, individuals must be prepared mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation.

(U) **Bombing (IED/SVIED/VBIED):** A device placed or fabricated in an improvised manner incorporating destructive, lethal, noxious, pyrotechnic or incendiary chemicals, and designed to destroy, incapacitate, harass, distract, or achieve mass destruction to people and property. Such explosives are typically devised from non-military components and are either set to detonate remotely or directly by some type of trigger; such devices may include *Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)*, *Suicide-Vest Improvised Explosive Device (SVIED)*, or *Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Devices (VBIED)* which use explosives to weaponize cars, trucks, motorcycles, and even bicycles.

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**(U) Vehicle Ramming:**

The use of a vehicle as a weapon in a terrorist attack is not new. Recent terrorist incidents and violent extremist propaganda demonstrate that the use of vehicles as a weapon continues to be of interest by those wishing to cause harm. Attacks of this nature require minimal capability, but can have a devastating impact in crowded places with low levels of visible security.

**(U) (U//FOUO) Drones/Remote-Controlled Model Aircrafts:** The SSRIG possesses no specific reporting regarding illicit plans to use Drones to target the Washington State Fair; Drones are increasingly worrisome due to their mass availability, popularity, and ease of use. Malicious use of Drones poses a potential risk to spectators, volunteers, security personnel, and first responders at sanctioned and non-sanctioned events around the Puyallup area.

(U) Additionally, unauthorized drones or unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) flying in close proximity to event venues and participants can cause accidental or intentional harm.

**(U) Gangs:** One of the biggest threats to the State Fair may come in the form of gang-on-gang rivalry confrontations in which innocent bystanders get in the way. There continues to be a high level of drive-by shootings in the Tacoma area and there is a potential for revenge attacks occurring against rival gang members during the Event. Gang-related violence has increased over the past four years and we are seeing a “fight on sight” mentality between rival street gangs in Pierce County. When they encounter each other — in public or in private — it is likely to turn violent.

**(U//FOUO) Possible indicators of preoperational surveillance or attack planning include:**

(U//FOUO) Suspicious probing of facility public access points potentially to identify a physical security weakness.

(U//FOUO) Loose or bulky clothing, often inappropriate for the weather and circumstances, can conceal a vest bomb, weapons or other articles (though many have used backpacks instead of vest bombs, particularly in the summer).

(U//FOUO) Unusual or prolonged interest in or attempts to gain sensitive information about security measures of personnel, entry points, peak days and hours of operation, and access controls such as alarms or locks.

(U//FOUO) Observation of security reaction drills or procedures; multiple false alarms or fictitious emergency calls to same locations or similar venues.

(U//FOUO) Suspects may also be hugging their packages, or keep checking the contents of a backpack or heavy shopping bag.

(U//FOUO) Attempts by a commercial vehicle driver to unnecessarily or unlawfully infiltrate areas where crowds are gathered.

(U//FOUO) Commercial motor vehicles being operated erratically, at unusual times, or in unusual locations, particularly in heavy pedestrian areas.

(U//FOUO) Presentation of altered or questionable driver's license, proof of insurance, credit cards, or other required documents when purchasing or renting vehicles.

**International Based Threats:**

Every year the State Fair dates occur during the Anniversary of 9/11. Terrorists inspired by foreign ideologies continue to attempt to exploit security vulnerabilities through a variety of tactics, including creating sophisticated devices they believe could bypass security measures; emplacing devices in locations with limited to no security presence; or opting to conduct attacks on locations that have significant security outside of controlled access points. Terrorists continue to use large crowds and seemingly innocuous items such as backpacks and luggage to conceal improvised explosive devices (IEDs) from detection by law enforcement and security personnel. Increased awareness and continued outreach to front line security, law enforcement, first responders, and the public can continue to provide opportunities for interdiction and disruption of potential plots.

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\*Support to al-Qaeda / ISIS continues, when a 17-year-old in Philadelphia was arrested on August 11, 2023 in connection with a terrorism probe. The FBI said the 17-year-old male was arrested on state charges and was allegedly communicating with the group Katibat al Tawhid wal Jihad (KTJ). KTJ was designated as a global terrorist group in 2022 and affiliated with al-Qaeda, officials said. A law enforcement official told media that the suspect was radicalized online. The FBI said the teen had access to firearms and had recently purchased items and materials commonly used in the construction of improvised explosive devices (IED). Among the items allegedly purchased were tactical equipment, chemicals, wiring, and devices often used as remote detonators. Authorities say some of the items were purchased in the last few weeks. The suspect had conducted "general research" into specific targets, and not only in the Philadelphia area, the FBI added.

The SSRIG urges state, regional, local, tribal, and private security partners to maintain increased vigilance for indicators of pre-operational surveillance and suspicious activity, to include being aware that the State Fair, the surrounding events and activities during this timeframe could influence terrorists, lone offenders, and criminal extremists to act with little or no warning.

**Other Criminal Activity of Concern:**

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

**Officer Safety:**

\*\*Ambush attacks against law enforcement officers remain a threat to officer safety, with the number of attacks per year holding steady, the proportion of fatal attacks on officers attributable to ambushes are increasing. Concerns about targeted violence against police are on the rise, while officers must not only be guardians of the public but also be prepared to respond to violence targeting them. Officers standing and conducting traffic & crowd control duty for long hours outside the State Fair grounds at intersections or barricades need to be vigilant with their personal situational awareness for their own safety!

**Patrol Tactics:**

- Prior to patrol, check for any visible signs of tampering with your patrol vehicle.
- Avoid concealed stationary locations to run radar or while observing traffic patterns.
- Alternate vehicle approaches using both driver and passenger side of vehicles.
- When staffing permits, use two person patrols, effective coordination and communication with area law enforcement agencies are key.
- Know the deficiencies and shortfalls in the communication systems within your patrol areas.
- Always maintain a high state of awareness on and off duty, given the nature of our profession and the potential for violence.

\*\*Law enforcement personnel are reminded to remain ever vigilant and aware of our surroundings both on and off duty.

**In conclusion:** A higher likelihood exists within the areas of the State Fair for exposure to public safety threats resulting from adverse gang interactions, criminal extremists, anti-police agitations, nuisance drones, and misdemeanor acts by opportunists having criminal intent. Historically, these incidents result in public disturbances, impromptu demonstrations, thefts, and nuisances related to public intoxication, disorderly conduct, and criminal mischief.

\*\*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.

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**WASHINGTON STATE FAIR (SEPTEMBER 1-24, 2023)**

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

*Washington*  
**STATE FAIR**

**(U) Event Description:**

(U) The Washington State Fair is being held September 1-24, 2023, at the Washington State Fair Events Center in Puyallup, Washington. With more than one million people expected to attend, it is the largest fair in the Pacific Northwest, and includes concerts, art and animal exhibits, and the Puyallup Rodeo. Daily attendance can range from 30,000 to 130,000 people depending on the day of the week, weather conditions, and scheduled high-profile concerts. All gates will have a law enforcement presence, and all guests will be subject to weapons detection screening upon entering.

**(U) Executive Summary:**

**(U//FOUO) The Washington State Fusion Center (WSFC) is not currently aware of any credible or specific threats targeting the Washington State Fair, or the Washington State Fair Events Center. 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.**

(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.<sup>1</sup>

- (U) On July 22, 2023, an illegal street racing event led to a shooting near the Capitol Hill Block Party in downtown Seattle. Four people were injured and taken to Harborview Medical Center. The crowd resisted responding officers, complicating their efforts to get to the victims.<sup>2,3</sup>
- (U) On July 1, 2023, after attending The Taste Northwest in Puyallup, Washington, an argument between multiple individuals led to gunfire in a nearby church parking lot, injuring one bystander.<sup>4,5</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>6,7,8</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>9,10,11</sup> Additionally, unauthorized drones or unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) flying in close proximity to event venues and participants can cause accidental or intentional harm.<sup>12</sup>

**(U) Key Findings:**

- (U//FOUO) The WSFC is not currently aware of any credible or specific threats targeting the Washington State Fair, or the Washington State Fair Events Center.
- (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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WASHINGTON STATE FAIR

|                               |                |   |                                   |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Start Date: September 1, 2023 | City: Puyallup | Location: Washington State Fair Events Center | Estimated Crowd Size: > 1,000,000 |
| End Date: September 24, 2023  | County: Pierce | Venue Type: Open-Air                          | Waterborne: No <sup>2</sup>       |
| Timeframe: See Website        | Region: 5      | Venue Access: Highly Restricted <sup>1</sup>  | Fireworks: Yes <sup>3</sup>       |

(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.

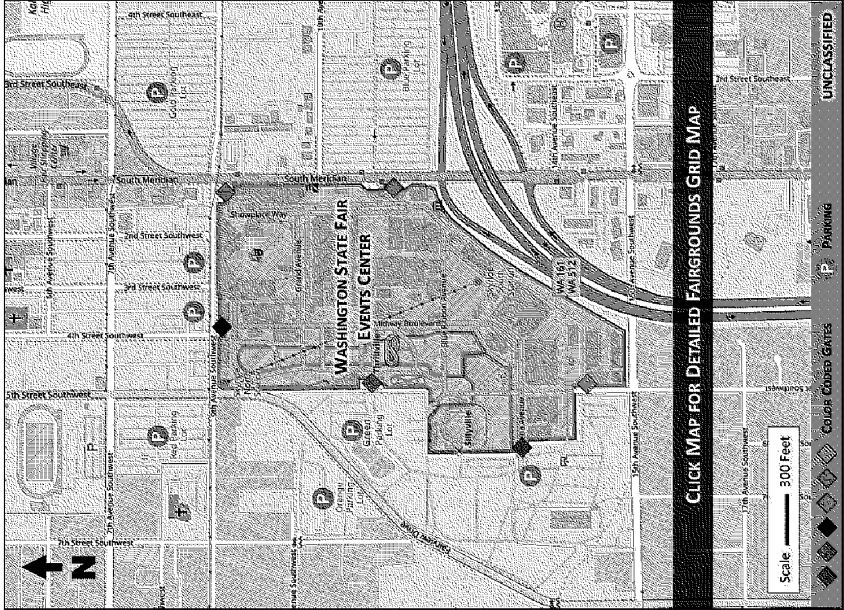
(U) Suspicious Activity – Indicators and Behaviors:

- (U) Reported theft of explosives or consumer grade fireworks. [Squamish Police 123000257]
- (U) Theft of law enforcement, security, and public safety uniforms. [SPD 2023-178470]
- (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) Persons in crowded areas wearing clothing that is unusually bulky or atypical for the season or event, possibly to conceal explosives or weapons.



(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 Ramming (U-FOUO) \*

1 – (U) Event has significant security measures placed around event. The event will be either credentialled or possess multiple checks (e.g., bag search, metal detectors).  
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?  
3 – (U) Fireworks show every Friday night at approximately 2200.



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## REGIONAL

### WA Man on His Way to Sturgis Rally Arrested for Terrorist Threats



[Rapid City, South Dakota] A man reportedly on his way to the Sturgis Rally with guns and possible explosives was arrested and charged with making a terrorist threat. John Charles Matthew Mann, 42, from Washington State (University Place) was arrested Saturday during a traffic stop in Butte County.

A court document from the Butte County State's Attorney's Office says when Mann was pulled over, law enforcement found two AR-15s, body armor, three handguns, bomb-making material, and a device that police say appeared to be a pipe bomb.

Law enforcement also found a several hundred-page manifesto titled Manifesto: Descent into the Rational Justification for Genocide. The manifesto included descriptions of murder, mass killings, abduction and sexual molestation of children, and suicidal ideation.

Mann is being charged with one count of terroristic threats, a class 5 felony, and one count of use of a hoax substance or device to cause fear, a class 6 felony. His initial appearance was Tuesday where his bond was modified to \$75,000 but was later changed to \$250,000 after a request from the state.

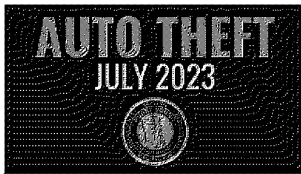
He's scheduled for arraignment on September 6. Court records say Mann is from University Place, Washington. Source: Daily Dot, 8/9/2023

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## Puget Sound Auto Theft Task Force (PSATTF) releases auto theft stats for July 2023

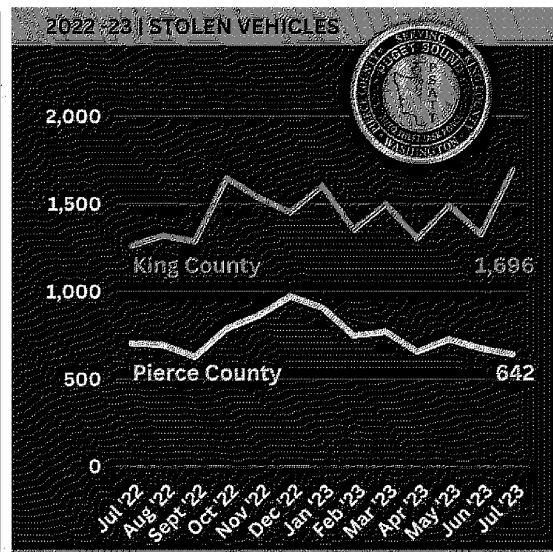
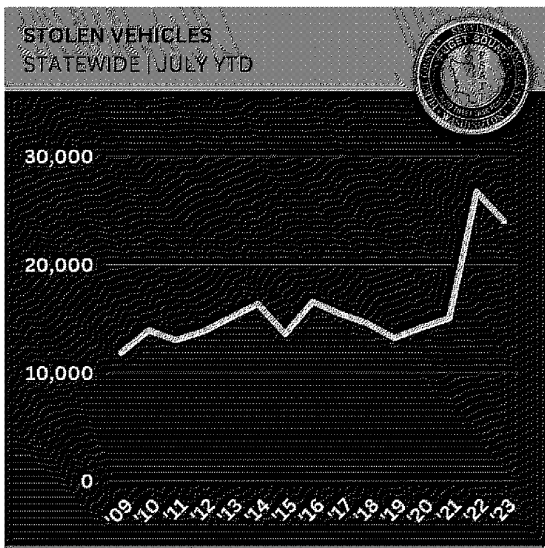
The auto theft stats for July 2023 are in. There were 642 vehicles reported stolen in Pierce County and 1,696 reported stolen in King County. That's an average of about 75 per day! Our team is out there every day working to tackle this problem, but there are also things you can do to lessen your risk of becoming a victim:

- Remove or hide all valuables
- Lock your car
- Don't leave keys or fobs inside
- Don't leave your vehicle running unattended (exhaust in cold months makes these vehicles easy to spot)
- Use anti-theft devices (alarm, kill switch, steering wheel lock)
- Park in well-lit areas

While it's important for all vehicle owners to consider using an anti-theft device, we strongly encourage residents of apartment complexes to make this a priority because these complexes are a top target for car thieves. Steering wheel locks are strongly recommended for owners of Hyundai and Kia models that are vulnerable to theft. Even if you have already upgraded your software, we still suggest using a steering wheel lock as a visual deterrent. Otherwise, you may end up with a shattered window and a damaged ignition before the thief realizes your car can't be stolen. Multiple theft attempts are reported each day.

We also suggest leaving a GPS tracker, such as an Air Tag or Tile, in your vehicle so that you (we) can track it if it does get stolen.

So far this year, 24,025 vehicles have been reported stolen statewide.





Link: <https://blog.piercecountywa.gov/autothefttaskforce/2023/08/16/psattf-releases-auto-theft-stats-for-july-2023/>

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## OFFICER SAFETY

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|  | <h1>Special Bulletin</h1> <h2>TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</h2>   |  |
| Det. Scott Meffen #277<br>Tacoma Police Department<br>Robbery Unit                | Bulletin Number: S23-150  | August 16, 2023   |
|   | Office: (253) 830-6556<br>Cell: (253) 533-0228<br>Email: <a href="mailto:Smeffen@cityoftacoma.org">Smeffen@cityoftacoma.org</a> |   |

### **PC to Arrest for Robbery 1st. 23-209-01970**





**Suspect**  
-Jacobski, Jared R.  
-05/19/1983  
-6'1"  
-Unknown address  
(Homeless living in an RV)

On July 23rd, 2023, at approximately 0600 hours Jacobski committed a home invasion, armed robbery. Jacobski was armed with a gray 9mm handgun during the robbery. Jacobski was with another Pacific Islander male (currently unknown) who was also armed with a handgun. Jacobski is known to frequent the "Oakland" area of Tacoma. He may also be in an RV around 5600 S. Yakima Ave. Jacobski was recently involved in a shooting that's being investigated by TPD.

If Jacobski is located there is PC for his arrest. A booking form is at TPD Ops Desk. Tow any vehicle Jacobski is in back to TPD secure storage for a search warrant. If Jacobski is arrested, please notify Detective Scott Meffen at 253-533-0228 or Detective Garret Walk 253-318-7393 for an interview.

**PC AT THIS TIME - SUSPECT IS ARMED AND DANGEROUS -**

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**Att Murder, Aslt, Att Rpe: Island (Tacoma PD)**

**WARRANT/OFFICER SAFETY-ISLAND HAS A UNCONFIRMED FELONY NO BAIL WARRANT OUT OF CHELAN COUNTY AND HAS THREATENED TO SHOOT IT OUT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT BEFORE GOING BACK TO JAIL**

**\*\*UPDATE: A FELONY WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR THE ARREST OF ISLAND FOR DV ATTEMPTED MURDER (X2), ASSAULT 1ST, ATT RAPE, UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM (FROM 7/9/23 INCIDENT) WITH NATIONWIDE EXTRADITION\*\***



**Island, Marcellus V.**  
DOB 02/09/1980  
B/M 6 foot, 185 lbs black hair  
Address: possibly living in his vehicle LKA/incident address 4366 E Q St  
Tacoma  
WA #CGC4456 2006 Pontiac Grand Prix Blue in color

**Considered Armed and Dangerous-Last known to be in possession of 2 small firearms (possibly a .380 cal handgun)**

A Felony Warrant for Domestic Violence Attempted Murder (2 counts), Aggravated Assault, and Attempted Rape from TPD Case #23 190 00295 that occurred on 7/9/23 in Tacoma WA has been issued for the arrest of Marcellus Island. Suspect Island was intoxicated during a physical DV and attempted rape with his girlfriend firing several shots at the victim before fleeing the residence. Follow up with the victim is ongoing and will likely result in additional charges. Island fled the residence in a blue 2006 Pontiac Grand Prix, WA #CGC4456 and took 2 small firearms. The victim feels Island may be suicidal if he is drinking. Please impound vehicle if handguns aren't located on Island when arrested.

Island has an unconfirmed Felony No Bail Warrant out of Chelan County for UPOF X3 and UPCS.  
**CONFIRM WARRANT PRIOR TO SERVICE**

**If located notify Detective C. Brooks @ 253-606-1321.**

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## OFFICER AWARENESS



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PCSD CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

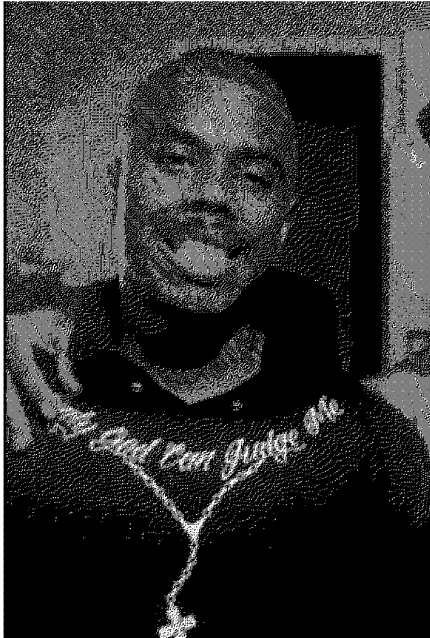
## SPECIAL BULLETIN

August 16, 2023

### ATTEMPT TO LOCATE – MISSING PERSON

Pierce County Sheriff's Detectives are attempting to locate Missing Person, Tionne J Curry. He is listed as a missing person under PCSD #23-224-02160.

Curry was reported missing on 08-12-2023. He was last seen leaving his residence at Mashburn Adult Family Home at around 2045 hours and did not return to the residence. He is diagnosed with schizophrenia and has not been taking his medication since he left the home. Curry has a history of drug use and frequents gas stations and convenience stores. If Curry is located, please clear him as a missing person with SS911 and notify Detective Monti Minion at [monti.minion@piercecounitywa.gov](mailto:monti.minion@piercecounitywa.gov).



**NAME:** Tionne J. Curry

**DOB:** 05-07-1991

**PHY:** Black Male, 5'10", 180 lbs., black/brown, brown eyes

**LKA:** 5915 258th St Ct E. Graham WA 98338

**Clothing:** Last seen wearing a gray jacket and blk shorts.

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## CYBER THREATS

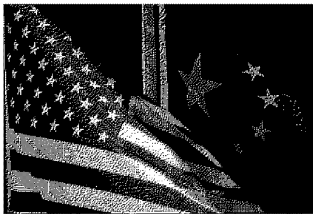
### **CISA: New Whirlpool Backdoor Used in Barracuda ESG Campaign**



Security researchers have discovered a third novel backdoor that was used in attacks on users of Barracuda ESG appliances recently. The US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has released a new advisory detailing the malware, dubbed "Whirlpool." It claimed the backdoor established a TLS reverse shell to a command-and-control (C2) server. "This artifact is a 32-bit ELF file that has been identified as a malware variant named 'Whirlpool,'" the document noted. "The malware takes two arguments (C2 IP and port number) from a module to establish a Transport Layer Security (TLS) reverse shell. The module that passes the arguments was not available for analysis." Source; Infosecurity Magazine, 8/11/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has released a report detailing a new backdoor malware discovered in attacks on Barracuda Email Security Gateway (ESG) appliances. The backdoor, dubbed Whirlpool, "establishes a Transport Layer Security (TLS) reverse shell to the Command-and-Control (C2) server." CISA has released three reports on backdoor malware variants affecting Barracuda ESG appliances. The malwares are associated with the exploitation of CVE-2023-2868, which is a remote command injection vulnerability affecting Barracuda ESG Appliance, versions 5.1.3.001-9.2.0.006. The flaw was first discovered in May 2023, but has been actively exploited since October 2022. Mandiant published a report linking the active exploitation of CVE-2023-2868 to Chinese threat actor UNC4841. Barracuda ESG is software that filters inbound and outbound email and protects customer data. It can be deployed as a physical or virtual appliance, or in a public cloud environment on AWS or Microsoft Azure. The attack is largely thought to be an espionage-motivated attack as the threat actors use the backdoors to maintain persistence in a victim's system. The previously discovered malware variants reported by CISA are Seaspy, Submarine, and Barracuda Exploit Payload and Backdoor. Rapid7 has advised that "Barracuda is urging ESG customers to immediately decommission and replace all impacted ESG physical appliances irrespective of patch level."

### **US Critical Infrastructure Likely To Face Chinese Cyberattacks Amid Taiwan Conflict**



U.S. critical infrastructure entities have been warned by Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Director Jen Easterly regarding the possibility of disruptive Chinese cyberattacks in the event of U.S. involvement in a potential invasion of Taiwan, according to The Record, a news site by cybersecurity firm Recorded Future. "In some of the products that we put out earlier this year, a cybersecurity advisory talked about Chinese state-sponsored actors living off the land. So not malware but using the native processes of a computer to hide in those systems. Source; SC Media, 8/15/2023

*\*Analyst Assessment\** On 12 August 2023, while speaking at the DEF CON hacker conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Director Jen Easterly warned that "China's hackers have been positioning themselves to conduct destructive cyberattacks on U.S. critical infrastructure." According to Director Easterly, cyberattacks leveraged against critical infrastructure by China would represent a significant pivot in the tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) observed in Chinese hackers, which historically has "largely consisted of a barrage of espionage and their of data but not destructive attacks designed to harm systems." David Pekoske, the director of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), also spoke at the DEF CON panel and said that critical infrastructure operators need to prepare for possibility of such cyberattacks immediately to ensure they are not caught off-guard in the future. These warnings are consistent with the assessments contained in the February 2023 National Threat Assessment, in which the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) reported that "China almost certainly is capable of launching cyber-attacks that could disrupt critical infrastructure services within the United States, including against oil and gas pipelines, and rail systems." In May 2023, three months after the National Threat Assessment was released, Microsoft's Threat Intelligence team reported that they had "uncovered stealthy and targeted malicious activity focused on post-compromise credential access and network system discovery aimed at critical infrastructure organizations in the

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United States,” and that the malicious activity was being carried out by a state-sponsored cyber actor based in China known as Volt Typhoon. According to the Microsoft Threat Intelligence team, Volt Typhoon was assessed with moderate confidence to be “pursuing development of capabilities that could disrupt critical communications infrastructure between the United States and Asia region during future crises.” Source; Over the Road-Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily (OTRBIAD) Report

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**



### **A Longer-Lasting and More Powerful Treatment – New Antibody Reverses Effects of Potent Opioid**

August 11, 2023 (SciTech Daily). Scripps Research Institute, San Diego, CA – In the study, published in *ACS Chemical Neuroscience* on August 3, 2023, the researchers developed a human antibody that binds very tightly to carfentanil, fentanyl, and other fentanyl variants. In rodents, they showed that administering a solution of the antibody shortly after an overdose reverses the potentially deadly respiratory depression caused by carfentanil, the most

dangerous of the variants. The results suggest that the antibody could be a more powerful, longer-lasting treatment for synthetic opioid overdose, compared to existing options. Fentanyl and carfentanil overdoses currently are treated with the mu-opioid receptor-blocking drugs naloxone and naltrexone, but these treatments are sometimes ineffective against synthetic opioids even [when] large doses [are administered]. Moreover, the benefits of these treatments typically last for less than an hour after dosing—potentially allowing respiratory depression from fentanyl or carfentanil (which persist much longer in the body) to resume. To obtain antibodies, the team vaccinated rodents with a molecule they designed that would elicit antibodies against carfentanil, fentanyl, and variants.

The rodents were engineered to produce human antibodies (rather than rodent antibodies, which would trigger an unwanted immune response if administered to humans). Among the resulting antibodies, the researchers were able to identify several that bind to carfentanil with super-high affinity—and bind very strongly to fentanyl and several other fentanyl derivatives. They then selected the most potent of these antibodies, modified it to be more lightweight (so that it would get quickly into the bloodstream), and further altered it so it would persist in the blood for days. Tests in rodents showed that the optimized [single-chain variable fragment] scFv, dubbed C10-S66K, did indeed have a powerful effect at reducing carfentanil’s actions on the brain—reversing carfentanil-driven respiratory depression when injected 15 minutes after a heavy carfentanil exposure. The effect after about 40 minutes was stronger than naloxone’s and was still increasing after two hours, whereas naloxone’s peaked at 30 minutes and swiftly declined.

Source: [https://scitechdaily.com/a-longer-lasting-and-more-powerful-treatment-new-antibody-reverses-effects-of-potent-opioid/?expand\\_article=1&sm-ai=5VkkVZm5kNWvT7NGqvK6qTvMRG](https://scitechdaily.com/a-longer-lasting-and-more-powerful-treatment-new-antibody-reverses-effects-of-potent-opioid/?expand_article=1&sm-ai=5VkkVZm5kNWvT7NGqvK6qTvMRG)

### **Border agents seize enough lethal drugs this fiscal year to kill more than 6 billion people**



U.S. Customs and Border Protection [CBP] officials alone have seized enough lethal drugs this fiscal year through June to kill more than 6.4 billion people. The amounts of lethal doses they’ve seized of fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine are enough to kill the U.S. population 19 times. Fiscal year through June, CBP agents have seized 22,000 pounds of fentanyl at ports of entry nationwide, according to most recent data. They also seized 175,000 pounds of methamphetamine and over 70,000 pounds of cocaine. These amounts are greater than what was seized in all of fiscal 2022. Two milligrams of fentanyl are considered a lethal dose. One pound, equivalent to 453,592.4 milligrams, is enough to kill 226,796 people. Twenty-two thousand pounds is enough to kill

nearly 5 billion people. According to AddictionResources.net, a lethal dose of cocaine is over 30 mg; a lethal dose of methamphetamine is an estimated 200 milligrams. Based on these estimates and the seizure amounts, CBP agents seized

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enough lethal doses of methamphetamine to kill nearly 397 million people and enough lethal doses of cocaine to kill over one billion people. Combined, fiscal year through June, enough lethal drugs have been seized by CBP alone to kill over 6.4 billion people – greater than 19 times the U.S. population of over 335 million.

These seizures exclude those made by state and other federal agencies. In Texas, for example, over 422 million lethal doses of fentanyl have been seized through its border security mission Operation Lone Star. In Arizona, one multiagency effort resulted the seizure of enough illicit drugs, including fentanyl, to kill over 40 million people. In one single carload bust in Los Angeles, authorities seized enough fentanyl to kill over 600,000 people. In Florida, one multiagency bust seized enough fentanyl to kill the state's entire population, and that was after a previous bust that seized enough to kill half the state's population, <https://www.abqjournal.com/news/national/border-agents-seize-enough-lethal-drugs-this-fiscal-year-to-kill-more-than-6-billion/article-6692bba4-ce9b-5bed-bca7-4366369093eb.html> August 14, 2023 (Albuquerque Journal).

## NATIONAL

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# NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



## TACTICAL ASSESSMENT

Intelligence Operations & Analysis Section

### Nationwide Swatting Campaign Demonstrates Employment of New Tactics

The NYPD Intelligence & Counterterrorism Bureau (ICB) has observed a recent series of nationwide swatting incidents orchestrated by an international network of racially and ethnically motivated actors, who are employing a variety of unique tactics in an attempt to disrupt the daily operations of targeted institutions across the U.S., including in the New York City area. Since 24 July 2023, there have been at least five swatting incidents in New York City, including three directed at synagogues in Manhattan over the past two weeks. NYPD online observations indicate that these swatters operate on encrypted channels within online gaming communities where they recommend swatting targets, distribute potential swatting methods, and share the results of swatting attempts. These malicious actors, who regularly propagate white supremacist, anti-Semitic, and neo-Nazi rhetoric and content online, have targeted religious institutions in many of these swatting attempts in order to intimidate perceived rivals and/or members of marginalized groups. The NYPD has observed swatters in these incidents employ a variety of technologies aimed at perpetrating these threats anonymously, including the use of virtual private networks (VPNs), Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) numbers, and two-factor authentication bypass tools.

#### "SWATTING"

Swatting is the criminal act of falsely reporting a crime or emergency in order to evoke a law enforcement response—often in the form of a SWAT team—to a victim's residence, place of work, or targeted location in an attempt to harass or intimidate them. Swatting permits online malicious actors, referred to as "trolls," to target victims beyond the virtual sphere by prompting law enforcement intervention at their homes and businesses.

- The NYPD has observed these swatters prioritize the targeting of locations that offer livestreaming services, enabling them to view the swatting and subsequent evacuations in real time. To date, the most frequently exploited live streams are those of religious institutions, specifically churches and synagogues, which broadcast religious services to remote audiences.

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- In addition to traditional swatting tactics, such as fraudulent 911 calls to falsely report emergencies and direct threats to targeted institutions, these online users have orchestrated swattings through the use of anonymous suicide and crisis counseling services. After an anonymous user is paired with a counselor in an online chatroom, the user will threaten acts of violence and provide the counselor with the address of a targeted institution to trick law enforcement personnel into responding to that particular location.
- These online users document and share their swatting efforts, keeping score and competing with each other. It is common practice for these swatters to record a target institution's livestream as proof of success and to share the livestream among likeminded users within the gaming communities. Swatters have also livestreamed themselves while making fraudulent 911 calls, incorporating real time suggestions from likeminded users.
- The NYPD assesses these swatters are conscious of operational security, and take extensive measures to remain anonymous. Online observations indicate:
- Groups of swatters share Virtual Private Network (VPN) accounts to hide their true IP addresses and make it appear as if they are connecting to the internet from a region of their choice, which sometimes corresponds to the location of the target they intend to swat.
- Swatters create "throwaway" email addresses for single or limited use applications, and bypass the two factor authentication requirements of email providers by using free temporary phone numbers acquired online.
- Using "throwaway" email addresses, swatters create and share accounts on virtual applications that provide users access to free, anonymous phones numbers. These phone numbers operate with a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), allowing users to make calls using WiFi, rather than relying on a telephone service provider.
- While unconfirmed if employed in this recent series of swattings, past swatters have relied on digital synthesizers and artificial intelligence (AI) tools to mask their true voices.

**SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**

Based on ongoing swatting incidents nationwide, including in the New York City area, the NYPD recommends the following best practices for uniformed members of service:

- Supervisors should ensure all personnel are apprised of this ongoing nationwide swatting campaign, including the common tactics utilized by these online malicious actors.
- Officers should continue to respond to emergency calls with the impression that they are truthfully reported, maintaining elevated situational awareness.
- While responding, officers should attempt to verify the validity of the reported emergency by contacting the incident reporter and/or the targeted institution for additional information.
- Officers should remain aware that they may be filmed and/or livestreamed by swatters as they respond to a reported emergency.

Source; New York Police Department, Intelligence Operations and Analysis Section

## Swatting at Synagogues



The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) called this week for law enforcement and community leaders to act, as 28 synagogues and ADL offices across the country have been the victim of fake bomb threats and swatting calls. Some synagogues targeted were livestreaming their services as police arrived, interrupting services. The caller of the hoax then posted clips of the incidents online, reported the NYT. A group of online 'trolls' have been the source of the calls that include anti-semitic language and the group has also been linked to targets that includes African-American churches and at least one news organization. On Saturday, a Manhattan synagogue was vandalized by an individual who was later arrested, reported the New York Daily News. A second act of vandalism to a Yeshiva in the same neighborhood occurred nine months ago.

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*\*Analyst Assessment\** Though these swatting incidents have an anti-Semitic bias, they are also examples of extremists using the internet to publicize their messaging and harass their perceived enemies. Law enforcement is extremely sensitive to reports of violence at places of worship, schools, or public gatherings. Any call reporting violence will elicit a major response. The arriving units may evacuate a building, causing congregates to exit in fear and disrupting services till the location is properly searched. The callers are using technology to select targets across the US, capturing the incidents on livestream to amplify their message, then posting the results on social media. All calls for emergency assistance must be treated as legitimate until determined to be a hoax. Source: Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov

## **(U//FOUO) Transnational: Domestic Violent Extremists and Criminal Actors Will Likely Continue Utilizing “OpenInfraMap” in Plots Targeting Electrical Infrastructure, Increasing the Likelihood and Impact of Successful Attacks**

(U//FOUO) According to a Wisconsin Statewide Intelligence Center (WSIC) Critical Infrastructure Analytic Report Update dated 10 AUG 23, in 2023, two racially or ethnically motivated violent extremist – white supremacists (RMVE-WS) were arrested for attempting to destroy electrical infrastructure. Authorities discovered that the suspects used OpenInfraMap to research electrical infrastructure.

- (U//FOUO) On 03 FEB 23, two RMVE-WS in Maryland were charged with conspiracy to destroy an energy facility. The suspects allegedly planned to shoot at electrical substations to cause a “cascading failure” that would destroy the City of Baltimore, according to federal intelligence reporting. According to the criminal complaint, they exploited OpenInfraMap to share substation locations in Maryland when selecting which targets to attack for maximum impact to the power grid.

(U//FOUO) Since 2021, online actors in RMVE-WS associated communication channels continue to encourage exploitation of OpenInfraMap when planning attacks against electrical infrastructure:

- (U//FOUO) On 07 DEC 22, a suspected RMVE-WS public instant messaging platform channel user encouraged supporters to terrorize and stress the system by sabotaging local power grids and resources and provided a hyperlink to OpenInfraMap for “learn[ing] more about where power grids are located”, according to federal intelligence reporting.

- (U//FOUO) On 09 AUG 22, a user of a suspected RMVE-WS public instant messaging chat group posted location information regarding critical infrastructure in the US, Canada, and Mexico and encouraged exploiting OpenInfraMap for information regarding critical infrastructure in the US and other countries, according to federal intelligence reporting.

- (U//FOUO) On 15 OCT 21, a user of an RMVE-WS-aligned Telegram channel suggested supporters familiarize themselves with infrastructure in their area using OpenInfraMap and provided a link to the site, according to fusion center reporting.

(U//FOUO) Since 2022, anonymous and unaffiliated actors communicating in online image boards discussed OpenInfraMap as a tool that could be used to plan attacks against electrical infrastructure targets.

- (U//FOUO) On 13 DEC 2022, an anonymous image board user created a thread titled “The fate of the USA depends on people not finding out where these boxes are” that contained a hyperlink to OpenInfraMap. Other users participating in the thread discussed vulnerabilities, methods of attacks, and target selection for attacking electrical infrastructure, according to federal intelligence reporting.

- (U//FOUO) On 13 DEC 2022, an anonymous image board user responded to a thread discussing recent attacks on US electrical infrastructure in North Carolina, Oregon, and Washington. The subject posted a hyperlink to OpenInfraMap for “Full electrical infrastructure map,” according to federal intelligence reporting.

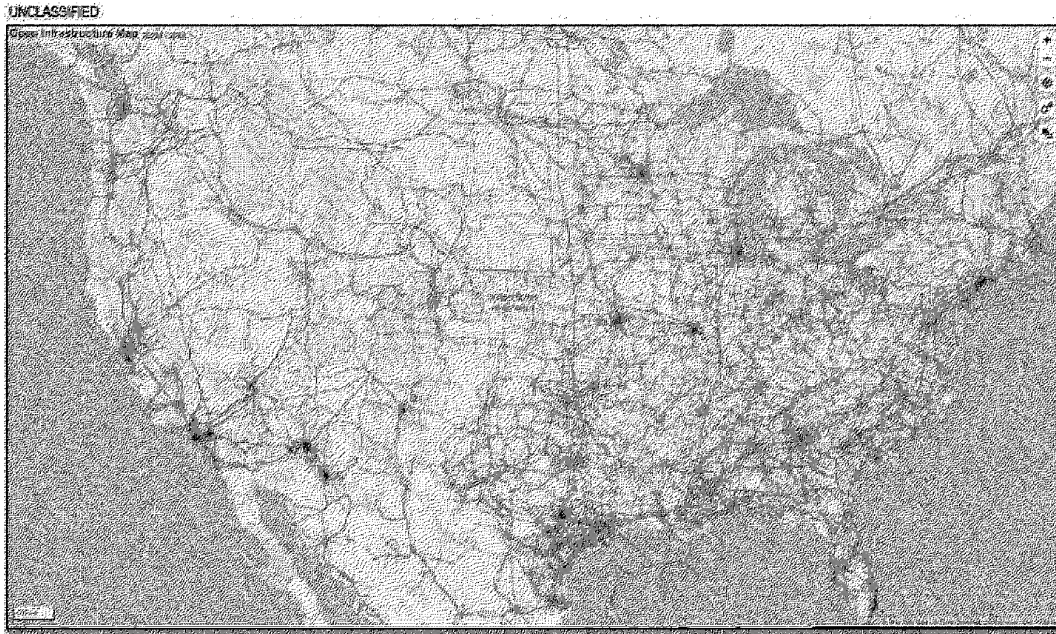
### **(U) OpenInfraMap**

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(U) OpenInfraMap is a custom view of OpenStreetMap, a free, open-source and collaborative geographic online database. OpenInfraMap was created by a UK-based software developer to map and highlight infrastructure documented on OpenStreetMap yet “invisible or not obvious” while using the default OpenStreetMap rendering. Infrastructure information layers visible on OpenInfraMap include power, solar generation, telecoms, oil and gas, and water (See Figure 1 below).

Specific layers can be selected and deselected per user interests. Information on OpenInfraMap is largely dependent upon geo-mapper input.



(U) Figure 1: OpenInfraMap view of CONUS with power, solar, telecoms, oil and gas, and water layers toggled.

(Source: <https://openinframap.org/>)

(U//FOUO) Electrical infrastructure information available from OpenInfraMap includes but is not limited to electrical towers, power lines, minor distribution centers, substations, generating stations, and power plants. OpenInfraMap also contains a list of 12,932 power plants, generating stations, and other electrical infrastructure facilities in the United States with detailed information regarding operating companies, electrical output (MW), power source (i.e., hydro, solar, gas, coal, nuclear, etc.), method (i.e., combustion, fission, photovoltaic, etc.), and hyperlinks to wikidata on certain locations when available (See Figure 2 below).

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| Name  | Operator                                      | Output   | Source       | Method               | Wikidata   |
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| Grand Coulee Dam                                      |   | 6,808 MW | hydro        | water storage        | Q1056391   |
| Bedford Solar   | O2 emc  | 6,000 MW | solar        | photovoltaic         | Q118721542 |
| W.A. Parish Electric Generating Station               | NRG Energy                                    | 4,008 MW | coal gas     | combustion           | Q12610287  |
| Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station                 | Arizona Public Service Company                | 3,937 MW | nuclear      | fission              | Q1583087   |
| West County Energy Center                             | Florida Power & Light                         | 3,750 MW | gas          | combustion           | Q26403763  |
| Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant                      | Tennessee Valley Authority                    | 3,588 MW | nuclear      | fission              | Q1650555   |
| PSEG Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Stations | PSEG  | 3,472 MW | nuclear      | fission              | Q1518276   |
| Crystal River Power Plant                             | Duke Energy                                   | 3,326 MW | gas          | combustion           | Q5191336   |
| Monroe Power Plant                                    | DTE Electric Company                          | 3,308 MW | coal         | combustion           | Q2944588   |
| Plant Bowen   | Georgia Power                                 | 3,232 MW | coal         | combustion           | Q2247303   |
| Gibson Generating Station                             | Duke Energy                                   | 3,145 MW | coal         | combustion           | Q2944588   |
| John Amos Power Plant                                 | Appalachian Power                             | 2,933 MW | coal         | combustion           | Q11978850  |
| Bain County Pumped Storage Station                    | Virginia Electric & Power Co.                 | 2,862 MW | hydro        | water pumped storage | Q119214    |
| Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Station               | Florida Power & Light                         | 2,851 MW | gas, nuclear | fission              | Q1739486   |
| Plant McDonough-Atkinson                              | Georgia Power                                 | 2,848 MW | gas          | combustion           | Q11983799  |
| James H. Miller Electric Generating Plant             | Alabama Power                                 | 2,822 MW | coal         | combustion           | Q11977852  |
| Bruce Mansfield Power Station                         | FirstEnergy                                   | 2,741 MW | coal         | combustion           | Q991403    |
| South Texas Project Electric Generating Station       | South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company | 2,709 MW | nuclear      | fission              | Q371357    |

(U) Figure 2: OpenInfraMap statistics list for power plants within the United States.  
(Source: <https://openinframap.org/stats/area/United%20States/plants>)

(U) Potential informational advantages of OpenInfraMap might include:

- (U//FOUO) Impact scoping for attacks: Information found on OpenInfraMap may help threat actors to determine the range of impacted populations more accurately for a proposed attack. Attackers could select certain substations, power plants, and power lines-based wattage and service areas to tailor the 'downstream' effects of disrupted electricity service.
- (U//FOUO) Comprehensive and Consolidated Information: Other publicly available information sources on electrical infrastructure vary greatly from state to state and information that they provide. OpenInfraMap contains a consolidated data source with comprehensive information on potential targets at the local, state, and national levels.
- (U//FOUO) Replacing Traditional Pre-Operational Attack Planning Steps: Use of OpenInfraMap could circumvent certain observable preoperational attack planning indicators and behaviors (i.e., observation/surveillance and acquisition of expertise), challenging law enforcement and the public's ability to detect and deter potential attacks.

(U//FOUO) **WSIC Comment:** WSIC assesses domestic violent extremists and criminal actors will likely continue utilizing OpenInfraMap (<https://openinframap.org/>) in plots targeting electrical infrastructure, increasing the potential likelihood and impact of successful attacks. Indicators associated with this assessment would include reporting of subjects leveraging information from OpenInfraMap to replace traditional pre-operational activities (observation, surveillance, acquisition of expertise); reporting of online actors discussing the impact of potential attacks with targets selected using OpenInfraMap; and reporting of disrupted plots against electrical infrastructure where actors used OpenInfraMap.

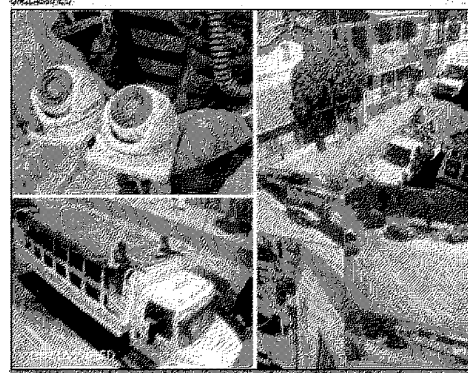
(U//FOUO) WSIC assesses that awareness and ability to report observable pre-operational attack planning indicators, specifically acquisition of expertise and observation/surveillance, will almost certainly be crucial for preventing future attacks to electrical infrastructure in Wisconsin. While use of OpenInfraMap alone is not inherently indicative of criminal activity or pre-operational attack planning, we encourage recipients of this product to take the full context of use and activity into account when reporting. (WSIC, Critical Infrastructure Analytic Report Update, Domestic Violent Extremists and Criminal Actors Will Likely Continue Utilizing "OpenInfraMap" in Plots Targeting Electrical Infrastructure, Increasing the Likelihood and Impact of Successful Attacks10 AUG 23) Source: Army Threat Integration Center (ARTIC).

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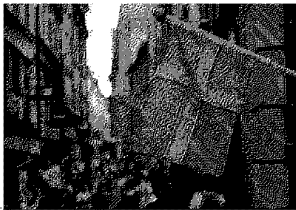
### **(U) Mexico: Authorities Discover a Criminal Surveillance Camera Network**

(U) According to a San Diego-Law Enforcement Coordination Center (SD-LECC) Articles of Interest (AOI) in the Mexican Press Bulletin dated 10 AUG 23, on 01 AUG 23 authorities in Tecate, Mexico discovered images from privately owned surveillance cameras throughout Tecate inside a USBUS WhatsApp group chat on the cell phone of a murdered Sinaloa Cartel associate. Information provided to authorities and law enforcement investigations revealed the Sinaloa Cartel installed approximately 100 cameras throughout the city, highways, and rural areas of Tecate and use the cameras to surveil law enforcement and military personnel and their Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generación (CJNG) rivals. Authorities are having difficulty accessing and confiscating the cameras because most of the cameras are on private properties.



(U) Image of a pair of illegal cameras from a Sinaloa Cartel camera network and screenshots of military personnel and criminal rivals taken throughout the city of Tecate.  
(Source: ZETA Tijuana)

**(U//FOUO) SD-LECC Comment:** Mexican drug trafficking organizations will likely continue to leverage technology, including surveillance cameras, small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS), and communication applications, to optimize their drug trafficking and criminal activities by surveilling authorities and rivals and sharing information between criminal cells. According to a July 2023 article citing a Mexican security specialist, Mexican criminal groups have increased their use of technology, including surveillance cameras, applications, and sUAS, to fortify their security posture, facilitate their drug trafficking operations, and spy on authorities and rivals. Sinaloa Cartel criminal cells operate command, control, communications, and computer centers in Sinaloa to surveil authorities and improve their security posture while conducting drug-related criminal activities, according to the same article. Criminal groups in Tijuana, Mexico have also used sUAS in furtherance of their criminal activities. According to a US Border Patrol (USBP) officer interviewed by a news outlet in March 2023, human smuggling and drug trafficking groups have increased their use of sUAS along Sector San Diego's area of responsibility to surveil USBP agents and facilitate their criminal activities. (SD-LECC, AOI in the Mexican Press, Product Number: 2023-16, 10 AUG 23) Source; Army Threat Integration Center (ARTIC).



### **Britain Warns of Possible Terrorist Attacks in Sweden**

[Sweden] Britain on Sunday warned citizens going to Sweden of possible terrorist attacks following Koran burnings by anti-Islam activists that have outraged Muslims. In updated travel advice, Britain's foreign ministry said Swedish authorities had successfully disrupted some planned attacks and made arrests. "You should be vigilant at this time," it said, adding that "terrorists are very likely to try and carry out attacks in Sweden" with places visited by foreigners potential targets. In a statement acknowledging Britain's changed travel advice, Sweden's National Security Advisor Henrik Landerholm reiterated the increased threats to Sweden since the burnings. Landerholm said the storming of Sweden's embassy in Iraq on July 19, an attempted attack on its embassy in Lebanon on Aug. 9, and also the Aug. 1 shooting of an employee at a Swedish consulate in Turkey contributed to the risk assessment. Source; Reuters, 8/14/2023

*\*Analyst Comment\** In recent weeks, anti-Islam activists in Sweden have conducted a series of demonstrations that involve publicly burning the Quran, which is the central religious text of Islam. These demonstrations have heightened tensions worldwide and resulted in a Swedish embassy in Iraq being stormed by Iraqi protestors, a Swedish embassy in Lebanon being subjected to an attempted attack, and an employee at the Swedish consulate in Turkey being shot. Henrik Landerholm, Sweden's National Security Adviser, has said that there are signs of a "heightened threat" to Sweden by terrorist actors because of the demonstrations, and that "representatives of terrorist groups have called for attacks against Sweden. States and other actors have helped amplify such messages." Landerholm also claimed that terrorist

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organizations who previously considered Sweden as a “legitimate target” for attacks now consider it to be a priority target. On 1 August, the Swedish government emplaced new security protocols and identity checks along their borders to prevent threat actors from entering the country. Over the past week, many western nations, including the governments of the U.K., the U.S., and Australia, have warned travelers to exercise increased caution in Sweden due to the increased threats of terrorism. The warning issued by U.K. government claims that “terrorists are very likely to try and carry out attacks in Sweden,” and that places visited by tourists are potential targets. Source; Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

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#### **3 teens arrested after armed robberies, police pursuit in Pierce County**

<https://komonews.com/news/local/pierce-county-teens-arrested-armed-robberies-tacoma-police-chase-spike-strips-stolen-car-portland-avenue-canyon-road-east-i5>

#### **Report: Tacoma sees drastic drop in killings, down nearly 40% since 2022**

<https://www.fox13seattle.com/news/tacoma-sees-drastic-drop-in-killings-so-far-this-year>

#### **Washington had highest year-over-year drug overdose death increase in US, data show**

<https://www.king5.com/article/news/health/washington-highest-drug-overdose-death-increase/281-cadc59d5-8462-426a-a1a7-9439d6636948>

#### **Fentanyl test strips could become more widely distributed in Washington after recent law change**

<https://www.king5.com/article/news/health/fentanyl-test-strip-access-washington/281-6ce6b018-ce17-4833-9764-3488b342586e>

#### **Large Drug Bust in Puget Sound Region Leads to Arrest of Suspected Trafficker**

<https://original.newsbreak.com/@seattle-updates-1598685/3123474893300-large-drug-bust-in-puget-sound-region-leads-to-arrest-of-suspected-trafficker>

#### **(U) Pennsylvania – Teenage Supporter of Islamic Extremism Arrested**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/17-year-old-supporter-islamic-extremism-arrested-philadelphia-rcna99818>

#### **(U) Sacramento – California Synagogues Evacuated During Services as Wave of Bomb Threats Enters Fourth Week**

<https://jweekly.com/2023/08/14/2-california-synagogues-evacuated-during-shabbat-services-as-wave-of-bomb-threats-enters-4th-week/>

#### **(U) Senior ISIS Official Killed During Joint Operation In Raqqa, Syria**

<https://gazettengr.com/senior-islamic-state-official-killed-in-eastern-syria-raid/>

#### **4 cautions for school attack planning**

[https://www.police1.com/school-safety/articles/4-cautions-for-school-attack-planning-e4zqFuhTLxbjk7ux?utm\\_source=Police1&utm\\_campaign=c68e4a0652](https://www.police1.com/school-safety/articles/4-cautions-for-school-attack-planning-e4zqFuhTLxbjk7ux?utm_source=Police1&utm_campaign=c68e4a0652)

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**Ford pickup truck tops list of Washington's most stolen vehicles in 2022**

**2 million lethal doses of fentanyl seized, dealer arrested during King County drug bust**

## OFFICER SAFETY

**ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY – STRONGARM ROBBERY SUSPECT**

**Attempt to Identify - Assault 1x2 Suspect; TPD Case # 2322001257**

**ATTEMPT TO LOCATE – HOMICIDE SUSPECTS**

**THEFT – ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ARMED ROBBERY SUSPECTS; TPD Case #** Juv. Off

## OFFICER AWARENES

**Attempt to Identify Assault Suspect; TPD Case #2321101022**

## CYBER THREATS

**Exclusive: America Is Struggling to Safeguard Water Supply From Hackers, New EPA Data Shows**

**New acoustic attack steals data from keystrokes with 95% accuracy**

**How to guard against 'brushing' scams**

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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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## **REGIONAL**

**Law enforcement concerned by rise in juvenile violence**

## **OFFICER SAFETY**

**Attempt to Locate; Wanted Subject - \$750,000 Warrant -DV Kidnapping 1, DV Assault 2, DV Felony Order Violation, FWPD 23-10038**

## **OFFICER AWARENESS**

**Attempt to Identify; (Lakewood PD)**

**Attempt to Identify 38<sup>th</sup> St Burglary Series Suspects; TPD CASE #'s 23-230-00321, 23-230-00316, 23-230-00421**

**Using Hydraulic Tools to Steal Police Guns**

## **CYBER THREATS**

**Hidden dangers of public Wi-Fi**

**United States: Hacker Tool Used to Buy Information on Any US Person for 15\$**

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Mosquito-Borne Diseases Reemerging in US**



**S&T report evaluates gunshot detection technology for first responders**

**NATIONAL**

**Targeting of Electrical Substation in North Dakota Highlights Ongoing Threat to the Sector**

**Self-Proclaimed Neo-Nazi Arrested for Plotting to Blow Up Maryland Power Grid**

**Pittsburgh Neighborhood Evacuated after Eviction Notice Prompts Active Shooter Situation**

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**INTERNATIONAL**


**Mexico Extradited DEA Most Wanted Alleged Sinaloa Cartel Leader to the US**

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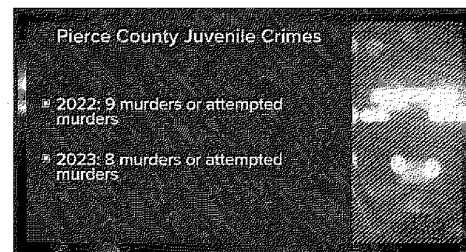


### Law enforcement concerned by rise in juvenile violence

TACOMA, Wash. - Will the youth violence we saw this summer in Western Washington spill over to the start of the school year? In the last three months, crimes involving young people have become more common and more dangerous.

This latest high-profile violent crime highlights an increase in juvenile crime across Pierce County. Data from the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office showed the number of juvenile murder or attempted murder cases this year is eight, just shy of 2022's total of nine. Some of the crimes with the biggest increase are attempting to elude a police vehicle and the number of stolen car charges. There have been 101 robbery-related cases by the end of July. There were 64 cases in all of 2022. "We're seeing the same trends too," said Casey McNerthney, spokesperson for the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

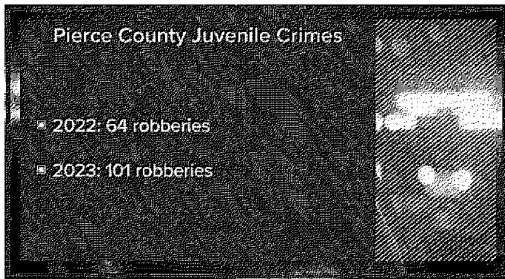
According to the Pierce County Sheriff's Office, it's every single day. The concerning part is the gravity of these crimes. They're not just stealing from a local convenience shop—more of these cases involve grand theft and using firearms. Just Wednesday afternoon, Tacoma Police Department said one of its detectives was working near South Hosmer and Steele Street when they were shot. Police later arrested two teenagers who were hiding under a deck in someone's backyard. The suspects' ages are 14 and 15 years old. A very grown-up crime involving children is a situation local law enforcement continues to see. "Two weeks ago, we had another car full of kids shoot at a Tacoma Police officer," said Sgt. Darren Moss with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. "I have no idea why they would even think it'd be okay to do



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that. But right now, the kids don't think - they're not scared of anything. They think they have nothing to live for or that there's no consequences to their actions. And unfortunately, a lot of them are finding this out the hard way when it's too late."

**RELATED:** 2 teens in custody after Tacoma Police detective shot near Hosmer Street Sgt. Moss said because of the severity of these crimes, many of these young people will be charged as an adult instead of a juvenile. "It's not a game," Sgt. Moss said. "These kids, they're not going to be going home. There's no prize for what they're doing. Robbing a liquor store and getting \$100—that's not setting your family up for life. They're not winning the lotto or anything like that. All they're doing is causing mayhem in their own communities." Earlier this week, an 18-year-old and another adult shot and killed each other near a bus stop in Parkland.



**RELATED:** 2 people dead in Parkland bus stop shooting "A verbal argument turns into both of you dying over absolutely nothing," Sgt. Moss said. "And that's the kind of thing that we're seeing, and it's like, this is not okay. What is going on in these kids' minds that it's such impulsive behavior?" Every incident involving young people begs the question as to why this keeps happening, and why kids and teenagers are willing to put their futures on the line. "School's out, it's always busier in the summer," said Moss. "But I don't see these crimes disappearing when we go back to school, because the kids that are doing them probably won't be going to school."

Between parents, schools and local authorities, Sgt. Moss said the responsibility falls on everyone in order to change the trajectory. "It's everything, it's all hands-on deck at this point," Sgt. Moss said. "You can look to law enforcement, but no one wants us in their home. You don't want me in your home disciplining your child, and that's not what we're here for." An update from Tacoma Police Department regarding the detective who was shot Wednesday. They are still in the hospital recovering. We don't know when they will be able to leave yet, but they are stable.

Juvenile crime is a problem in King County too. Monday, Seattle police said four teenagers were involved in a chase with a stolen car in Rainier Beach. None of them are old enough to drive, only 12 and 13 years old.

Police tried to pull over the car in the 2700 block of Rainier Avenue South, but the driver started trying to get away and sped up as they went through a parking lot. At that point, officers suspended their efforts to stop the car, but a short time later, tried to pull it over again near the intersection of South Walker Street and Martin Luther King Junior Way South. When the driver made a turn onto a road but another car was in the way, the suspect suddenly stopped. All four people in the car got out and ran, leaving the car in drive with all of its doors open. Officers ran after them and took three of the four suspects into custody. The fourth suspect was last seen running north on 29th Avenue South. Police said the car had been reported stolen only an hour earlier.

The three suspects turned out to be boys — two 13-year-olds and one 12-year-old. All were arrested for obstruction. The two 13-year-olds were also arrested for eluding a police vehicle. One of the 13-year-old boys was also arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and booked into the King County Child and Family Justice Center. The other two boys were released to their parents.

When teens find themselves in trouble, a recent state law requires officers to connect them to an attorney before questioning. "It's really clear that those kids were not understanding what was happening, that the situation was too stressful, too overwhelming," said Liz Mustin, managing attorney for the Washington Youth Access Counsel Program with the Washington State of Public Defense. "Sometimes, frankly, the language of Miranda warnings is too complex for kids to understand." The law went into effect in January 2022 and put a hotline in place with four attorneys on call 24/7 for consultations. A majority of the calls were answered in under a minute with attorneys helping juveniles understand the rights they already have. "We have the opportunity to speak with kids in some of their toughest times and really help them kind of re-center, bring them down and be able to make smart decisions and be able to interact respectfully and in a way that doesn't harm them in the future," Mustin said.

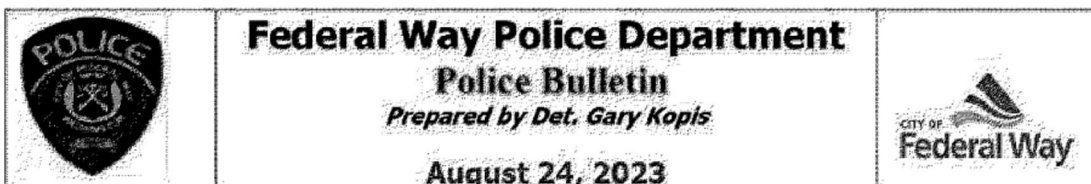
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The hotline has connected 3,395 minors with an attorney. "I think one thing that this law does that's really wonderful is really evens the playing field for kids who would have no means to access an attorney," Mustin said.

Sources; Pierce County Sheriff's Department, Tacoma Police, Q-13 FOX News, King 5 News and KIRO 7 News

## **OFFICER SAFETY**



**Attempt to Locate**  
**Wanted Subject - \$750,000 Warrant -DV Kidnapping 1,**  
**DV Assault 2, DV Felony Order Violation**  
**FWRD 23-10038**

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**Name: Gary D. Boyd JR**  
**DOB: 5/21/87**  
**Race: American Indian**  
**Height: 5'10"**  
**Weight: 202**  
**Eyes: Brown**  
**Hair: Brown**  
**LKA: 601 E 70th St Tacoma, WA**  
**98445**

King County Superior Court has issued a full extradition \$750,000 arrest warrant for Gary Boyd for the above crimes committed against the victim, Corrina Harris, on 8/19/23.

On 8/20/23 at about 0300 hours, Tacoma PD located Gary and the vehicle used during the commission of these crimes and a pursuit ensued. Gary subsequently crashed his vehicle along I5, suffered significant injuries, and was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Tacoma where he

underwent surgery. Gary fled from the hospital on 8/21/23 prior to being discharged.

Gary has allegedly stated he will not go back to prison and would "SUICIDE BY COP" if he has to. Please use caution if you locate him.

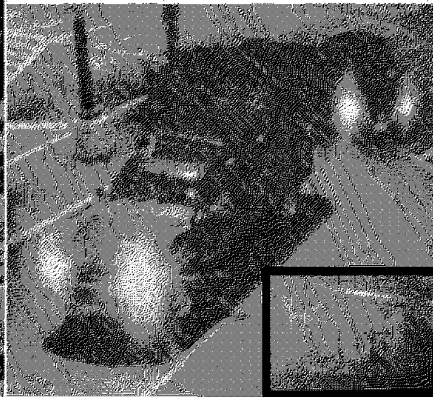
If Gary is located, please confirm the warrant, arrest and book on the warrant, and notify Detective Kopis @ 253-835-6778 or email: [gary.kopis@cityoffederalway.com](mailto:gary.kopis@cityoffederalway.com).

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## OFFICER AWARENESS



### **Attempt to Identify**



**Associated**  
Vehicle: Blue  
2001 Chevy Suburban  
LIC# 827XFJ WA

On August 17 2023 at approx. 2140, the female suspect above assaulted a loss prevention officer while trying to leave Target with a cart full of items. The suspect attempted to push the cart out the emergency exit when confronted. The suspect bit one of the loss prevention officers on the hand and was able to leave with the cart. Prior to this incident, she was seen speaking to the driver of the Blue Suburban (pictured above) and appeared to be picked up by it after leaving the store with \$1,400 worth of merchandise.



When identified, there is probable cause for Robbery in the 1st.

The Suspect was also seen earlier in the day with these two individuals:



Any information, call Sergeant Jeff Paynter at 253.830.5006

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|  | <h1>Special Bulletin</h1> <h2>TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</h2> <p>Bulletin Number: S23-157      Friday, Auguts 25th 2023</p>             |  |
| <p>Det. J. Canion<br/>Tacoma Police Department<br/>Career Crimes Unit</p>         | <p>Office (253) 830-6515<br/>Cell (253) 606-7063<br/>Email <a href="mailto:jcanion@cityoftacoma.org">jcanion@cityoftacoma.org</a></p> |   |

**Attempt to Identify 38<sup>th</sup> St Burglary Series Suspects**  
**TPD CASE #'s 23-230-00321, 23-230-00316, 23-230-00421**



On 08/18/23 at 5:30 AM, three business in the 38th St corridor were burglarized by the same suspects. A Seattle stolen pickup truck was used to ram through the front doors of the businesses to gain access. It is believed two Hispanic females and two Hispanic males entered the businesses and stole items before fleeing in the stolen truck. Above are the best security photos of the two Hispanic females and one of the Hispanic males who entered all three businesses.

In addition to ransacking the stores for cigarettes, pipes, jewelry, and vape products, the stores' cash registers were taken. None of the suspects wore gloves. If forensics is available, please request that burglary scenes be processed for latent impressions.

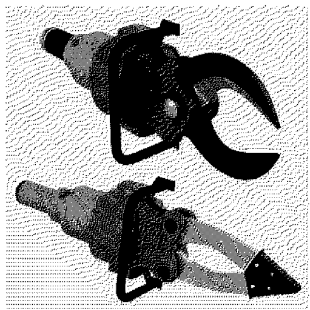
If you have any information regarding the identity of the depicted persons, please contact Detective Canion at one of the phone numbers listed above or [jcanion@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:jcanion@cityoftacoma.org).

THERE IS NO PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ANYONE'S ARREST AT THIS TIME.

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## Using Hydraulic Tools to Steal Police Guns

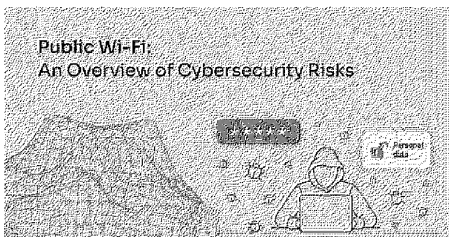


Last month, an AR-15 and ammunition were stolen from a law enforcement vehicle in Connecticut, reported the New Haven Register. Gun theft from LE vehicles is becoming more common as thieves use powerful cutting and hydraulic tools to break into secured weapons lockers inside the trunk, the CTinsider said. A trend in LE is the storing of long guns in vehicles for immediate access to respond efficiently to incidents like school shootings. According to FBI crime statistics half of all reported stolen firearms are from vehicles, this data illustrates both the rise of firearms being stored in cars and the targeting by criminals.

*\*Analyst Assessment\** The FBI issued a Public Safety Awareness Report that highlighted criminals using hydraulic lifesaving equipment stolen from fire departments and warehouses to conduct ATM burglaries. In Texas, four departments reported thefts of tens of thousands of dollars of equipment such as forcible entry saws, generators and extrications tools, reported Click2Houston. An extrication tool was recovered in a suspect's car and was linked to ATM and catalytic convert thefts. Some Departments have changed policies requiring one member to safeguard the apparatus and its contents. All members should be aware that safeguarding tools is required and includes locking compartments and being aware of suspicious activity.

## CYBER THREATS

### Hidden dangers of public Wi-Fi



Public Wi-Fi, which has long since become the norm, poses threats to not only individual users but also businesses. With the rise of remote work, people can now work from virtually anywhere: a cafe close to home, a hotel in a different city, or even while waiting for a plane at the airport. Next, let's explore the risks of connecting to public Wi-Fi, both for you personally and for businesses.

According to the [Forbes Advisor](#) the majority of people (56%) connect to public Wi-Fi networks that don't require a password. This convenience comes at a price, and many are unaware that attackers can steal card details, passwords, and other sensitive information.

- **Man-in-the-Middle (MITM) Attacks:** This is one of the most common threats on public Wi-Fi. In an MITM attack, the hacker secretly intercepts and possibly alters the communication between two parties. The user believes they are directly communicating with a website, email server, or another user, but the hacker is relaying the information, capturing sensitive data in the process.
- **Eavesdropping:** Public Wi-Fi networks, especially those without encryption (like WPA2), allow hackers to "listen" to data being transmitted over the network. Tools like packet analyzers can capture unencrypted traffic, making it easy for hackers to extract sensitive information.
- **Rogue Hotspots:** A hacker sets up a fake Wi-Fi network, often with a name similar to a legitimate network (e.g., "CoffeeShopFreeWiFi" instead of "CoffeeShop\_WiFi"). Unsuspecting users connect to this rogue hotspot, and the hacker can monitor all traffic, capturing any sensitive data transmitted.
- **Honeypot Networks:** Similar to rogue hotspots, these are malicious networks set up to lure users. Once connected, the hacker can deploy malware or attempt to exploit vulnerabilities on the user's device.
- **Spoofing:** In a spoofing attack, the hacker impersonates another device on the network, redirecting traffic through their device. This allows them to capture and manipulate data.

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- **Session Hijacking:** Here, the attacker hijacks a session between the client and server (e.g., a login session on a website). This can allow them to gain unauthorized access to accounts or services.
- **Malware Distribution:** Public Wi-Fi can be used as a medium to distribute malware. For example, malware can be injected into software updates or downloads. Once the user's device is infected, the malware can steal information, monitor user activity, or enlist the device in a botnet.
- **Login Page Phishing:** Some public Wi-Fi networks redirect users to a login or terms acceptance page before granting access. Hackers can replicate these pages to capture login credentials or other personal information.

### **Protection Measures**

To safeguard against these threats when using public Wi-Fi:

**For Hotspot Owners –** leverage web filtering for Wi-Fi hotspots. You will not only protect your guests from malware and harmful resources, but you will also increase customer loyalty. By informing them that this cafe or library offers a secure Internet zone, parents can hand devices to their children without worrying about exposure to inappropriate content. Using a DNS filtering service will also allow you to gather valuable anonymized statistics about your users' preferences, which can be leveraged in marketing campaigns.

### **For Public Wi-Fi users:**

- Implement DNS filtering services, like SafeDNS. Install a roaming client on devices and choose cybersecurity categories to block malicious websites.
- Avoid accessing sensitive sites or services, such as banking platforms.
- Turn off sharing settings on your device.
- Always forget the network after disconnecting to avoid automatic reconnections.
- Use HTTPS websites and ensure SSL/TLS is in use when transmitting sensitive data.

In summary, while public Wi-Fi offers convenience, it's crucial to be aware of its vulnerabilities and take necessary precautions to ensure data security.



### **United States: Hacker Tool Used to Buy Information on Any US Person for 15\$**

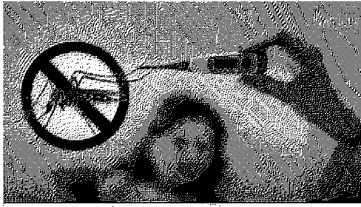
A 404 Media investigation found that criminals have managed to tap into credit header information, in some cases by stealing former law enforcement officer's identities, and are selling unfettered access to their criminal cohorts online. Eighty-two percent of American adults had a credit card in 2022, according to data from the Federal Reserve. In other words, the majority of the adult population, by the simple fact of how credit cards work, will have their personal

information collected and stored by these bureaus.

In March, the FBI and National Counterintelligence and Security Center warned that foreign intelligence entities working for repressive regimes have sought access to private investigators in part to obtain personal information on targets in the U.S. 404 Media accessed around 10 Telegram groups where members discuss and advertise bots that offer personally identifiable data for sale. Prices fluctuate between around \$15 and \$40 depending on what type of data a customer wishes to buy, and as availability ebbs and flows. One person told a group that their tool finds anybody. **Source:** <https://www.404media.co/the-secret-weapon-hackers-can-use-to-dox-nearly-anyone-in-america-for-15-flo-usinfosearch-transunion/>

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## PUBLIC SAFETY



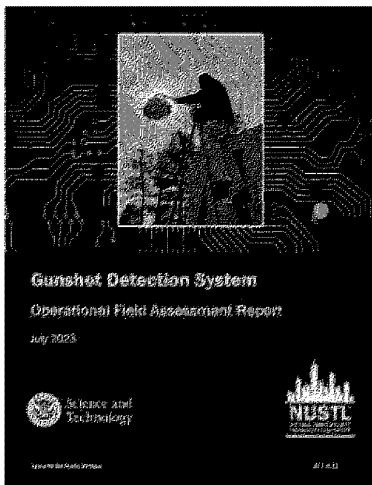
### **Mosquito-Borne Diseases Reemerging in US**

The Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus was reported in two people in Alabama, one of whom died, and in horses and mosquitoes in New York this week. The Alabama cases were reported in Baldwin County "in the past few weeks," the state's Department of Public Health said Monday. The New York cases were found in horses in St. Lawrence and Franklin counties and in mosquitoes in Onondaga County, the State Department of Health said Tuesday.

Approximately 30% of people with EEE die and many survivors have ongoing neurologic problems, according to the CDC. Also this week, a case of locally acquired malaria was reported in Maryland for the first time in over 40 years. Last month, the CDC issued a health advisory over the spread of eight locally acquired malaria cases in Florida and Texas.

*\*Analyst Assessment\** The CDC's predecessor, the Office of Malaria Control in War Areas, was established in 1942 to limit the impact of malaria and other vector-borne diseases during World War II around military training bases in the southern US and its territories. Its malaria eradication policy was so successful that by 1951 the disease was no longer considered to be endemic in the US. The CDC's role now is primarily surveillance and notification of these vector-borne diseases in the US and assistance of world-wide elimination efforts. Routinely obtain a travel history for any person with a fever of unknown origin. Use insect repellent, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, and take steps to control mosquitoes indoors and outdoors. Use screens, empty water-holding containers. Source: Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov

### **S&T report evaluates gunshot detection technology for first responders**



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) has released an Operational Field Assessment (OFA) of a gunshot detection system developed for first responders. First used by the military to detect incoming fire, gunshot detection systems use multiple sensor units to detect and triangulate the precise location of firearm discharges. Over the last decade, law enforcement agencies in many large- and medium-sized cities have implemented gunshot detection systems. Most agencies employ fixed systems, where the sensors are installed indoors or at fixed outdoor locations to provide gunshot detection over a large, pre-defined area (often many square miles) to an accuracy of within a few feet. An October 2022 Department of Justice-funded report analyzed how agencies across the country are currently using gunshot detection systems. The report concluded that more research is still needed to show whether gunshot detection systems are effective at deterring gun violence or reducing crime, but that there are proven benefits of these systems for first responders.

Benefits to responders include significant reductions in response times and better situational awareness. Gunshot detection systems are typically integrated into computer-aided dispatch (CAD) systems, enabling real-time alerting. Since many gunshots are never reported to 911, this capability enables responders to immediately dispatch to the scene regardless of whether 911 was called. Some systems will bypass the 911 system entirely and provide alerts directly to officers. This reduces response times by several vital minutes, which gives responders a better chance at neutralizing the threat and reducing casualties. Gunshot detection systems can also provide critical situational awareness information to first responders before arrival on scene, such as precise locations where gunshots were fired and whether multiple types of gunshots were detected, suggesting multiple shooters. The gunshot detection system evaluated by S&T in the new OFA improves on the technology currently available on the market in several ways.

**First**, the system is designed to be portable. While there are portable systems currently on the market, S&T's system prioritized the ease with which the technology could be installed, moved, and set up by responders without requiring more than two officers or technical expertise.

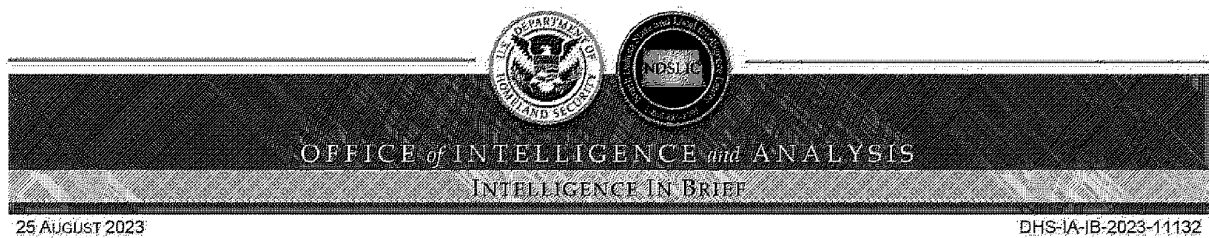
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**Second**, most current systems use acoustic technology to detect the sound of gunshots, but this system uses both light and sound. The system can detect the unique flash of light produced when a bullet is fired. This added light detection makes the system more accurate than systems which rely on sound alone. It is less likely to generate false positives when it detects gun-like sounds such as a vehicle misfiring or fireworks.

Six law enforcement officers from Iowa, New Hampshire, and New York served as evaluators to test and provide feedback on the gunshot detection system. These officers set up the outdoor sensors, overlaid maps and sensors using the situational awareness software, observed gunshot detection notifications on a PC and mobile device, and participated in a debrief with S&T's National Urban Security Technology Laboratory (NUSTL) to gather feedback. Source: DHS.

## **NATIONAL**



### ***TERRORISM***

#### **(U//LES) Targeting of Electrical Substation in North Dakota Highlights Ongoing Threat to the Sector**

**(U//LES) A May attack against an electrical substation in North Dakota underscores the ongoing threat against the electricity subsector and the potential for firearms attacks to cause localized service disruptions across the United States.** The attack disrupted electrical services to nearly 250 customers and may have been intended to force a temporary shutdown of the Dakota Access Pipeline. While the tactics used in this incident are consistent with those advocated by some domestic violent extremists in recent years, the investigation into motives behind the attack is ongoing.

- **(U//LES)** A firearms attack on 13 May destroyed two electric power transformers in North Dakota that provided power to local residents, businesses, and the pipeline, according to DHS reporting. Investigating officers observed “DAPL”—a likely reference to the Dakota Access Pipeline—and other symbols spray-painted outside the substation, suggesting its proximity to the pipeline may have factored into the targeting of this substation.

- **(U//FOUO)** This attack occurred amid an uptick in firearms attacks against electrical substations across the United States over the past year. The tactics used generally are consistent with guidance shared by domestic violent extremists online, though the perpetrators and motives for most of the attacks have not yet been identified.

- **(U//FOUO)** On 12 July, a Canadian citizen was charged with the 13 May destruction of the electrical substation, according to DOJ information. The subject has resided illegally in Oregon since at least June 2018, according to federal law enforcement information. Source: DHS

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## Self-Proclaimed Neo-Nazi Arrested for Plotting to Blow Up Maryland Power Grid

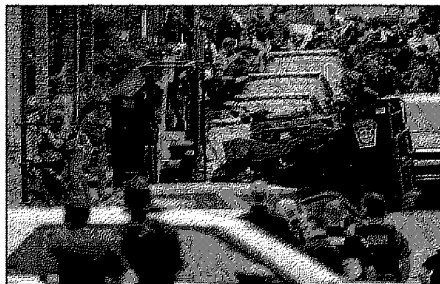


Russell and Sarah Beth Clendaniel planned sniper attacks.

[Tampa, Florida] Tampa defendant and self-proclaimed neo-Nazi, Brandon Russell, is back in the headlines for all the wrong reasons. After serving five years in prison on explosive charges, Russell was recently arrested, while on probation, for plotting to blow up the power grid in Maryland. Attorney Anthony Rickman reviewed the case. Russell and his co-conspirator, Sarah Beth Clendaniel, planned sniper attacks on several substations in Maryland. "He wanted to shut down the grid system for a period of time during the cold of winter. And him doing this if he would've accomplished his plan, people would've died," explained Rickman.

*\*Analyst Comment\** The Atom Waffen Division (AWD), which means "atomic weapons" in German, is a white supremacist, neo-Nazi terrorist group which uses force and violence against groups of people with whom it disagrees, including non-whites, ethnic minorities, Jews, and homosexuals. In 2016, Brandon Russell helped to formalize the group and served as an organizer for several years. On 9 January 2019, Russell was sentenced to five years in prison by a federal judge in Tampa, for having bomb-making materials in his apartment. In May 2017, at the time of his arrest, Russell's roommate, Devon Arthurs, a co-founder of the Atomwaffen Division, told the police that Russell had materials in the house "to kill civilians and target locations like power lines, nuclear reactors, and synagogues." Upon Russell's release from prison, while on probation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) determined that Russell and his girlfriend were planning sniper attacks on the power grid serving Baltimore, Maryland. The investigation revealed that the pair planned to knock out the power during the winter when heating causes electricity to run at max capacity. The criminal complaint states that they were planning to target five electrical substations around Baltimore and noted that Baltimore has a predominantly African-American population. Source: Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

## Pittsburgh Neighborhood Evacuated after Eviction Notice Prompts Active Shooter Situation



On 23 August a man facing eviction opened fire at officers from inside a Pittsburgh home Wednesday, shooting down police drones and prompting evacuations in the neighborhood, in a gun battle and siege that lasted much of the day and ended with authorities saying he was dead. Law enforcement authorities evacuated the Garfield neighborhood in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, after a gunman opened fire from inside his house when police officers attempted to serve an eviction notice. The gunman was reportedly killed following a standoff with police.

Police Chief Larry Sciroto said the joint response by personnel from SWAT, state and county law enforcement, the FBI and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives "saved many officers' lives in a very tense and rapidly uncertain environment" and also protected the neighborhood. The shooter was given "every opportunity" to surrender peacefully, he added, and that was why the situation "took the amount of time that it took."

Drones were used to try to communicate and to scope out the home, but "every time we had deployed one of those, three or four instances, it was disabled by gunfire."

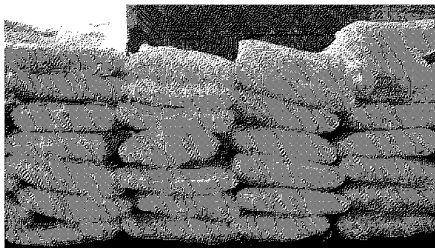
- Media reporting identified the suspect as 63-year-old William Hardison Sr., an individual previously convicted of offenses including carrying a firearm without a license, forgery, and harassment.

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- Media reports also suggested Hardison identified as a “sovereign citizen,” which is a movement of individuals who believe they do not have to follow laws or pay taxes. Sovereign citizens have previously been linked to the murder of police officers, fraud, and anti-government criminal activity.
- The suspect also allegedly shot down two police drones.
- One law enforcement officer sustained a non-gunfire related injury. No other serious injuries were reported.
- Around 1700 local time, city emergency medical service responders pronounced the suspect dead.

Source; NYPD

## **Fentanyl Awareness: Half of All Fentanyl Seized in U.S. is Caught in Arizona**



Maricopa County, Arizona – [An attorney] warned about the importance of drug-related education of youth in [a] National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day statement Monday. [The attorney] cited the 2022 Arizona Youth Survey, in which 47% of eighth graders said they do not know of the deadly drug, according to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. “This is something that we can’t afford to have them not know about because what we’re finding is that fentanyl is laced in all different sorts of street drugs.”. [The attorney] encouraged parents to talk with their children about the substance and said that “It’s not a drug. It’s a poison.”

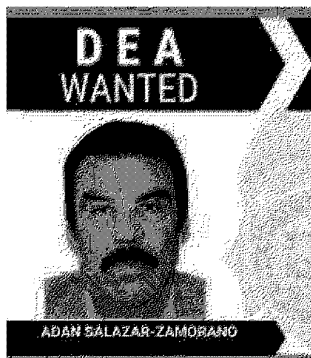
As Arizona is a border state, it’s become a hub for fentanyl trafficking, as

the substance is regularly seized by U.S. Customs and Border Protection in large quantities.

The Drug Enforcement Administration said that over half of fentanyl is stemming from the Arizona-Mexico border, NewsNation reported earlier in August. Some of those seizures are larger than others, as The Center Square reported that nearly a ton of fentanyl was seized by authorities at the Arizona border between March and May through “Operation Blue Lotus” and “Operation Four Horseman.” “Of all of the fentanyl seized across the nation, half of it is seized in Arizona because [Arizona] is a border state,” [noted the attorney]. Source; Tennessee Star, Aug 23, 2023

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **(U) Mexico Extradited DEA Most Wanted Alleged Sinaloa Cartel Leader to the US**



(U) Last week, the Mexican government extradited alleged Sinaloa cartel leader and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Most Wanted person Adan Salazar Zamorano, aka ‘Don Adan.’ Salazar was transferred late last week from a prison in Veracruz, Mexico, to the Mexico City International Airport. He was handed over to U.S. agents who flew him back to the United States, the Mexican Attorney General’s Office said in a statement. The U.S. Marshals Service executed an arrest warrant against Salazar on Friday in El Paso, according to documents from U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas.

Adan, whom Mexican law enforcement has identified as an alleged leader of “Los Salazar” cell of the Sinaloa cartel operating in the northern states of Sonora and Chihuahua has been under indictment in the US since 2006. That’s when a grand jury returned a sealed indictment against him for conspiracy to possess a controlled substance (cocaine) with intent to distribute. The indictment accuses Salazar of

conspiring to procure cocaine for smuggling and distribution in the U.S. Salazar, 79, was listed by the Drug Enforcement Administration as a fugitive from justice and known to travel by private aircraft throughout Mexico.

He was arrested by Mexican officials on various charges in 2011. The indictment accuses Adan of conspiring to procure cocaine for smuggling and distribution in the US. Mexican officials have also tied Adan to a November 2019 ambush in which nine Americans were killed. In addition to the 2017 assassination of Chihuahua journalist Miroslava Breach. Source; KTSM News

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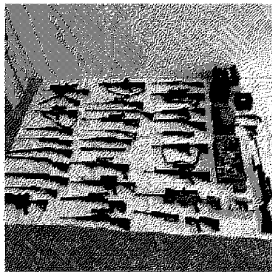
## Mexican Army says Drug Cartels are Increasing their use of Roadside Bombs



The Mexican army said Tuesday that drug cartels have increased their use of roadside bombs or improvised explosive devices this year, with 42 soldiers, police and suspects wounded by IEDs so far in 2023, up from 16 in 2022. The figures provided by Defense Secretary Luis Cresencio Sandoval appeared to include only those wounded by explosive devices, but officials have already acknowledged that at least one National Guard officer and four state police officers have been killed in two separate explosive attacks this year. Particularly on the rise were drone-carried bombs, which were unknown in Mexico prior to 2020. So far this year, 260 such incidents have been recorded. However, even that number

may be an underestimate: residents in some parts of the western state of Michoacan say that attacks by bomb-dropping drones are a near-daily occurrence. Six car bombs have been found so far in 2023, up from one in 2022. However, car bombs were also occasionally used years ago in northern Mexico. Overall, 556 improvised explosive devices of all types — roadside, drone-carried and car bombs — were found in 2023. A total of 2,186 have been found during the current administration, which took office in December 2018.

More than half of all the explosive devices found during the current administration — 1,411 — were found in Michoacan, where the Jalisco cartel has been fighting a bloody, yearslong turf war against a coalition of local gangs. Most of the rest were found in the states of Guanajuato and Jalisco. It was not clear whether the figures for the number of explosive devices found includes only those that failed to explode. Sandoval said that the explosive devices frequently failed to explode. “All of these explosive devices are homemade, based on tutorials that can be found on the internet,” he said. Sandoval said most of the devices appear to have been made with black powder “which is available in the marketplace,” or more powerful blasting compounds stolen from mines. In July, a drug cartel set off a coordinated series of seven roadway bombs in western Mexico that killed four police officers and two civilians. The governor of Jalisco state said the explosions were a trap set by the cartel to kill law enforcement personnel. In June, another cartel used a car bomb to kill a National Guard officer in the neighboring state of Guanajuato. Explosives also wounded 10 soldiers in the neighboring state of Michoacan in 2022 and killed a civilian. Source: AP News



Weapons arsenal in Austria

## Austria Arrests Doomsday Preppers

An EMS response to a home in southern Austria led to the arrest of two British citizens and an Austrian accomplice when a massive weapons cache was discovered, reported the Mirror. Police also discovered bomb making materials and believe the trio of doomsday preppers were planning on assembling a radiation dispersal device known as a dirty bomb. Germany and Austria have seen activity of extreme doomsday adherents that are labeled as accelerationist, those seeking to bring Day X (the collapse of the world order) through acts of violence, said NYT.

*\*Analyst Assessment\** The US has several doomsday accelerationist groups, inspired by adherence to conspiracy theories and ideologies like those published in James Mason’s book, *Siege*, that advocates the violent overthrow of the government. A recent study suggests conspiracy theories build support for autocratic forms of government over democratic, the driving force is a feeling of political powerlessness. A QAnon fostered conspiracy theory that advocated the coming of “The Storm,” where the deep state would be overthrown, was a common belief of many of the January 6th rioters. Source: Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov

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

### **'These predators are entrepreneurs:' Homeland Security talks efforts to shut down online sex trafficking**

<https://www.fox13seattle.com/news/these-predators-are-entrepreneurs-homeland-security-talks-efforts-to-shut-down-online-sex-trafficking>

### **Some violent crime down in Seattle, but homicides are up**

<https://www.fox13seattle.com/news/some-violent-crime-down-in-seattle-but-homicides-are-up>

### **Seattle removes notorious encampment**

<https://komonews.com/news/local/seattle-homeless-crisis-mercerc-street-south-lake-union-encampment-camp-homelessness-city-crews-removal-residents-concerned-camps-location-of-fires-rape-murder-assaults-gun-violence-crime-king-county-wsdot-washington-state>

### **Bothell shooting: teen killed, 3 wounded**

<https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/sheriff-teen-killed-several-injured-shooting-bothell-apartment-complex/FXGRYIV62BH7JOPKMK6Q2LLWG4/>

### **Deputies arrest 13 at Gorge music festival**

<https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/detectives-make-13-arrests-seize-around-20000-worth-drugs-gorge-music-festival/NZG4BLXYZ5AZ7OYEDWAGLLERIA/>

### **Four People Dead and Six Injured in Mass Shooting at Biker Bar**

<https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/cooks-corner-at-least-3-killed-6-hospitalized-in-shooting-at-historic-biker-bar-in-trabuco-canyon/>

### **Suspect dead after hours-long gunfight with police during Pittsburgh eviction attempt**

<https://apnews.com/article/pittsburgh-home-shooting-gunfire-eviction-9dfb0d38d7e35544e042e34792797458>

### **New details from Calif. bar mass biker shooting**

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/multiple-people-shot-bar-orange-county-california-trabuco-canyon/story?id=102520201>

### **CBP officers seize over \$910K in cocaine at World Trade Bridge**

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-over-910k-cocaine-world-trade-bridge>

### **UK police are investigating the deaths of 88 people linked to Canadian self-harm websites**

<https://apnews.com/article/canada-website-suicide-deaths-uk-investigation-b95a324bc5f3d20b14d3f1fcf58cd451>

### **Do armed teachers improve school safety?**

[https://www.police1.com/school-safety/articles/state-your-case-do-armed-teachers-improve-school-safety-2K3xDurWzuSrLCTr/?utm\\_source=Police1&utm\\_campaign=f5679dbaf4-](https://www.police1.com/school-safety/articles/state-your-case-do-armed-teachers-improve-school-safety-2K3xDurWzuSrLCTr/?utm_source=Police1&utm_campaign=f5679dbaf4-)

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Also Attached to this email is The Washington State Fusion Center (WSFC) Special Event Threat Assessment for the Tacoma Pride Festival 8 July 2023

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## REGIONAL

**Authorities hunt for suspects linked to over 30-armed robberies across region; \$15K reward offered**

**Upcoming Large Crowd Venues in Pierce County; Summer FEST (Lakewood)**

**Washington: Bomb Threat on Plane Leads to Flight Diversions at Spokane International Airport**

## OFFICER SAFETY

OFFICER SAFETY CONCERN – MURDER SUSPECT

Officer Safety/Attempt to Identify Drive-By Shooting Vehicle; TPD case # **Juv. Off**

## OFFICER AWARENESS

**ATL PC to Arrest Assault 2nd degree and UPOF 1ST degree**

**PC to ARREST: Robbery 1, Assault 1, Theft of Motor / Vehicle & Hit and Run property (Lakewood)**

**Fake Gold Scammers**



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**TEXT MESSAGE HACK REVEALS THE IDENTITY OF UNKNOWN SENDERS: ‘YOU JUST SOLVED A THREE MONTH MYSTERY FOR ME’**

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

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

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

## **NATIONAL**

**“Nonviolent Crime” Is a Myth**

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

**Active Assailant Prevention And Response**


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

## **INTERNATIONAL**

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

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“There must be a Lone Ranger!” 

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**TACOMA /PIERCE COUNTY  
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UNIT**



33-2023

Friday, September 01, 2023

**WEEKLY SUMMARY**

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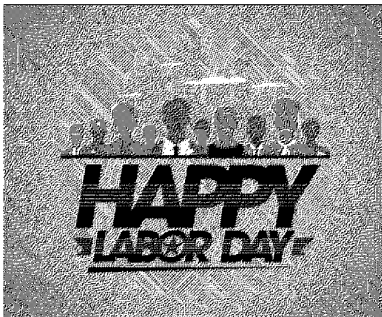
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**REGIONAL**



**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.

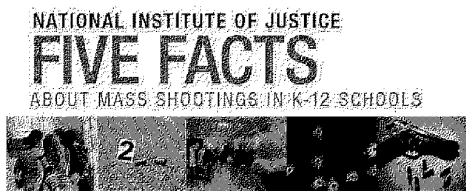
**Five major threats that have been used within the past year that could affect the State Fair:**

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=7014N000001SnmQAC&utm\\_term=00v4N00000fCtbRQAS&org=1674&lvl=100&ite=268278&lea=1097396&ctr=0&par=1&trk=a0w4N000007qD2rQAE&sm\\_a\\_u\\_aisVwM01VjPr1vHS5](https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RRA1077-3.html?utm_source=AdaptiveMailer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=7014N000001SnmQAC&utm_term=00v4N00000fCtbRQAS&org=1674&lvl=100&ite=268278&lea=1097396&ctr=0&par=1&trk=a0w4N000007qD2rQAE&sm_a_u_aisVwM01VjPr1vHS5)

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

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|  | <h1>Special Bulletin</h1> <h2>PUYALLUP POLICE DEPARTMENT</h2> <p>Case Number: 2130400433      Thursday, August 31st, 2023</p> |  |
| Bulletin approved by: Capt. Visnaw  |   | Prepared by Det. Habeck 253-841-5565<br>shabeck@puyallupwa.gov                      |

### Warrant Subject



David Rivera-Frausto 05/25/1994

#### Subject: David Rivera-Frausto

DOB: 05/23/1994  
WA OLN: **Financial**  
LKA: 14620 NE 31st Street #E105  
Bellevue, WA  
816 NE 4th St #10  
Renton, WA  
134 SW 312th Street  
Federal Way, WA.

David Rivera-Frausto is one of the suspects involved in the 2021 shooting of an off-duty Federal Way Police Officer in Puyallup.

Rivera-Frausto currently has a No Bail Pierce County Superior Court Warrant for Attempted Burglary/Possession of Stolen MV (with firearms enhancement).



He has extensive MVT and Burglary history from multiple King County Agencies. He has typically been located in the Renton, Bellevue, and Kent areas of King County.



If located/arrested, please do not speak to him about the shooting case or burglary warrant charges. He should be booked into a local jail to be transported to the Pierce County Jail.

If he is located/arrested, please notify: This guy is one of the possible suspects in the 2021 shooting case of an off duty FWPDP officer while he was out for a jog and observed a burglary in progress. His warrant is for attempted burg / and Poss MVT which is all involved in the case. Please let me or Det. Koshak know if he is picked up.

Det. Habeck: (253) 507-6231  
Det. Koshak: (253) 290-1533

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|       | <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<br/>Tacoma Police Department<br/>Career Crimes - Robbery Unit</p> |   | <p>Office: (253) 830-6523<br/>Cell: (253) 318-7393<br/>Email: <a href="mailto:gwalk@cityoftacoma.org">gwalk@cityoftacoma.org</a></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: Washington 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.



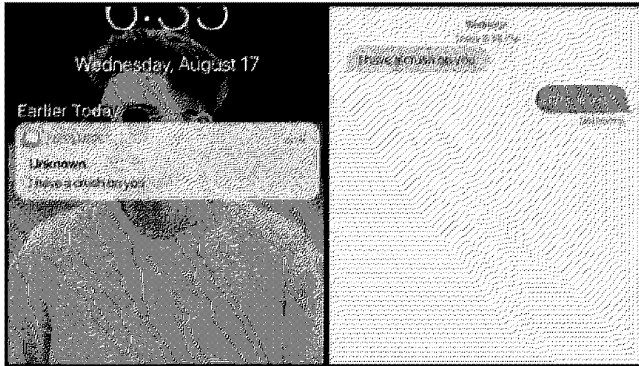
Multinational task force takes down prolific Qakbot malware

**\*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?

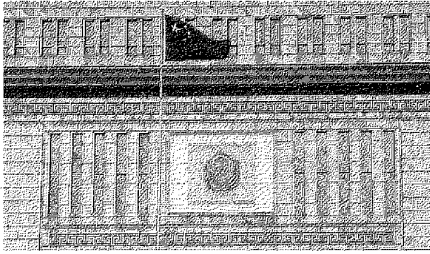
As Perez explains in her video, if you receive a text message from an unknown sender, utilizing mobile payment apps could help put a name to a number. By copying the number and pasting it into apps like Venmo, CashApp, Zelle or PayPal, your mystery sender could suddenly be linked to a first and last 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 @somethingcleverish.

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

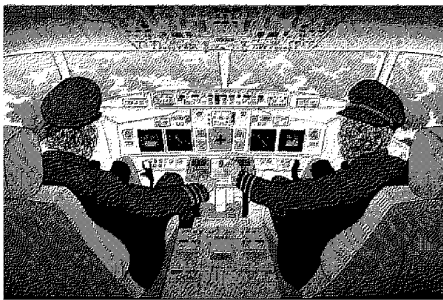
Meta announced on Tuesday the removal of thousands of fake accounts from Facebook that were operated as part of “the largest known cross-platform covert influence operation in the world,” and which researchers believe is linked to individuals associated with Chinese law enforcement. Despite the campaign’s 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; the 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



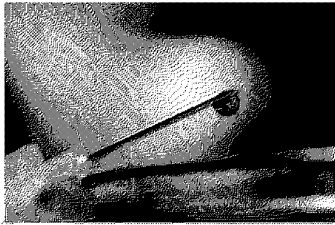
Federal authorities have been investigating nearly 5,000 pilots suspected of falsifying their medical records to conceal that they were receiving benefits for mental health disorders and other serious conditions that could make them unfit to fly, documents and interviews show. The pilots under scrutiny 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.

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 deaths in the United States.

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 bromphen, 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.

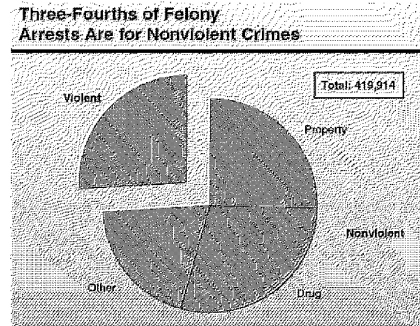
The nature of Tewelde’s death illustrates an important reality that progressives working to ease up on supposedly nonviolent crimes don’t seem to appreciate: even “minor” offenses like retail theft, open-air drug use, and smoking on subway platforms are frequently backed by a threat of violence. Had 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.

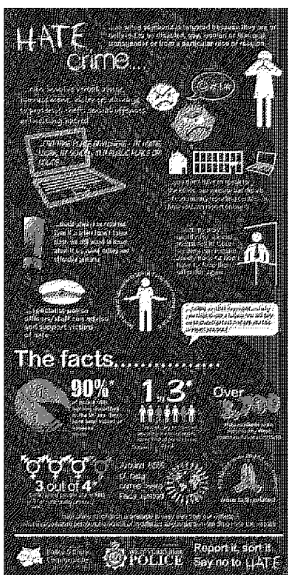
Tewelde's death is one among many tragic instances in which attempts to stop thieves from running roughshod over their victims are met with deadly violence. Earlier this year, a loss-prevention worker at a California Home Depot was shot and killed after confronting a female suspected of shoplifting. 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

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\\_au=jsVt8fV6SNvM4JjQ](https://facilityexecutive.com/active-assailant-prevention-and-response/?sm_au=jsVt8fV6SNvM4JjQ). 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

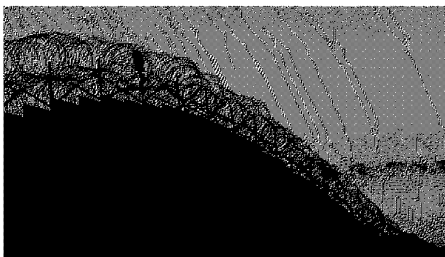
inside. A motive for the shooting remains unknown.

- 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**

<https://www.king5.com/article/news/crime/spike-vehicle-thefts-western-washington/281-7aff2a2-d991-414b-88c1-96f2d256519f>

### **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**

<https://komonews.com/news/local/test-ride-thefts-an-emerging-trend-alarming-bike-shops-in-western-washington-seattle-stolen-bikes-bicycles-issaquah-shop-electronic-bike-thefts>

### **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.komnews.com/news/local/seattle-records-50th-homicide-of-the-year-on-pace-for-record-high-komo)

### **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/seattle/multiple-child-luring-cases-in-the-past-month-spark-concern-kiro7-news-seattle)

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

<https://www.king5.com/article/news/education/washington-schools-grapple-fentanyl-students/281-a5b87aad-dcf0-428f-9fb6-e9538b70682b>

### **Washington's Most Dangerous Cities**

<https://original.newsbreak.com/@dr-allen-lycka-1731714/3141770842909-washington-s-most-dangerous-cities>

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

<https://www.wtae.com/article/armed-man-attempting-to-enter-church-in-greater-dominion-armed-man/44929341>

**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**

<https://apnews.com/article/indiana-block-party-shooting-second-arrest-329c7eafc22bd3ac33710c0c12fe505e>

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

<https://www.fox13seattle.com/news/22-counties-take-on-washington-state-over-mental-health-crisis-plans-to-release-patients>

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