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Scammers using artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance family-emergency schemes

You get a call. There's a panicked voice on the line. It's your son. He says he's in deep trouble — he wrecked the car and landed in jail. But you can help by sending money. You take a deep breath and think. You've heard about these scams. But darn, it sounds just like him. How could it be a scam? Voice cloning, that's how.

Artificial intelligence is no longer a far-fetched idea out of a sci-fi movie. We're living with it, here and now. A scammer could use AI to clone the voice of your loved one. All he needs is a short audio clip of your family member's

voice — which he could get from content posted online — and a voice-cloning program. When the scammer calls you, he'll sound just like your loved one.

So how can you tell if a family member is in trouble or if it's a scammer using a cloned voice?

Don't trust the voice. Call the person who supposedly contacted you and verify the story. Use a phone number you know is theirs. If you can't reach your loved one, try to get in touch with them through another family member or their friends.

Scammers ask you to pay or send money in ways that make it hard to get your money back. If the caller says to wire money, send cryptocurrency, or buy gift cards and give them the card numbers and PINs, those could be signs of a scam.

If you spot a scam, report it to the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/report-fraud).

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Want to stay up to date on the latest scams? Check out the FTC's consumer alerts: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts>

****We encourage you to share this information with family members or friends. Source: Pierce County Sheriff's Department**

Situational Awareness Alert - Washington LE Call Centers Continue Receiving Active Shooter Threatening Phone Calls Directed at High Schools



(U//LES) The Washington State Fusion Center (WSFC) continues to receive reports swatting phone calls coming into non-emergency law enforcement call centers and Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) throughout Washington State. The caller states they are outside the school with an automatic rifle and threatens to shoot everyone they see. A similar caller ID using the same 810-prefix is being used today and appears to be associated with a Canada VOIP service. The caller ID observed yesterday came from 810-666-0947 and the caller, with a deep male voice, states "I just moved to [jurisdiction] and everyone is treating me badly." The caller also states they will shoot as many cops as possible and is working with Satan. In most calls, the caller identifies as 'Wayne' and concludes the call with the sound of automatic gunshots.

(U//LES) Local and regional law enforcement is aware of these calls and currently coordinating and sharing information as it becomes available. If your jurisdiction experiences similar calls, please contact the WSFC at intake@wsfc.wa.gov with the time of call, the school being threatened, and any additional information such as a recording.

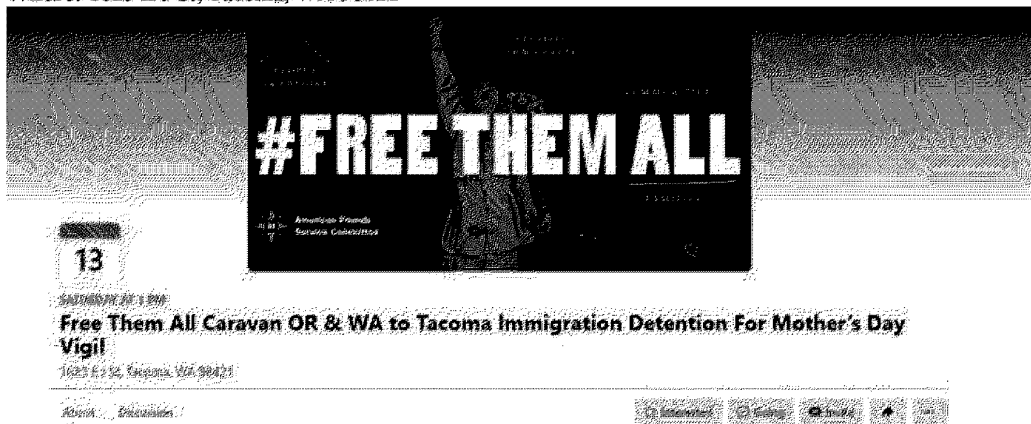
Free Them All Caravan OR & WA to Tacoma Immigration Detention

What: Day of action on Mother's Day weekend to demand the closing of the Tacoma Northwest Detention Center and stop deportations

Who: A coalition of immigrant justice advocates organized as Free Them All from Oregon and Washington State.

When: May 13, 1:00 PM-3PM plus live stream from social media pages of leading organizations

Where: 1623 E J St, Tacoma, WA 98421



Source:

https://www.facebook.com/events/644352271038998?context=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%7B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%7D%7D

For Mother's Day Vigil

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Portland, OR- Dozens of people will drive forming a caravan from different cities in Oregon to Tacoma WA on May 13 to join the call to end all detentions during the Mother's Day weekend. There will be a vigil led by Adelante Mujeres, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Immigrant Mutual Aid Coalition (IMAC), The Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIRJ), La Resistencia, Latinos Unidos Siempre (LUS), Linn Benton Rapid Response Team, PCC DREAMers Resource Center, and the Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition (PIRC).

The groups and their supporters will gather as part of a Day of Action to demand that the Biden Administration and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas:

- Shut down migrant detention centers and stop detention expansion.
- Stop all deportations and deportation flights taking off from King County Airport in Seattle, and southern border Title 8 expulsions.
- Cut the budgets of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection.
- Reinvest the money in building safe and healthy communities.

Posting Message: *"This action in Tacoma, WA is part of a series of Mother's Day protests and events taking place across the country to demand that people be released from prisons, jails, immigration and juvenile detention centers, and digital surveillance. The events will highlight the strength and resilience of mothers and caregivers forced to parent their children across walls—mothers in immigration detention who are separated from their children, mothers whose loved ones are in jail, and the incredible labor of all the mothers and caregivers who are leaders in the struggle for a more just world. Groups will share about the need for investments in their communities instead of policing, borders, and cages. The event will be live streamed via the leading organizations' social media platforms."*

Analyst Comment Currently this event is assessed as a peaceful protest. The numbers attending could go over 100 (+) depending on the numbers that come up from Portland or other cities in Washington State. . Historically events like this, there have been approximately 10 cars and 25 protestors, however, now that the weather is warmer and drier the numbers will increase. Also, with the current issues of large migration over the Southern Border and the ending of Title 42 ending this week, this could motivate more to attend.

Pierce County Search and Rescue Team Faces Setback Due to Burglary



The Pierce County Explorer Search and Rescue team, a volunteer-led organization, experienced a significant setback after being burglarized just ahead of their busy season. The team discovered the theft and damages on Monday morning, 8 May, as they were preparing for an anticipated influx of people hitting the trails this weekend. As warmer weather approaches, the team is gearing up for their busiest season yet. Thieves targeted the team's mobile operations vehicles, breaking locks and stealing crucial equipment such as cords, cables, and rescue



ropes. One of the vehicles is no longer waterproof due to the damage, while the driver-side door of another vehicle is now inaccessible. The burglars also breached the team's storage area by cutting through a fence, damaging locks to enter the cab of a vehicle, and siphoning gas out of their transport van.

Fortunately, major equipment such as radios and GPS devices were not stolen. The loss of generator cables, however, has rendered the team's computer, TV, and tracking equipment unusable. The Pierce County Explorer Search and Rescue team, which has been on thousands of missions since its inception in 1958, relies entirely on donations to fund their operations.

As a result of the burglary, the team now has to divert funds initially set aside for purchasing new radios and rigs to cover repair costs. Despite the setback, the team remains able to respond to calls as more people are expected to venture outdoors during the upcoming warm weather. The burglars have not yet been caught, and the estimated damage is worth around \$1,000. Anyone interested in helping or volunteering with the Pierce County Explorer Search and Rescue team can visit their website for more information. <https://www.newsbreak.com/pierce-county-wa/3023238834822-pierce-county-search-and-rescue-team-faces-setback-due-to-burglary>

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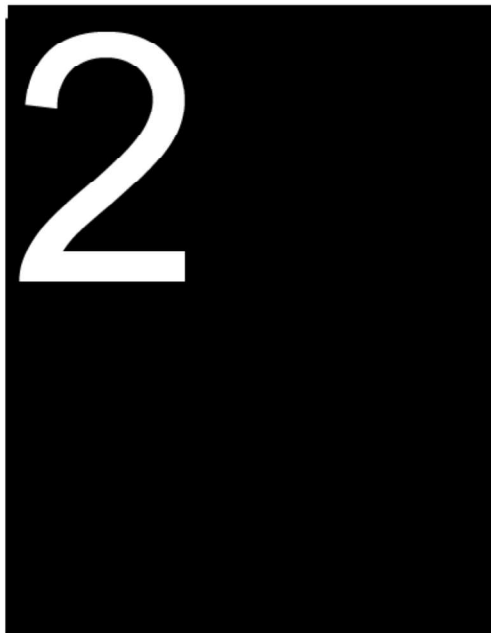
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	<h1>Special Bulletin</h1> <h2>TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</h2> <p>Bulletin Number: S23-065</p> <p>May 5, 2023</p>	
Detective Patrick Brame #272 Tacoma Police Department Special Victims Unit	Office – 253-591-5941 Cell – 253-405-5527 Email – Pbrame@cityoftacoma.org	

Probable cause to arrest DV assault suspect

TPD case # 23-096-02467, 23-058-02373, 23-120-00106, 23-068-01227, 23-079-02223, 23-076-02674, 23-099-01438 and 23-074-02052

AN UPDATE; There is now an arrest warrant in the system for Everett.





Probable cause to arrest **JAMES ARTHUR EVERETT** (DOB 1974) for 1 count Assault 1st degree (DV), 4 counts Assault 2nd degree (DV), 2 counts Burglary 1st degree (DV), 2 counts Felony Harassment (DV), 2 counts Harassment (DV) and 1 count of Stalking (DV). Everett has been charged with the above listed charges. Everett is homeless but is known to stay in the area of South 17th and G Street. Victim stated that during the latest assault, EVERETT was armed with a handgun. If located, please book on listed charges. A charging sheet will be at the desk at TPD OPS along with a probable cause statement.

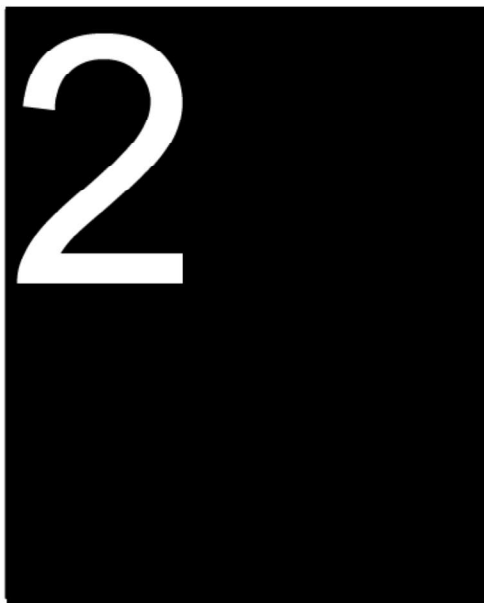
Everett should be considered armed and dangerous.

Please email Det. Brame at Pbrame@cityoftacoma.org if Everett is arrested. (Desk) 253-591-5941, (Cell) 253-405-5527

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	<h1>Special Bulletin</h1> <h2>TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</h2> <p>Bulletin Number: S23-069A</p> <p>May 12th, 2023</p>	
<p>Det. Josh White #129 Tacoma Police Department Criminal Investigations Division</p>		<p>Office: (253) 591-5656 Cell: (253) 732-8345 Email: jwhite@cityoftacoma.org</p>

ARREST WARRANT– Assault 1st (DV), Assault 2nd (DV)x2, Felony Harassment, Unlawful Imprisonment, Interfering w/ 911 and VNCO
TPD Case #22-09800858



BRANCH, JASIRI E

5-09 150 pounds

DOB: 07/27/1996

Possible Address-5416 S M St #11 (Mom's)/1801 S 84th ST #J1 (Brother) (Neither Address is Police Friendly)

Was driving a white newer Dodge Charger-No Plates-Unconfirmed Report the vehicle was crashed.

Caution High Violent/Possibly Armed Offender DOC Warrant- History of resisting, gun possession and Crip Gang Affiliation ***

There is a Pierce County Superior Court Warrant in the system for the arrest of Jasiri Branch for the above crimes.
CONFIRM ALL WARRANTS If Branch is arrested, please book into the Pierce County Jail and notify Det. White.

The vehicle is NOT needed.

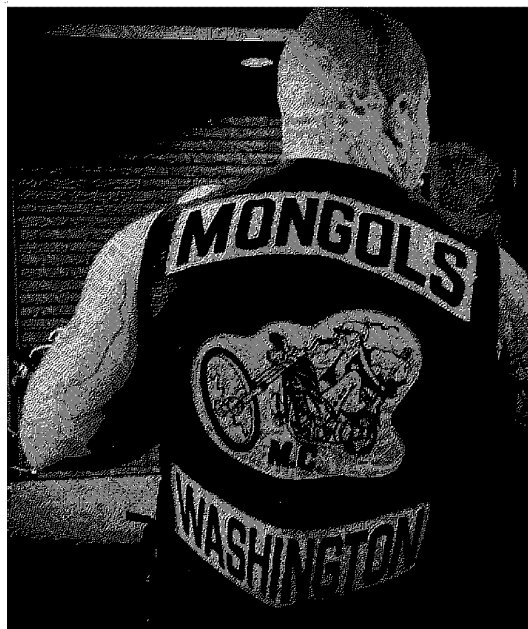
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GANG EVENT – OFFICER SAFETY



Reminder:

Information: Information has been received that the **Mongols Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMG)** will be holding an event planned for May 12- 14 at an undisclosed location in the Seattle/Tacoma, Washington area. The **Mongols OMG** is considered to be one of the most violent in the nation and are at war with the **Hells Angels** and **Bandidos** OMGs. The **Mongols** have been growing in Washington state and have a Seattle chapter a reopened Spokane chapter and new chapter in Tacoma. The Seattle/Tacoma area is the location of six (6) **Bandido** chapters and one (1) **Hells Angel** chapter. Because of recent violence and tension between the **Mongols** and the **Bandidos** and **Hells Angels** you should expect the **Mongols** to be armed with both legal and illegal weapons. Typical **Mongols** events have drawn 60 – 100 participants and the **Mongols** often use the show of force to attempt to instigate confrontations with their rivals and to intimidate the public.



Weapons: The **Mongols** will often be armed with a variety of legal and illegal weapons such as firearms, with or without concealed pistol licenses, and will frequently wear and display a variety of edged weapons and daggers, with the intent to intimidate and to use against their rivals.

Please consider SMC 12A.14.080 Unlawful use of Weapons for incidents in which suspects carry a fixed blade knife or a knife with a blade measuring more than 3 ½ inches in length.



Prepared by: Detective Robert Belshay #6460, SPD Investigative Support Unit
Phone: 206-255-823. Email: robert.belshay@seattle.gov. For more info see OMG Event-Officer Safety Bulletin distributed on 10 May.

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	<h1>Special Bulletin</h1> <h2>TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</h2>	
Bulletin Number: S23-070		May 12 th , 2023
Det. Jared Williams #028 Tacoma Police Department Criminal Investigations Division		Office: (253) 591-5474 Cell: (253) 732-8552 Email: jwilliams2@cityoftacoma.org

ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY – ARMED ROBBERY
TPD #2312902356



On 05/09/23 the two pictured subjects along with a black female teen and two other black male teens stole several cases of beer from Bartell Drugs at 6th & Union in Tacoma. The white male suspect brandished a handgun at employees when they attempted to stop the theft. The suspects fled in a stolen Kia Sportage which has already been recovered. If you can identify these suspects please contact Det. Williams at the information listed above.

There is no PC for anyone's arrest at this time.

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OFFICER AWARENESS

FBI Releases 2022 Statistics on Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty



According to statistics reported to the FBI by March 1, 2023, 118 law enforcement officers were killed in line-of-duty incidents in 2022. Of these, 60 officers died as a result of felonious acts, and 58 officers died in accidents. Comprehensive data tables about these incidents and brief narratives describing the fatal attacks were released on May 8 in the Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) portion of the FBI's Law Enforcement Data Explorer (a subset of the Crime Data Explorer).

Felonious Deaths

Sixty officers were feloniously killed in 2022, a decrease of 17.8% when compared to the 73 officers who were killed as a result of criminal acts in 2021. The 60 felonious deaths occurred in 28 states and the District of Columbia. The five- and 10-year comparisons show an increase of three felonious deaths when compared with the 2018 figure (57 officers) and an increase of 33 deaths when compared with 2013 data (27 officers).

Officer Profiles. The average age of the officers who were feloniously killed was 39 years old. The victim officers had served in law enforcement for an average of seven years at the time of the fatal incidents.

Circumstances Encountered by Victim Officer Upon Arrival at Scene of Incident. Of the 60 officers feloniously killed:

- Six officers were killed in unprovoked attacks.
- 12 officers died as a result of investigative/enforcement activities.
- 12 officers were ambushed (entrapment/premeditation).
- Four officers encountered/assisted an emotionally disturbed person.
- Four officers were involved in pursuits.
- Six officers responded to disorders/disturbances.
- Six officers were involved in tactical situations.
- One officer was involved in arrest situation.
- Three officers responded to crimes in progress.
- Three officers were assisting other law enforcement officers.
- Two were serving/attempting to serve a court order (eviction notice, subpoena, etc.).
- One officer was providing/deploying equipment (flares, traffic cones, etc.).

Weapons. Offenders used firearms to kill 49 of the 60 victim officers. Three officers were killed with vehicles used as weapons. Eight officers were killed by the offender's use of personal weapons (hand, fists, feet, etc.).

Suspects. Law enforcement agencies identified 51 alleged assailants in connection with the felonious line-of-duty deaths. 10 of the assailants had prior criminal arrests.

Two of the offenders were under judicial supervision at the times of the felonious incidents.

Accidental Deaths

Fifty-eight law enforcement officers were killed accidentally while performing their duties in 2022, an increase of 2 when compared with the 56 officers accidentally killed in 2021. The majority (35 officers) were killed in motor vehicle crashes.

Officer Profile. The average age of officers who were accidentally killed was 39 years old; the average number of years the victim officers had served in law enforcement was 11.

Circumstances. The 58 officers accidentally killed died in a variety of scenarios:

- 35 died as a result of motor vehicle crashes.
- 13 were pedestrian officers struck by vehicles.
- Six officers were in an aircraft crash.
- Two officers were killed in a fall.

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Two died as a result of a firearm-related incident.

Use of seatbelts. Of the 31 officers killed in motor vehicle crashes (not including ATVs and motorcycles), six were wearing seatbelts. Data about seatbelt usage was not reported for 25 of the officers.

Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, Part I, 2022.

Release schedule. The May 5 release provides three categories of data. These categories include data and statistics concerning officers feloniously and accidentally killed, and statistics about federal officers killed and/or assaulted. The remaining portions of the information, which present data reported to the FBI concerning law enforcement officers assaulted in the line of duty in 2022, will be released in the fall.

LEOKA 2022 data is available exclusively on the FBI's Law Enforcement Data Explorer (a subset of the Crime Data Explorer). Resources; LEOKA

CYBER THREATS

Cyberattacks on health care are increasing. Inside one hospital's fight to recover



NPR reports it was October 2021 and the staff at Johnson Memorial Health were hoping they could finally catch their breaths. They were just coming out of a weeks-long surge of COVID hospitalizations and deaths, fueled by the Delta variant. But on Friday, October 1, at 3 a.m., the hospital CEO's phone rang with an urgent call. "I remember like it was yesterday," says Dr. David Dunkle, CEO of the health system based in Franklin, Indiana. "My chief of nursing said, 'Well, it looks like we got hacked.'" The information technology team at Johnson

Memorial discovered a ransomware group had infiltrated the health system's networks.

The hackers left a ransom note on every server, demanding the hospital pay \$3 million in Bitcoin in the next few days. The note was signed by the "Hive," a prominent ransomware group that has targeted more than 1,500 hospitals, school districts and financial firms in over 80 countries, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Johnson Memorial was just one victim in a rising wave of cyberattacks on hospitals across the country. One study found that cyberattacks on U.S. health care facilities more than doubled between 2016 and 2022. In the aftermath, the focus frequently falls on the risk of confidential patient information being exposed, but these attacks can also leave hospitals hemorrhaging millions of dollars in the months that follow, and also cause disruptions to patient care, potentially putting lives at stake. In Indiana alone, 27 hospitals were hit by cyberattacks between 2010 and 2023, according to data provided by the Indiana Hospital Association. Source; NPR For more click-on this link: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2023/05/08/1172569347/cyberattacks-on-health-care-are-increasing-inside-one-hospitals-fight-to-recover>

PUBLIC SAFETY



One way to prevent gun violence? Treat it as a public health issue

Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith was working in an emergency room as a medical student more than four decades ago when she realized that victims of violence were getting treated and then released — unlike other patients — without any sort of preventative care. "And one night, at 3:00 in the morning, a young man just very specifically said to me that he was going to go out and cut the guy who cut him," she says. "I thought, this is not adequate. My response is not adequate. My profession's response is not adequate."

Prothrow-Stith has played a key role in defining youth violence as a public health issue in the years since (her 1991 book

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Deadly Consequences is considered a classic in the field). That means focusing on prevention efforts — not only in emergency rooms, but in doctor's offices and schools, too. And guns are increasingly a part of that conversation.

Prothrow-Stith, who is dean and professor of medicine at the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles, remembers that when she first started out, stabbings were "the number-one way that young men were killed" in Philadelphia. The picture of violence changed dramatically in a matter of years. "Guns in America play a huge role, especially as we start looking at weapons of war being available and the mass shootings that are taking place," Prothrow-Stith tells Morning Edition's Michel Martin.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recorded 48,830 U.S. firearm deaths in 2021, the last year for which complete data is available. Those include suicides — which have long accounted for the majority of U.S. gun deaths — as well as homicides.

Culturally, suicide is more common in white America and homicide more common in Black America, Prothrow-Stith notes. But she stresses that violence in general is a learned behavior. "We don't come out of the womb ready to commit suicide or homicide," she adds. "And I think as a culture, [we need an] understanding that children who are hurt, hurt others or hurt themselves. And our job is not to give them a gun, but our job is to figure out how to help them heal."

The role of guns in America, as told by a doctor

Prothrow-Stith says it's clear that guns turn "an everyday emotional situation" into fatal encounters. "We know that sometimes people act differently when they have a gun in a situation, feeling invincible or escalating a situation that they might otherwise de-escalate," she added. And at least when it comes to teenagers, she says, there are some similarities in the contributing factors that can lead to homicide and suicide.

Most homicides are the result of arguments between people who know each other, whether family members, friends or romantic partners, she says. "I remember some youth workers saying, 'Well, it doesn't surprise me that he killed somebody because he didn't care anything about himself, so why would he care anything about anybody else?'" Prothrow-Stith says. "If you think about that, not caring anything about yourself is a symptom of depression. It's a symptom of a clinical illness and should be explored that way."

What preventing gun violence could look like

How would prevention work from a public health perspective? Prothrow-Stith uses the analogy of cigarette smoking and lung cancer.

First, there's primary prevention, which involves informing the general public of the consequences of smoking. The second phase is helping smokers quit, and the third is treatment for those who have lung cancer. When it comes to gun violence, Prothrow-Stith says the primary phase should be raising awareness and trying to increase safety. The secondary phase is about understanding the risk factors. "How do we help children who are hurt, either because they're victims of violence or they're witnessing violence, especially domestic violence or gang violence, on a regular basis?" she asks. "How do we help them heal from the anger, the guilt, the pain, but also give them the strategies to move forward?"

Programs like "Big Brothers Big Sisters" are a great example of a secondary intervention because they give kids distractions, purpose and opportunities. Don't underestimate the power of staying busy, Prothrow-Stith adds. She shares the story of a high school student who, when asked how he stayed out of trouble, said he played football even though he didn't especially like it. Sports gave him an excuse to stay late and bail out of late-night social events as needed. "He had developed his own strategies for dealing with the peer pressure," she says. "Those are the things that are very, very important for kids 'in the thick', if you will."

Focus on what works: an assault weapons ban

Many people are used to thinking about guns as a political issue rather than a public health issue. But Prothrow-Stith says a more productive way to talk about it would be to start where the U.S. has seen success in the past: in banning assault weapons from 1994 to 2004.

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Studies have shown a decrease in gun massacre deaths during the decade the federal ban was in place — and an increase after it expired, which Prothrow-Stith attributes to the gun industry strategically "flood[ing] the market" with assault weapons.

There are many more deaths in mass shootings when high-powered assault weapons are available, she adds. "They are like the movies and the sequel where more people get killed in the sequel than in the first movie with these assault weapons, weapons of war," she says. "We are seeing more and more people killed with each episode." Practically speaking, guns are here to stay in the U.S., Prothrow-Stith says. "But we don't need assault weapons," she adds. "And I think we just zero in on that argument. And I think that's a matter of time."

Back to the cigarette analogy. Prothrow-Stith remembers that smoking was ubiquitous and glamorous when she was a kid, and that it took roughly half a century after the first report on its health effects for the public understanding to follow. She is confident that the U.S. will have the same transformation with guns. "It is time again to treat this epidemic, reduce our rates and stay with it," she says. "We've done it before. We can do it again ... just make our children safer." Source: NPR

NATIONAL

(U) Texas: Mass Shooting at Outlet Mall in Allen, Texas Leaves Eight Dead; Suspect Deceased

(U) According to a Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC) Notification dated 08 MAY 23, on 06 MAY 23, USPER Mauricio Garcia, 33, stepped out of a silver sedan and opened fire on shoppers at the USBUS Allen Premium Outlets in Allen, Texas, killing eight and wounding seven. Three injured people remain in critical condition and four are in stable condition.

(U) An Allen Police Department officer handling an unrelated call at the mall responded to the sound of gunfire, followed the sound, and fatally shot the suspect.

(U) The suspect wore a tactical vest and was armed with an AR-15 and a handgun. In addition, investigators found several handguns, long guns, and ammunition inside his vehicle at the scene. Authorities have not released a motive or additional details leading up to the shooting incident.



(U) Image from (L) to (R) of tactical vest and USPER Mauricio Garcia

(U) From 2016-2020, the suspect worked as a private security guard for at least three security companies, which provided him with firearms training as part of the security guard licensure process. He also served briefly in the US Army in 2008 but was removed during basic training due to mental health concerns.

(U) Possible Motive and Social Media Postings

(U//FOUO) While a motive for the 06 MAY 23 shooting has not been confirmed, social media accounts possibly associated to the suspect reveal postings utilizing lexicon and images associated with Incel Violent Extremist and Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremist – White Supremacist (RMVE-WS) rhetoric.

(U//FOUO) Additionally, the shooter's tactical vest displayed a patch with the "RWDS" (right wing death squad) acronym imposed on a Nazi SS divisional shield, frequently used by RMVE-WS adherents as well as other Anti-Government or Anti-Authority Violent Extremist adherents.

(U//FOUO) The suspect also reportedly posted images of firearms, tactical gear, bullets, knives, and shooting range targets.

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(U) Active Shooter Indicators

(U) Active shooters pre-plan their attacks and select crowded locations to maximize the number of casualties.

(U//FOUO) Active shooter incidents in locations with few ingress and egress areas, high occupancy, and few security measures result in the highest number of casualties.

(U//FOUO) Indicators of prior shooting incidents include:

- (U//FOUO) Overt airing of grievances and increasing advocacy of violence,
- (U//FOUO) History of mental instability and/or elevated stress due to a significant event (employment/marital/family problems); and
- (U//FOUO) Signs of deep-rooted alienation or attraction to radical agendas. (JRIC, Notification, Reference Number: 54dd-4a85-ae88-405e8e24eeab, 08 MAY 23) Source: Army Threat Integration Center (ARTIC)

The Texas mall shooter ranted against Jews, women and racial minorities on apparent social media page. Reports of a social media page appearing to belong to a gunman who killed eight people at a Dallas-area outlet mall had shared extremist beliefs with rants against Jews, women and racial minorities posted since September, as well as posts about struggling with mental health. Mauricio Garcia, 33, maintained a profile on the Russian social networking platform OK.ru, including posts referring to extremist online forums, such as 4chan, and content from white nationalists, including Nick Fuentes, an antisemitic white nationalist provocateur. In the weeks before the attack, Garcia posted more than two dozen photos of Allen Premium Outlets, where an officer killed him after the shooting Saturday, and surrounding areas, including several screenshots of Google location information, seemingly monitoring the mall at its busiest times. Many of his posts referred to his mental health. In his final post, he lamented what his family might say and wrote that no psychologist would have been able to fix him. In another post, he made disturbing comments about what makes a mass shooting "important" and praised a person who opened fire at a private Christian school in Nashville, Tennessee, this year, killing six people, including three children.

Analyst Note The gunman in the Texas mall shooting had eight legally obtained weapons – three on him, five in his vehicle. The attack comes less than a year after a gunman opened fire at a mall in Greenwood, Indiana, killing three people and injuring two others. A few months before that, last April, a shooter at a mall in Columbia, South Carolina, injured 14 people. Shopping malls offer a vulnerable target for mass shooters and a near-impossible task for security, since droves of people often converge through multiple entry points with easy access. Moreover, efforts to better secure malls with metal detectors or additional security guards risk pushback from developers and stores forced to bear added costs as well as customers faced with the inconvenience of airport-style lines and armed surveillance, they added. Retail locations make up the second-most common site of mass shootings, accounting for nearly 17% of mass shootings recorded between 1966 and 2021, according to a previous analysis of data compiled by The Violence Project. The nation's roughly 700 malls are part of a category referred to as "soft targets," which includes religious institutions, restaurants and other locations. Sources: DHS & ABC News

Key Information Going Forward:

"Moving into summer events, whether at informal crowded places like parks and malls or structured festivities such as concerts or farmer's markets, many will be recalling the Fourth of July parade mass shooting last year in Highland Park — where the shooter fired from a store rooftop in order to bypass security presence on the ground, used the elevated position to target victims, and slipped away with the chaotic crowd before his apprehension eight hours later — and wondering what precautions are necessary to keep people safer. Unfortunately, actors with ill intent may simultaneously be thinking about how to emulate such an attack in their own areas. This makes a multilayered security approach all the more essential: identifying potential bad actors in the planning stages along with their attempts to acquire weapons, ensuring that risk assessment of a venue or event includes factors such as places that by nature have a lack of access control or other "soft" spots, incorporating a range of potential threats in planning from active shooters and explosives to chemical or biological threats, fostering relationships with law enforcement agencies and taking advantage of

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preparedness grants or training programs, and through training and guidance making sure that employees and attendees are prepared for the worst.” Source; Excerpt from Homeland Security Today article

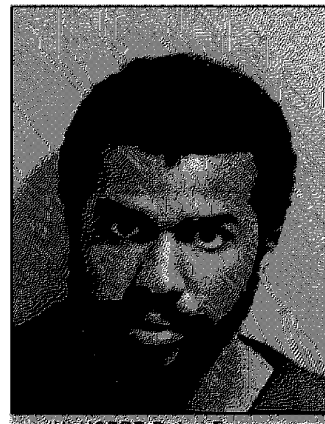
***For more detailed analysis on this shooting we recommend reading the article below on the shooters possible Tactics Techniques & Procedures that may have been a factor.*

Allen Outlets Mass Shooting Illustrates High Risk for Outdoor Soft Targets

<https://www.hstoday.us/featured/allen-outlets-mass-shooting-illustrates-high-risk-for-outdoor-soft-targets/>

(U) Georgia: A Former US Coast Guard Member Conducted a Mass Shooting at an Atlanta Hospital

(U) According to open-source reporting, on 03 MAY 23, an individual identified as USPER Deion Duwane Patterson, 24, conducted a mass shooting in a waiting room located on the 11th floor of the USBUS Northside Hospital Medical Midtown facility in Atlanta, Georgia, killing one individual and injuring four others. According to reporting, after the shooting Patterson fled the scene, stole a vehicle, and drove north towards Cobb County, Georgia. According to further reporting, law enforcement received a tip surrounding Patterson's whereabouts and were able to locate and arrest Patterson at a suburban condo complex in Cobb County. According to reporting, Patterson was on the run for approximately eight hours before being arrested by law enforcement. (Open Source, 04 MAY 23; Open Source, 04 MAY 23; Open Source, 04 MAY 23; Open Source, 05 MAY 23; Open Source, 05 MAY 23; Open Source, 05 MAY 23; Open Source, 04 MAY 23)



(U) USPER Deion Duwane Patterson

(U) According to open-source reporting, Patterson was seeking treatment at the USBUS Northside Hospital Medical Midtown facility after being dissatisfied with care that he received from the USBUS US Department of Veterans Affairs. Reportedly, when doctors refused to give Patterson medicine, he became angry, pulled out his handgun and began firing at individuals. (Open Source, 04 MAY 23; Open Source, 04 MAY 23; Open Source, 04 MAY 23; Open Source, 05 MAY 23; Open Source, 05 MAY 23; Open Source, 04 MAY 23)

(CUI) *ARTIC Analyst Comment:* According to open-source reporting, Patterson has been charged with murder and four counts of aggravated assault. The ARTIC notes that although a motive has not been identified, open-source reporting indicated that Patterson had been mentally unstable since he left the US Coast Guard in January 2023 and was attempting to get help at the USBUS Northside Hospital Medical Midtown facility. Reportedly, Patterson served in the US Coast Guard from 2018 and was discharged in January 2023.

However, reporting does not indicate why Patterson was discharged. According to reporting, Patterson served as an electrician's mate second class before being discharged. (Open Source, 04 MAY 23; Open Source, 04 MAY 23; Open Source, 04 MAY 23; Open Source, 05 MAY 23; Open Source, 05 MAY 23)

(CUI) According to separate reporting, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the rate of injuries from violent attacks against medical professionals grew by 63 percent from 2011 to 2018, and aggression against staff escalated as the COVID-19 pandemic intensified in 2020. Reportedly, the reasons for the aggression vary: patients' anger and confusion about their medical conditions and care; grief over the decline of hospitalized loved ones; frustration while trying to get attention amid staffing shortages, especially in nursing; delirium and dementia; mental health disorders; political and social issues; and gender and race discrimination. (Open Source, 18 AUG 22) Source; Army Threat Integration Center (ARTIC)

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8 deaths in Allen, 1 in Atlanta, Texas/Atlanta; US sees acceleration of mass shootings & Soft Targets



Reports of the mass shooting in Allen, Texas, in which eight people died and seven were injured Saturday is the 22nd mass killing in the U.S. this year. That means 2023 could be one of the deadliest years in fatal shootings in recent history, in both number of victims and attacks. The database maintained by USA TODAY, The Associated Press, and Northeastern University tracks all mass killings in the U.S. since 2006. It includes every mass killing from all weapons in which four or more people, excluding the offender, were killed within a 24-hour time frame. The eight deaths at the Allen outdoor mall were the second-highest of such incidents in 2023.

Eleven people were killed in a shooting in a ballroom dance studio in Monterey Park, California, on Jan. 21. The data also shows that six public fatal shootings were reported in the first third of 2023. That's as many as in all of 2012. It's also greater than the total number of such shootings in 11 of the 18 years tracked by the database. USA Today [5/8/2023 4:06 PM, Grace Hauck, 4261K, Negative] reports that in a given year, the U.S. typically sees six mass shootings in a public place, and the most the country has ever witnessed was 10 in a year, according to James Alan Fox, a professor at Northeastern University who has studied mass killings for 40 years. The massacre at Premium Outlets in Allen, Texas, on Saturday already marks the sixth public mass killing of 2023 — about one third of the way through the calendar year.

Texas is one of two states in the U.S. that has seen 17 mass shootings so far this year. The other is California. There have been 22 mass killings in 2023, defined as four or more people killed, not including the perpetrator, according to the USA TODAY/Northeastern University/Associated Press Mass Killings Database. The Hill reports that this year, according to GVA's tracker, there have been 202 incidents in which four or more people — other than the attacker — were shot. In the past two years, the U.S. crossed 200 mass shootings in mid-May and, in 2020 and 2019, didn't reach 200 until mid-to-late June.

Between 2016 and 2018, the country passed 200 mass shootings in late July. The GVA tracker logged three shooting incidents Saturday, including the incident at Allen Premium Outlets in Texas, where a gunman killed eight people and injured seven others before being fatally shot by police. Sources USA Today, NE Univ, AP & the Hill

Analyst Comment The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) initial review of the incident identified specific vulnerability factors that increased the lethality and effectiveness of the attack, such as the perpetrator's use of a nearby elevated and publicly accessible location to avoid venue security, and the lack of accessible escape routes for the large crowds. To mitigate the impacts of potential future attacks, publicly available mass gathering areas are encouraged to conduct periodic vulnerability assessments to identify potential areas of concern and develop emergency action plans for individuals to take in the event of an incident. Source: Over the Road-Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily (OTRBIAD) Report.



PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY

(U//FOUO) Intensified Threats of Violence Against the LGBTQIA+ Community

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(U//FOUO) Domestic violent extremists (DVEs) and hate crime actors have intensified threats of violence against the LGBTQIA+ community during the last year, and many likely are driven by perceptions of sociopolitical issues related to this community. These issues include actions linked to drag-themed events, gender-affirming care, and LGBTQIA+ curricula in schools.

- (U//FOUO) Posts on online platforms that feature DVE content have leveraged current events to call for violence based on claims that the LGBTQIA+ community is a threat to society, particularly children. Following the March shooting at an elementary school in Nashville, Tennessee, perpetrated by a transgender person, users in an online forum called for “open season” on the LGBTQIA+ community, and one poster advocated for shooting members of the community “before they shoot us,” according to DHS open-source reporting and an organization that monitors violent extremism online.

- (U//FOUO) A broad range of threat actors have been linked to violent threats targeting the LGBTQIA+ community, including DVEs who adhere to conspiracy theories, racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists (RMVEs), and other threat actors with personalized or hate-based grievances. For example, the alleged perpetrator of an attack on an LGBTQIA+ nightclub in Colorado in 2022 ran a website that hosted violent content glorifying a prior RMVE attack, according to a detective involved in the case. Additionally, days after the Nashville attack, an individual in Maryland was arrested and is now awaiting trial for threatening an LGBTQIA+ advocacy group with violence in retaliation for the attack, stating, “[I]f you want a war, we’ll have a war.”

- (U//FOUO) We often lack reporting detailing the specific motivations of individuals seeking to target the LGBTQIA+ community, which complicates our ability to determine which actors may pose a more immediate or credible threat. According to FBI’s hate crime statistics, approximately 20 percent of all hate crimes reported nationwide in 2021 were motivated by bias related to sexual orientation or gender identity.

(U//FOUO) The range of issues inspiring threats and calls for violence against the LGBTQIA+ community likely increases the potential for attacks against a broader set of targets. In addition to upcoming Pride Month celebration events in June, individuals could seek to commit violence against targets such as public spaces and healthcare facilities that they perceive to be associated with the LGBTQIA+ community. This underscores the importance of sharing relevant threat information with this community and organizations potentially tied to LGBTQIA+ issues.

- (U//FOUO) Violence has occurred at lawful demonstrations and other public events linked to LGBTQIA+ issues, according to media reporting. In June 2022, 31 alleged members of the white supremacist group Patriot Front/USPER were arrested by local police in Idaho on conspiracy to riot charges for allegedly planning to disrupt a Pride event that they believed was intended to corrupt children, according to press reporting and a video released by the group.

- (U//FOUO) On 31 March, a RMVE was arrested and is now charged for allegedly attempting to use an improvised incendiary device to burn down a church in Ohio that was planning to host a drag-themed event. The RMVE told authorities that he wanted “to protect the children and stop the drag show event,” according to the DOJ criminal complaint.

(U//FOUO) Potential for Violence Inspired by Recent Attack in Nashville, Tennessee

(U//FOUO) High-profile attacks against schools and faith-based institutions like the recent shooting in Nashville have historically served as inspiration for individuals to conduct copycat attacks. Some social media users have celebrated the attack, according to DHS open-source reporting, and although the attacker’s motive is still under investigation, personal journals of the attacker reportedly mentioned prior mass casualty attacks, according to media reporting citing a law enforcement news release. Days after the Nashville attack, a transgender person from Elbert, Colorado, was arrested for allegedly plotting a string of attacks targeting schools and churches in Colorado. Although the motive in the Colorado case is under investigation, the arrested individual also allegedly had a manifesto that mentioned other mass casualty attackers, according to state court documents.

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INTERNATIONAL

Half of North Korean Missile Program Funded by Cyberattacks and Crypto Theft, White House Says



About half of North Korea's missile program has been funded by cyberattacks and cryptocurrency theft, a White House official said Tuesday. A sweeping US federal government effort is ongoing to understand how "a country like [North Korea] is so darn creative in this space," Anne Neuberger, deputy national security adviser for cyber and emerging technology, said at an event hosted by the nonprofit Special Competitive Studies Project. US intelligence agencies are working to identify North Korean operatives and the Treasury is tracing stolen cryptocurrency, Neuberger said, adding that the Biden administration is "putting a lot of time and thought" into the

problem. It's an estimate that suggests hacking and cybercrime are key to the North Korean regime's survival. Source; CNN, 5/10/2023

Analyst Comment A White House official stated on Tuesday that nearly half of North Korea's missile program has been funded by cybercriminal operations. The Deputy National Security Adviser for Cyber and Emerging Technology, Anne Neuberger, said at a nonprofit event that the U.S. has undertaken an effort into understanding how North Korea has been so successful in cryptocurrency theft and ransomware. In February, the United Nations (UN) shared a report with Reuters that estimated North Korean threat actors stole a record number of cryptocurrencies worth more than \$630 million. Chainalysis also released a report that noted 2022 "was the worst [year] on record for cryptocurrency heists, with hackers stealing as much as \$3.8 billion, led by attackers linked to North Korea." According to Chainalysis, October 2022 was the most detrimental month for cryptocurrency investors, during which hackers stole \$775.7 million worth of virtual assets in 32 different attacks. The UN report said that in 2022 these hackers targeted the networks of foreign aerospace and defense companies and used "increasingly sophisticated techniques to gain access to digital networks involved in cyberfinance." It is widely believed, among global intelligence, cyber, and policy professionals, that the money stolen and laundered from these attacks "is key to the North Korean regime's survival." The U.S. has aided in international investigations to try and disrupt affiliated threat actors from successfully laundering the stolen profits. In February, Norway's National Authority for Investigation and Prosecution of Economic and Environmental Crime announced that with the help of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), they were able to recover \$5.8 million dollars of virtual assets stolen from Axie Infinity's Ronin network bridge. The FBI linked the attack to the Lazarus Group, notorious for targeting critical infrastructure sectors like energy, finance, defense, aerospace, and healthcare. The U.N. report referred to the North Korean-linked threat actor as one of the main culprits for the nation's increase in hackings. Source; Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)



Canadian Man Charged with Aiding Suicide

Police in Canada arrested an Ontario man last week for selling a lethal substance online to individuals at risk of self-harm. The man allegedly sold sodium nitrite (NaO2), a white, chemical substance that is commonly used in food preservation and meat curing but could potentially lead to death when ingested in sufficient quantities. Investigators said the man sent at least 1,200 packages to over 40 countries. According to FBI reporting, as of 03 May 2023, approximately 25 individuals within the New York area of responsibility were listed as purchasers of sodium nitrite-based "suicide kits." Of the 25 individuals identified, 9 were deceased and 1 was unaccounted for.

Analyst Assessment The FBI is asking responders who have information that could assist with determining the prevalence of sodium nitrite use for deaths by suicide or distribution paths and networks in the US to contact them via Tips.fbi.gov or 1-800-CALL-FBI. Also this week, a man in Burke County, NC was arrested for leaving two pipe bombs at

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a local church. The man's family made a statement that the bombs contained sugar, baking soda, stump remover (saltpeter/potassium nitrate/ KNO_3), and sodium nitrate (NaNO_3). Both sodium nitrite and sodium nitrate are white salts which may be confused at a scene. If in doubt to the significance of a found substance, call for assistance and consider having law enforcement record the scene via their body cams. Source: Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov

(U) Serbia: A Thirteen-Year-Old Conducts a Mass Shooting at an Elementary School



(U) According to open-source reporting, on the morning of 03 MAY 23, a 13-year-old boy (subject) carried out a shooting attack at Vladislav Ribnikar elementary school, a school the subject allegedly attended in Belgrade, Serbia. Reportedly, eight students, seven girls and one boy, and one security guard were killed during the attack. Additionally, six other classmates, two girls and four boys, and a teacher were injured, some critically. (Open Source, 03 MAY 23; Open Source, 03 MAY 23)

(U) According to reporting, the subject carried out the shooting using two handguns that he carried in his backpack. Upon entering the school, the subject fired first at the school security guard and then three students in a hallway. The subject then reportedly went to

a nearby classroom, close to the school entrance and fired first at the teacher and then continually at the students who hid behind desks. Many of the other students were able to flee the school through a back door. (Open Source, 03 MAY 23; Open Source, 03 MAY 23)

(U) According to additional reporting, the subject called police after the shooting to report that he had shot individuals in school. Police officials stated during the call, the subject said, "he is a psychopath who needs to calm down," adding that he "was caught by fear and panic and funny breathing, and that it was the right thing to call the police and report the event." Police reportedly were aware of the shooting having received an emergency call two minutes prior. The subject was apprehended by police without incident and placed in a psychiatric institution. (Open Source, 03 MAY 23; Open Source, 03 MAY 23)

(CUI) *ARTIC Analyst Comment:* According to reporting, authorities discovered the subject in the school's courtyard with two guns and four improvised incendiary devices described as Molotov cocktails in his jacket pockets at the time of his arrest. Reportedly, the two guns used in the shooting were legally owned by his father, a well-known radiologist, and properly secured according to strict Serbian law. The subject was known to target shoot with his father at a local shooting range and apparently knew the security codes to retrieve the locked weapons. Both the subject's mother and father were detained by police and his father arrested on suspicion of endangering public safety. (Open Source, 03 MAY 23; Open Source, 03 MAY 23)

(CUI) According to further reporting, the subject meticulously planned the attack at least one month prior. Authorities indicated the subject drew sketches of classrooms and made a list of children he intended to target. He also reportedly befriended the security guard. (Open Source, 04 MAY 23; Open Source, 03 MAY 23)

(U) According to open-source reporting, authorities have not determined a motive for the shooting. However, some reports indicate the subject wanted to be moved to another class where his friends were located and that he was upset over grades received in some coursework. According to additional reporting, the subject cannot be criminally charged because he is under the age of 14 as per state law and social services will determine what will happen with the subject. (Open Source, 04 MAY 23; Open Source, 03 MAY 23)

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Oher National/International Articles of Interest (Links):

How El Chapo's sons built a fentanyl empire poisoning America

https://www.reuters.com/investigates/special-report/mexico-drugs-chapitos/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=Newsletter&utm_campaign=Daily-Briefing&utm_term=051023

The New ISIS: How a Branch of the Terrorist Group Is Becoming a Top Threat

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2023/05/12/new-isis-how-branch-of-terrorist-group-becoming-top-threat.html>

U.S. Domestic Terrorism Prosecutions: The Reality Behind the Government's Inflated Numbers

<https://www.justsecurity.org/86456/u-s-domestic-terrorism-prosecutions-the-reality-behind-the-governments-inflated-numbers/>

Portland restores traffic division after fatal crashes rise to highest number in 30 years

https://www.police1.com/traffic-patrol/articles/portland-restores-traffic-division-after-fatal-crashes-rise-to-highest-number-in-30-years-x9hea3E7e8Km8ySY/?utm_source=Police1&utm_campaign=34a6741b64-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_05_10_07_10&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5584e6920b-0061f2d268-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D

Hacker extorts \$1.1M in cyberattack on Calif. sheriff's website

<https://www.police1.com/ransomware/articles/hacker-extorts-1.1m-in-cyberattack-on-calif-sheriffs-website-swYrL6k2oXSVaINP/>

California, other states with strong 'Defund the Police' movements ranked best to be a cop, new study claims

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/california-states-defund-police-ranked-best-states-cop-new-study-claims>

How AR-15-style rifles write the tragic history of America's mass shootings

<https://www.npr.org/2023/05/10/1175065043/mass-shootings-america-ar-15-rifle>

40 Arrested in Major Cargo Theft Operation Responsible for Over \$150M in Stolen Goods

https://www.audacy.com/knxnews/news/state/40-arrested-in-major-cargo-theft-operation?sm_aui=VMWNHD60rfNqg7

How to get the most value out of roll call during National Police Week

https://www.police1.com/national-police-week/articles/how-to-get-the-most-value-out-of-roll-call-during-national-police-week-KOmVP9IYpwtalRrV/?utm_source=Police1&utm_campaign=13685c4707-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_05_12_04_53&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5584e6920b-eb4d41d577-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D

WA ranked 8th best state to be police officer

https://www.thecentersquare.com/washington/article_b1e975f0-f046-11ed-ba11-4f04fb6aa0c0.html

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OFFICER SAFETY

PC TO ARREST – ARMED ROBBERY x2, ASSAULT 1 x3; TPD #2313102429 and #2313401298

PC for Murder 2nd; Officer Safety, TPD Case #23-135-02424

ARREST WARRANT– Assault 1st (DV), Assault 2nd (DV)x2, FelonyHarassment, Unlawful Imprisonment, Interfering w/ 911 and VNCO; TPD Case #23-09800858

BOLO – PC for Assault 1st DV, Assault 2nd DV, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm Caution: Likely Armed

OFFICER AWARENESS

ATI BANK ROBBERY (Lakewood)

CYBER THREATS

Insider Threats Surge Across US Critical Infrastructure as 77% Under Increasing Fire from Within

Identity crimes remain all-time high

PUBLIC SAFETY

Common disinfectant wipes expose people to dangerous chemicals, research reveals

Widely used chemical strongly linked to Parkinson's disease

AAA Releases National Travel Projections for Memorial Day Weekend

NATIONAL

New Mexico – Three Killed, Two Officers Wounded in New Mexico Shooting

'Black Hebrew Israelite' Arrested after Threatening Orthodox Jews with Knife in Brooklyn

INTERNATIONAL

Afghan on Terrorist Watch list Arrested at U.S.-Mexico Border Crossing in San Diego


The New [Islamic State Group (ISG)]: How a Branch of the Terrorist Group Is Becoming a Top Threat

Student hatched terror plot to blow up police

Other National/International Articles of Interest (Links):

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Fentanyl Crisis Impacts First Responders

WASHINGTON — The overdose calls seem to never stop for emergency responders in Washington.

In King County, there have been an average of 21 calls a day for opioid overdoses so far in 2023. In 2022, that average was 12, and in 2021 there were an average of 8 overdose calls each day, according to Department of Health data. "In the last two years, overdoses have more than doubled. It's just been a real spike," said Dr. Michael Sayre, the medical director of the Seattle Fire Department.

Many first responders are going to opioid overdose calls multiple times during a shift. "I think many first responders can see themselves or one of their family members in these patients, and it's just been really hard," Sayre said.

The most challenging calls for first responders involve children. Earlier this year, first responders in Whatcom County raced to the home of a mother who reported her daughter had died. Investigators allege the child had died from a fentanyl overdose, and three adults have been charged with murder.

Police in Bellingham found a 15-year-old girl dead from a suspected overdose inside a tent at a homeless encampment earlier this year. "I don't think anyone is ever prepared to come into an encampment that looks like this and pull a 15 year old dead out of a tent," said Lt. Claudia Murphy of the Bellingham police. "Of course people need treatment, but until we have that infrastructure in place, we have nothing. That's what our officers are struggling with."

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According to the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), 11 children died from synthetic opioid drug overdoses in 2019. In just four years, that number jumped to 31 children dying in 2022. Most of those deaths were from fentanyl, with King, Snohomish and Pierce counties seeing the highest numbers out of the entire state.

DEA administrator Anne Milgram called fentanyl the "single deadliest drug threat" the U.S. has ever seen. "Fentanyl is everywhere. From large metropolitan areas to rural America, no community is safe from this poison. We must take every opportunity to spread the word to prevent fentanyl-related overdose death and poisonings from claiming scores of American lives every day," Milgram said. Source; KOMO News

Tacoma Police Department Provides Mid-Year Analysis on the Crime Reduction Plan



The Tacoma Police Department provided a mid-year analysis on the Violent Crime Reduction Plan during the City Council Study Session on May 16.

Police Chief Avery Moore and University of Texas (San Antonio) consultants gave a presentation that included an overview of the Violent Crime Reduction Phase 1 (Hot Spot) approach. The summary included the first eight months of the plan, a discussion about ongoing efforts and next steps of the mid-term strategy.

Last summer, Tacoma Police Department began executing its near-term, hot spots policing strategy which focused on violence-prone addresses. By increasing police visibility at or near those locations to deter violent offenders, the goal is to drive down violent crime in and around these areas, thereby impacting crime levels within larger geographical areas (e.g., patrol sectors).

Between July 2022, and February 2023, 16 treatment locations were identified using crime patterns and analyzed for temporal patterns of highest risk for violent crime, and peak crime hours/days of the week were identified for each location. Officers were dispatched to each location during high-risk hours and were instructed to be within sight of the hot spot address for at least 15 minutes, with all vehicle lights illuminated. Otherwise, addresses received normal patrol and/or response to calls for service.

The mid-year results of these efforts (July 2022-February 2023) were:

- A 21 percent reduction in violent crime incidents at the city-wide level during the treatment period compared to the previous 12 months.
- Reductions in average monthly crime rates city-wide, in treatment locations and catchment areas, by treatment type, and by violent crime type when compared to the same time last year.
- Reductions in average monthly violent crime incidents across all catchment and treatment areas by sector when compared to the same time last year.
- Varied impacts on arrests (some increases and some decreases) depending upon arrest type – total arrests, violent crime, disorder, drugs, weapons, and warrant arrests – compared to the same time last year.
- A decrease in violence-related calls for service in treatment locations compared to the same time last year.
- Treatment fidelity remained above 90 percent in all three Periods, and TPD reduced excessive officer treatment after Period 1.



The Tacoma Police Department is continuing to work toward full implementation of its mid-term strategy, which includes Problem-Oriented, Place-Based Policing (POPBP) to address underlying conditions that contribute to recurring problems in crime-prone locations. This approach has proven to be more effective at reducing crime than merely increasing or intensifying traditional police activities.

The Tacoma Police Department completed training on POPBP in February 2022. A work group has been meeting to define problems in and around the Hosmer area since March 2023. Additional updates are expected in September 2023 and January 2024.

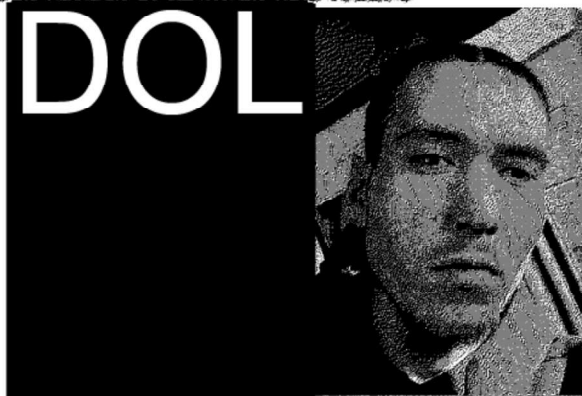
For more information about the Violent Crime Reduction Plan visit cityoftacoma.org/crimereduction. To see the full study session presentation, visit cityoftacoma.org/TVTacoma.

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OFFICER SAFETY

	<h1>Special Bulletin</h1> <h2>TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</h2> <p>Bulletin Number: S23-073b</p> <p>May 18th, 2023</p>	
<p>Det. Jared Williams #028 Tacoma Police Department Criminal Investigations Division</p>		<p>Office: (253) 591-5474 Cell: (253) 732-8552 Email: jwilliams2@cityoftacoma.org</p>

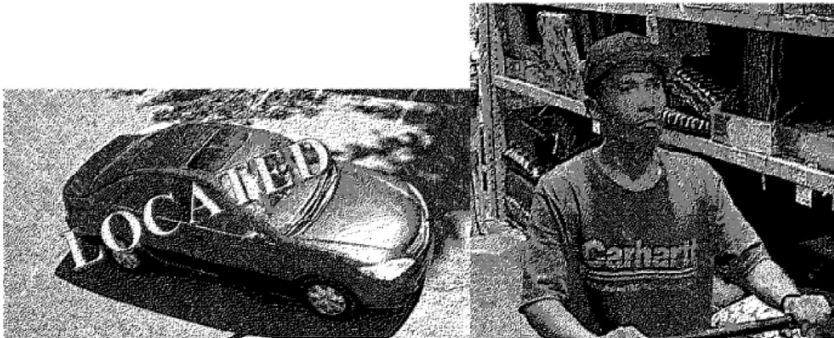
PC TO ARREST – ARMED ROBBERY x2, ASSAULT 1 x3
TPD #2313102429 and #2313401298



GUERRERO, THOMAS TREJO DOB 04/11/1994
TRANSIENT

There is probable cause to arrest THOMAS T GUERRERO for the charges listed above. GUERRERO was identified by Lacey PD officers. The female was identified as GUERRERO's girlfriend Dannyelle Nicole Sellers (09/30/99), who was arrested by Lacey PD on 05/17/23 and is currently in custody. GUERRERO is a Puyallup Tribal member and known to frequent Tacoma, Fife, and Lakewood, and the Emerald Queen Casino.

GUERRERO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED



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On 05/14/23 the above pictured suspect shoplifted 2 buckets worth of tools from Lowe's in Tacoma. As he was exiting, a store employee asked for a receipt. An off-duty Deputy who was walking in reiterated the request, and the subject brandished a tan pistol with a red-dot sight. The suspect fled to the pictured blue Toyota Camry and placed the property inside. He then started walking back towards the employee and Deputy, pointing the firearm directly at them and saying something before returning to the vehicle and fleeing. The vehicle has no front plate mounted, but a rear plate is seen in surveillance images. The plate likely starts with "A" and may contain the number 7.

The same suspect is responsible for another robbery at Macy's at Tacoma Mall on 05/11/23. At approximately 2100 hours loss prevention attempted to stop a female for shoplifting. The male confronted loss prevention, brandishing the same described firearm. Both suspects fled in the same blue Camry. Additional images of the suspects and vehicle are below.

There is no PC for anyone's arrest at this time. Suspects are considered armed.





No front plate, but possible damage where the front plate mounts
Likely a 2003 Toyota Camry WA/ATU8740



Male & Female from Macy's incident on 5/11/23

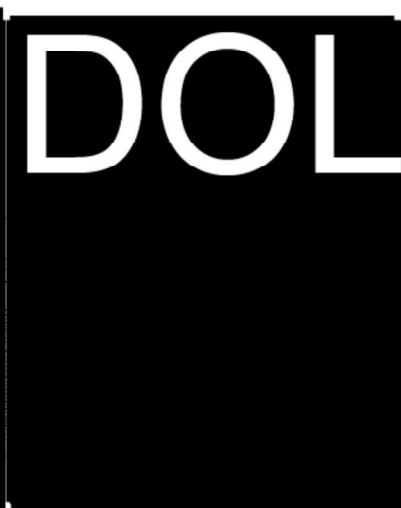
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PC for Murder 2nd
Officer Safety
 TPD Case #23-135-02424



2010 Booking Photo



DOL Picture





Facebook Picture



Bobby Joe Ezra Plain AKA "Pizzo"
DOB 05/05/86, 6'1ft tall, 205 lbs

A BENCH WARRANT WAS ISSUED FOR BOBBY JOE EZRA PLAIN FOR MURDER 2ND DEGREE/ UPOF. At approximately 1938hrs on May 15th, 2023 Tacoma Police responded to the area of N 7th St/ N Junett St in Tacoma WA for the report of a shooting. Callers reported that a female was shot in front of the location. Officers arrived and located a female with a gunshot wound to the head. The Tacoma Fire Department responded to the scene and transported the female victim to Saint Joseph Hospital where she died from her injuries. Through the investigation Detectives have developed probable cause for Bobby Joe Ezra Plain for the shooting. His whereabouts are unknown at the time of this bulletin. If he is located please call Detective Maahs at (253) 318-9605, Detective Shank at (253) 720-2569 or Detective Malave at (253) 405-7702 immediately. Do not speak to him about the homicide. **The weapon used in the homicide has not been recovered. This subject should be considered to be armed and dangerous.**

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<p>Det. Josh White #129 Tacoma Police Department Criminal Investigations Division</p>		<p>Office: (253) 591-5656 Cell: (253) 732-8345 Email: jwhite@cityoftacoma.org</p>

ARREST WARRANT– Assault 1st (DV), Assault 2nd (DV)x2, Felony Harassment, Unlawful Imprisonment, Interfering w/ 911 and VNCO

TPD Case #23-09800858



BRANCH, JASIRI E

5-09 150 pounds

DOB: 07/27/1996

Possible Address-5416 S M St #11
(Mom's)/1801 S 84th ST #J1 (Brother)

NEW ADDRESS RECENTLY SEEN 2011 S 7th St #UNK
(Evergreen Manor)
Possibly associated with Red Dodge Charger or Challenger

White newer Dodge Charger-No Plates-
Unconfirmed Report the vehicle was crashed.

****Caution High Violent/Possibly Armed** *Offender DOC Warrant- History of resisting, gun possession and Crip Gang Affiliation ***

There is a Pierce County Superior Court Warrant in the system for the arrest of Jasiri Branch for the above-crimes.
CONFIRM ALL WARRANTS If Branch is arrested, please book into the Pierce County Jail and notify Det. White.

The vehicle is NOT needed.

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Special Bulletin

FIFE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bulletin Number: 2313801263

Friday, May 19, 2023

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

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

**BOLO – PC for Assault 1st DV, Assault 2nd DV, Unlawful
Possession of a Firearm
Caution: Likely Armed**

Jilberto Guzman-Osorio

Date of Birth: 09/24/1977

DLN: Financial

Gender: Male

Height: 5'04"

Weight: 180lbs

Eye: Brown

Hair: Black

Associated Vehicle: White 2013 Chevrolet Express
1500 Van, WA License C66077R, VIN 1GCSHAF47D1113655

Last known address: 37020 26th Pl S Federal Way, Wa
98003 – Was checked on 05/18/2023 and his vehicle was not there.

DOL

On 05/18/2023 Fife Officers responded to a local motel for the report of an assault with a firearm. Officer contacted the victim who identified her boyfriend, Guzman-Osorio as the suspect. During an argument Guzman-Osorio strangled and pointed a handgun at the victim. Guzman-Osorio fled prior to police arrival in his orange Ram 1500. Guzman-Osorio's truck was located nearby unoccupied. A subsequent search warrant was served on the truck and a firearm was located inside. There is currently PC to arrest Guzman-Osorio for Assault 1st Degree DV, Assault 2nd Degree DV, and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. If located use extreme caution and arrest on the probable cause. Notify Det. Fleming for an interview and/or the on duty patrol supervisor for booking into the Pierce County Jail.

CAUTION: Armed and Dangerous, known to have firearms..
If you have any information, please call Fife Police Department at 253-922-6633.

OFFICER AWARENESS



ATE: 18 MAY 2023
CASE NUMBER: 2313201009

CONTACT PERSON: SGT. JEFF PAYNTER
P: 253.830.5006 | E: JPAYNTER@CITYOFLAKEWOOD.US

ATI BANK ROBBERY

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Suspect Description: Black male 20-30 years old, approx. 130 lbs and 5'9". Wearing: Red/Orange, Yellow and Green Doo Rag; Dark Sunglasses, N95 Mask, Medical Gloves, Black T-Shirt, Tan Knee-high Shorts, grey and orange socks,

On Friday, 12 May 2023 at approx 11:15am, a bank robbery was reported at the WSECU Bank located at 9540 Bridgeport Way SW. Suspect entered the bank and handed the teller a note demanding all of her money. The teller explained they don't have cash drawers. The suspect stated "NO! Give me all your money!" The teller showed him her drawer and handed him the \$60 dollars. He took the money, folded up his note and left. The suspect was last seen on foot walking through a parking lot towards Gravelly Lake Drive. Witnesses did not see if he got into a vehicle. No gun or weapon was displayed.

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 Sergeant Jeff Paynter at 253.830.5006. LAW

CYBER THREATS



Insider Threats Surge Across US Critical Infrastructure as 77% Under Increasing Fire from Within

[Houston, Texas] Over three-quarters (77%) of organizations across US critical national infrastructure (CNI) have seen a rise in insider-driven cyber threats in the last three years, according to new research by leading cyber security services firm Bridewell. The threat from within ranges from criminal intent to individual negligence, but those surveyed said an act of intentional destruction at the hands of an employee was committed on average at least every other week within the last year. Bridewell's findings come amidst a growing international focus on insider-driven cyber threats against critical infrastructure. The recent National Cybersecurity Strategy outlined the need for collaboration between private and public sector organizations to ensure national security is protected and maintained against threats from all angles. Source; Security Infowatch, 5/15/2023

Analyst Comment According to a new report titled "Cyber Security in CNI: 2023" that was released by Bridewell, a cyber security services firm based out of the U.K., "over three-quarters (77%) of organizations across U.S. critical national infrastructure (CNI) have seen a rise in insider-driven cyber threats in the last three years," which includes incidents caused by both negligence and criminal intent. Bridewell said that they surveyed "525 cyber security decision makers in the US, in the transport and aviation, utilities, finance, government, and communications sectors" in their report, and found that respondents claimed "an act of intentional destruction by an employee was committed at an average of at least every other week within the last year." The report also claimed that insider threats are particularly prevalent in the financial sector, with "financial organizations suffering an average of 41 security incidents caused by employee

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sabotage over the past 12 months, along with 40 instances of data theft or misuse.” In addition to insider threats, respondents claimed that ransomware remains a significant threat to critical infrastructure sectors, with transport and aviation organizations facing an average of 24 ransomware incidents in the past year – approximately one every two weeks. In the National Cybersecurity Strategy published in March 2023, the White House reclassified ransomware attacks as a tier one priority following a series of ransomware attacks that were leveraged against multiple critical infrastructure sectors by threat actors.



Identity crimes remain all-time high

The volume of identity fraud incidents last year was barely changed from an all-time high recorded in 2021, with Google Voice accounts the most popular target, according to the Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC).

The non-profit compiled its second annual *2022 Trends in Identity Report* from consumer complaints it received during the year. These numbered 14,817, less than 1% fewer than the 14,947 complaints recorded the year before. Over half (55%) of cases were related to compromised credentials and 40% to misused credentials. In fact, last year 80% of identity compromises involved the use of stolen credentials as part of a scam, up from 77% the previous year.

The majority (61%) of compromised identity cases, were linked to Google Voice scams. These attacks usually take place on online marketplaces, with fraudsters posing as buyers or sellers. They typically persuade victims to share a Google Voice verification code with them, which is then used to create a new Google Voice account that is quickly put to work scamming other people. “The ITRC has received reports of people selling puppies, looking for lost pets and renting out rooms getting calls asking to provide the Google Voice verification code to prove they are legitimate,” the non-profit warned in a February alert. The majority of identity misuse incidents (61%) were related to account takeovers, with a third (32%) defined as new account creation attacks.

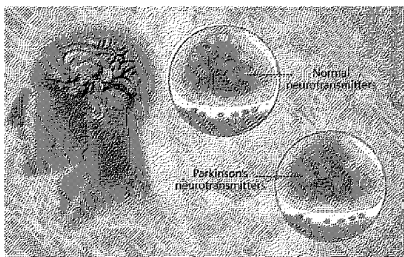
Social media accounts comprised nearly three-quarters (72%) of “non-governmental/financial account” abuse. In addition, around 30% of account takeover and 62% of new account creation scams impacted financial accounts, such as bank and credit card accounts, the report claimed; https://www.idtheftcenter.org/publication/2022-trends-in-identity-report/?utm_source=press+release&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=2022+Trends+in+Identity+Report+.

PUBLIC SAFETY



Common disinfectant wipes expose people to dangerous chemicals, research reveals

May 11, 2023 (The Guardian). University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, - Quats are common components in popular disinfectant wipes and sprays, especially those that claim to “kill 99.9% of germs”. But in a new peer-reviewed paper, the researchers assembled the conclusions from a fast-growing body of quat studies that point to several main issues: the chemicals are linked to serious health problems, they contribute to antimicrobial resistance, they pollute the environment and they are not particularly effective. Source; <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/may/11/concern-over-increase-in-disinfectant-wipes-linked-to-health-problems>



Widely used chemical strongly linked to Parkinson's disease

A groundbreaking epidemiological study has produced the most compelling evidence yet that exposure to the chemical solvent trichloroethylene (TCE)—common in soil and groundwater—increases the risk of developing Parkinson's disease. The movement disorder afflicts about 1 million Americans and is likely the fastest growing neurodegenerative disease in the

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world; its global prevalence has doubled in the past 25 years. In the Camp Lejeune veterans, the researchers also found higher rates of symptoms known to precede the onset of the movement disorder. Because the recruits were so young—an average age of 20—while at the training camp, the mostly male cohorts had an average age just shy of 60 when the analysis of their health records ended in 2021. That means that more Parkinson's diagnoses may occur as most people develop the disease after age 60. Animal studies have shown that TCE acts in an area of the midbrain responsible for movement control. It inhibits complex 1, the leading enzyme in a chain of reactions that convert food to energy in cellular organelles called mitochondria. In rodents exposed to TCE, the dopamine-generating neurons in the midbrain's substantia nigra are destroyed, as happens in human Parkinson's disease. Pesticides such as paraquat and rotenone that have been associated with Parkinson's disease also leave that pathological signature in rodents. Source: May 15, 2023 (Science). Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. <https://www.science.org/content/article/widely-used-chemical-strongly-linked-parkinsons-disease>



AAA Releases National Travel Projections for Memorial Day Weekend

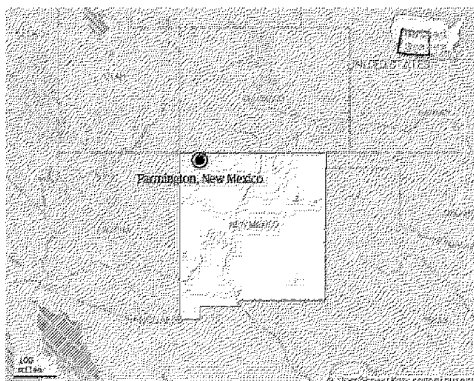
AAA released its national travel projections for Memorial Day on Monday. It estimates 42.3 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more over the upcoming holiday weekend. "This is expected to be the third busiest Memorial Day weekend since 2000 when AAA started tracking holiday travel," said Paula Twidale, Senior Vice President of AAA Travel. "More Americans are planning trips and booking

them earlier, despite inflation.

This summer travel season could be one for the record books, especially at airports." AAA projects air travel will surpass 2019 levels by 5.4%, even with airfare on the rise by as much as 40% to top destinations. Hotspots for the upcoming holiday weekend include Orlando, New York City and Las Vegas. Source: <https://6abc.com/aaa-travel-memorial-day-weekend-holiday-road-trip/13249402/>

NATIONAL

(U) New Mexico – Three Killed, Two Officers Wounded in New Mexico Shooting



(U) Farmington – Three people were killed and six others, including two police officers, were wounded by an 18-year-old suspect in a shooting in northwest New Mexico. Farmington Police advise that three "civilian victims" were killed in addition to one suspect who was "confronted and killed on scene." One Farmington police officer and one member of the state police were also wounded in the incident, and are in a stable condition. The suspect, armed with at least three guns, roamed the streets firing randomly at cars and houses. The suspect's identity and a motive for the incident are unknown at this time. Several schools and businesses in the area had been placed on lockdown in response to the incident that were later lifted. An investigation into the incident is ongoing. The mass shooting comes on the heels of two others in the past nine days.

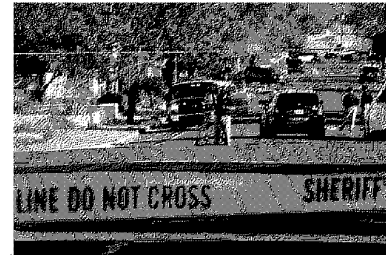
Four people, including a teenage suspect, were killed and two police officers were wounded Monday in a chaotic shooting in the Four Corners region of New Mexico, authorities said. Three "civilian victims" were killed, Farmington police said, in addition to a suspect who was "confronted and killed on scene." Police said that the suspect was 18 years old and that he had multiple weapons, Deputy Police Chief Baric Crum said, "It's just a devastating day," Farmington Police Chief Steve Hebbe said in a video Monday night. The 18-year-old shooter, who was shot at least once by police and died, appeared to fire at victims at random, Hebbe said. At least six houses and three cars were shot, Hebbe said. The gunman used at least three weapons, including what Hebbe called an AR-style rifle.

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Officers who responded to 911 calls about shots fired at 10:57 a.m. Monday came upon a "chaotic scene" as the shooter was still firing at people. "We have four officers from the Farmington Police Department that confronted the subject," Crum said. "They were able to stop his actions at that time."

Six people were injured, including two police officers — one was a Farmington officer and the other was a member of the state police, according to police. The state police officer was still hospitalized, and the Farmington officer was treated and released. A motive was under investigation. Hebbe said that investigators will be talking to family members and analyzing evidence. "It appears to be completely random. There was no targeting of specific victims that we can identify at this stage," Hebbe said. But he cautioned it was very early. The suspect is believed to have traveled in the neighborhood up to approximately 1/4 of a mile and to have fired three weapons, the police chief said.

Initially, police were concerned there was another shooter and schools were placed in lockdown — but Hebbe said Monday night that police believe there was never a second shooter. Authorities urged anyone with information about the shooting to contact police. Police had Farmington Municipal Schools lock down at 11:15 a.m., officials said. The order was lifted by 1:05 p.m. Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and San Juan County sheriff's deputies also responded.



The city, with a population of a little over 46,000, is about 200 miles northwest of Santa Fe, the state capital. The community — near the famed Four Corners, where the borders of New Mexico, Utah, Colorado and Arizona meet — is also close to three major Native American reservations: those of the Navajo, the Ute Mountain Indians and the Southern Utes.

Monday's mass shooting comes on the heels of two others in the past nine days. Two people were killed and five others were injured in a shooting Saturday night in Yuma, Arizona, police said. Seven victims, all male, were found with gunshot wounds. Two of them, 19 and 20 years old, were taken to Yuma Regional Medical Center, where they were pronounced dead. No suspects were in custody. A week before that shooting, a gunman killed eight people at a Dallas-area outlet mall.

The 33-year-old shooter, a neo-Nazi sympathizer with an AR-15-style weapon, was killed by an officer who happened to be at the shopping center in Allen, authorities said. The victims included a young boy and his parents, two elementary school-age sisters, a security guard working toward his goals and an engineer with a new master's degree. Source: nbcnews.com

'Black Hebrew Israelite' Arrested after Threatening Orthodox Jews with Knife in Brooklyn



[Brooklyn, New York] A group of four young orthodox Jewish students were victims of an anti-Semitic incident by a knife-wielding man on Thursday evening in Brooklyn Bridge Park in downtown Brooklyn. The young Israelis were in the park at approximately midnight, when they were approached by a black male, who proceeded to shout anti-Semitic slurs and insults at them. He shouted at the Jewish men to get out of the park, and then he took out a knife and demanded that they give him money, the victims said. ... The victims called Shmira of Williamsburg, who arrived and called the police, who arrested the man. The charges were upgraded on Friday to include hate crime charges. Source: Stop Anti-Semitism,

<https://www.stopantisemitism.org/antisemitic-incidents-144/f7rpxpknjz0sdr0ki7hxui16edcw71>

Analyst Comment On 11 May, four orthodox Jewish students were the victims of an attempted robbery "with anti-Semitic undertones" perpetrated by a man wielding a knife at Brooklyn Bridge Park in Brooklyn, New York. During the robbery the attacker "shouted rhetoric commonly heard from Black Hebrew Israelites, claiming that he is the 'real Jew'." According to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), "the Black Hebrew Israelite (BHI) movement is a fringe religious

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movement that rejects widely accepted definitions of Judaism and asserts that people of color are the true children of Israel." The Black Hebrew Israelite movement is divided into organizations, or sects, that operate semi independently across the United States. Some of the more extremist sects advocate violence against Jews and Christians. On 10 December 2019, two alleged members of the Black Hebrew Israelite movement killed New York Police Department (NYPD) Detective Joseph Seals at a cemetery before attacking a kosher market in Jersey City. During the incident, the store owner, an employee, and one customer were killed by the attackers, and a second customer was injured but able to escape. The attackers then got into an hours-long shoot-out with police, where they injured two police officers before being killed by police. A manifesto and a pipe bomb were found in the vehicle belonging to the attackers, as was a note that read, "I do this because my creator makes me do this and I hate who he hates." Source; Over the Road-Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily (OTRBIAD) Report.

INTERNATIONAL

Afghan on Terrorist Watch list Arrested at U.S.-Mexico Border Crossing in San Diego



[San Diego, California] A person on the U.S. Terror Watch list was arrested near a U.S.-Mexico border crossing in San Diego as thousands of migrants flocked to the United States seeking asylum ahead of the expiration of Title 42. In a statement released to local media, Supervisor Desmond confirmed he had heard about the arrest on Wednesday, May 10. "On Wednesday, I received word from Border Patrol Officials that an Afghani on the terror watch list was arrested at our Southern Border. This apprehension occurred after the individual crossed the border alongside a group of migrants near Otay Mesa, CA," the statement said. Rumors of the

arrest initially began circulating on social media when Fox News reporter Bill Melugin tweeted that numerous U.S. Customs and Border Protection sources confirmed that agents in the San Diego sector arrested the Afghan national. Source; CBS, 5/14/2023

Analyst Comment On 10 May, an Afghan individual who was on the terror watch list was arrested at the Otay Mesa land port of entry in San Diego County, California. The individual was allegedly trying to enter the United States while embedded in a group of migrants. The Terrorist Screening Database, commonly referred to as "the terror watch list," is the U.S. Government's consolidated database containing sensitive law enforcement and national security information concerning the identity information of those who are known to be or reasonably suspected of being involved in terrorist activities. These known or suspected terrorists (KST), have known or suspected ties to either terrorism or to trans-national organized crime. U.S. Government agencies nominate individuals who may qualify for inclusion as a KST based on credible intelligence developed by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), law enforcement, the intelligence community, or U.S. Embassies or Consulates. According to the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), 380 KSTs were encountered at border crossings in fiscal year 2022. So far in 2023, there have been 250 KST encounters. In addition, CBP agents have also seized 1,987 weapons from individuals attempting illegal entry to the United States in 2023. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection states that their top priority is to keep terrorists and their weapons from entering the United States. CBP border statistics can be found at: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/cbp-enforcement-statistics> Source; Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

The New [Islamic State Group (ISG)]: How a Branch of the Terrorist Group Is Becoming a Top Threat



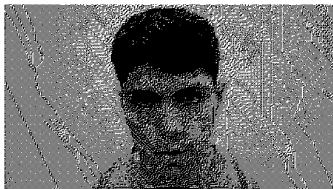
The Islamic State's Khorasan Province, also known as ISIS-K, has rapidly become the new boogeyman in the Middle East -- specifically in Afghanistan, where the overall [ISG] apparatus has spread its influence. The State Department has issued warnings about the group and has previously designated its leaders as top-priority terrorists. Over the last few years, top military generals have said that the group must be eradicated. And perhaps most recent in Americans' minds is the group's claim to the Abbey Gate

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suicide bombing, an explosion that killed 13 U.S. service members and at least 160 Afghans during the chaotic military withdrawal from Afghanistan almost two years ago. Source; Military.com, 5/12/2023

Analyst Comment On 26 August 2021, 13 U.S. service members and at least 160 Afghans were killed in a suicide bombing attack at the Abbey Gate entry control point outside Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan. After the attack, a sub-set of the Islamic State Group (ISG) in Afghanistan known as "ISIS-K" or the Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) claimed credit. In April 2023, the Taliban claimed they had killed the ISKP mastermind behind the Abbey Gate attack, and U.S. officials said that while they did not coordinate with the Taliban in the operation, they felt the outcome was significant. ISKP's version of extremism differs from that of the Taliban, and the two groups have been openly fighting for power in Afghanistan for years. Despite having claimed governance of Afghanistan after the U.S. withdrawal in 2021, the Taliban have been unsuccessful in removing ISKP from their strongholds in the country thus far. ISKP has a strong presence in the Nangarhar and Kunar provinces of Afghanistan, though their influence spreads into Kabul and parts of northern Afghanistan. Much of ISKP's organizational support comes from ISG affiliates in Iraq and Syria, and the group places a great deal of emphasis on formulating an insurgency warfare strategy designed to destabilize Afghanistan. In recent years, ISKP has placed an increased focus on targeting humanitarian operations in Afghanistan in furtherance of this goal, though they also routinely engage in targeted killings, roadside bombs, vehicle ramming, suicide bombings, and hit and run style attacks to promote their ideology and spread terror through the region. Source; Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

Student hatched terror plot to blow up police



A student who hatched a plot to blow up a police station as part of a "full-on war" has been found guilty of planning a terrorist attack. Luke Skelton, from Washington, was charged after planning an attack in Newcastle in November 2021. The 19-year-old held extreme right-wing beliefs, had devised recipes for explosives and carried out reconnaissance on potential targets. He was convicted at Teesside Crown Court following a two week trial. 'Sinister'. The Gateshead College student was arrested in October 2021 and items including his phone, handwritten notes and illustrations of guns were seized. The court had been told he possessed an "extreme right-wing ideology" and had the "basic building blocks" of an improvised explosive device. In evidence, it was heard Skelton wanted to protect "white girls" by targeting "rape gangs". The jury was told he had written: "I've got all the equipment I need to hunt down the gangs...I want a full on war." It was also said he wrote that he wanted "a chat with a drag queen...involving a knife". In the days before his arrest, he visited and took photographs of Forth Banks police station, one of three police stations scoped out.

Following the verdict, Det. Ch Supt James Dunkerley of Counter Terrorism Policing North East said: "The defendant's anger towards society, together with his extreme right-wing views, created a dangerous foundation from which his sinister plans were ultimately built. "He was strongly motivated by this mindset, which continued to fuel his actions and his later offending, despite repeated attempts to draw him away from it. "The evidence clearly demonstrated that he was not just a person who held strong views but a terrorist who wanted to cause serious harm." Mr Dunkerley added that officers rely on intelligence, and it was "more important than ever that everyone plays their part in tackling terrorism". "We have seen from this case that terrorists research and sometimes visit the places they plan to attack," he added. Skelton is due to be sentenced on 19 June. Source; BBC.com

Other National/International Articles of Interest (Links):

Border Patrol Arrests Man on Terror List Near San Diego: County Supervisor

<https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/afghani-national-on-fbi-terror-list-arrested-trying-to-cross-san-diego-county-border/3227583/>

Oregon PDs see increase in drug possession tickets following landmark decriminalization law

<https://www.police1.com/drug-interdiction-narcotics/articles/oregon-pds-see-increase-in-drug-possession-tickets-following-landmark-decriminalization-law-K3vDwksp4W2O8VqR/>

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New Mexico high school student killed 3 women in 'random' shooting rampage, police say
<https://apnews.com/article/farmington-new-mexico-shooting-1ef9d04c1e97b047bd6587a6b9445b43>

Minnesota man accused of building arsenal to fight police pleads guilty to possessing machine gun
https://apnews.com/article/minnesota-violent-plot-machine-gun-grenades-firearms-river-smith-plea-9f197ef3fc73f0c120f97b558607151e?utm_source=ForYou&utm_medium=HomePage&utm_id=Taboola

60,000 Lbs. Explosive Ammonium Nitrate Missing from Train in California
<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2023/05/17/60000-lbs-explosive-ammonium-nitrate-missing-from-train-in-california/>

Man with baseball bat attacked staffers at Rep. Gerry Connolly's office, police say
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/gerry-connolly-staffers-attacked-baseball-bat/>

Instagram influencer scammed over \$2 million from older, lonely Americans, federal prosecutors say
<https://www.cnn.com/2023/05/16/us/mona-montrage-alleged-romance-scammer-cec/index.html>

In Germany, far-right violence increasing in school life
<https://www.dw.com/en/in-germany-far-right-violence-increasing-in-school-life/a-65600500>

Seconds save lives: A review of Ed Monk's active shooter instructor class
https://www.police1.com/police-training/articles/seconds-save-lives-a-review-of-ed-monks-active-shooter-instructor-class-QW5TYRz737VA3CdQ/?utm_source=Police1&utm_campaign=e3150bc14f-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_05_16_05_54&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5584e6920b-e3150bc14f-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D

Nigeria: Members of U.S. Embassy Shot and Killed, No Americans Hurt
<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2023/05/16/nigeria-members-u-s-embassy-shot-killed-no-americans-hurt/>

Forever chemicals' in WA drinking water
<https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/toxic-forever-chemicals-discovered-drinking-water-all-over-washington/WCUY5ZXG7VA33PCEGGWJJTOLG4/>

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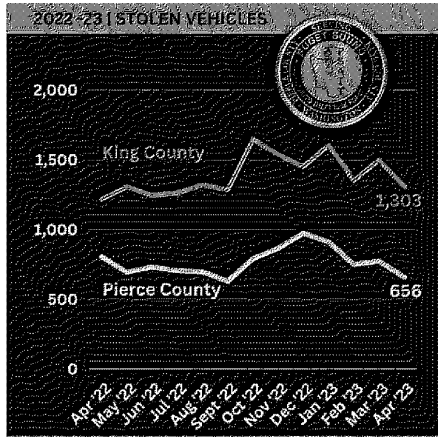
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"There must be a Lone Ranger!" 

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PSATTF releases auto theft stats for April 2023

The auto theft stats for April 2023 are in. There were **656** vehicles reported stolen in Pierce County and **1,303** reported stolen in King County. That is an average of about **65** 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 is 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.

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, **13,888** vehicles have been reported stolen statewide. Source: Puget Sound Auto Theft Task Force

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Violence Rising Illegal Street Racing Sites



Despite shootings at two recent street racing gatherings, Washington's police departments continue to prepare for a new law that will greatly enhance the penalties against street racing.

Since late April, nine different people have been shot and seriously hurt during illegal street racing operations in western Washington. On Saturday, April 29, four people were injured after a quadruple shooting at an Auburn street racing gathering. In that case, police received a report of a shooting in the 2500 block of B Street Northwest. When officers arrived, they found out that a fight had broken out during a street race and ended with three men and one

teen girl being shot. No arrests were ever made.

Only three weeks later on Sunday, May 21, five men were shot during an illegal street racing event in Kent. According to Kent police, the intersection of East Valley Highway and South 180th Street was full of hundreds of street racers and spectators when officers responded to the scene. The responding officers found five men who had been shot. A spokesperson for the Kent Police Department (KPD) stated the five men "from surrounding cities" were taken to hospitals for their injuries.

As illegal street racing incidents turn increasingly violent, law enforcement agencies across Washington prepared for a new anti-street racing law. Gov. Jay Inslee signed SB 5606 into law on May 4. When the law takes effect on January 1, 2024, it would change the definition of street racing and increase the ramifications for racers and others involved.

Under the law, a car would be impounded for 72 hours for the first offense of illegal street racing. A second offense would require a forfeit of the car after a conviction. Along with holding illegal street racers accountable, the law also calls out the promoters and organizers of the events. As such, any person who knowingly aids and abets racing may be charged and prosecuted as an accomplice.

During the law's debate in Olympia, Kent police Chief Ralph Padilla told state lawmakers that illegal street racing often led to more serious crimes. "Homicides occur, shootings, where people are hit, occur, armed robberies occur, felony assaults, attack on law enforcement officers and illegal gambling, just to name a few, go hand in hand with these events," Padilla testified.

Analyst Note Kent PD had two shootings at street races this past weekend, with at least one suspect firing a fully automatic firearm. Chances of additional gun violence at local street races remains high. On Sunday morning Kent Police had over 100 shots fired at the same location. Five people were hit and all are expected to survive. They are still combing through tons of surveillance footage and have seen multiple people with firearms. Kent Police received information that one of the shooters from both incidents was rapping on Tik Tok and bragging about his activities. Since then this rapper had something happen to him. The person who provided this information wouldn't provide the specific location and couldn't provide the name of the rapper who met his demise. If this sounds familiar or if you come across rappers on Tik Tok boasting about Kent Race Shootings please reach out. Source; Kent Police- Detective Matt Lorette, Homicide and Violent Crimes, 253-856-5928, mlorette@KentWA.gov.

***Special Note:** An active street race organizer, using the Instagram account @catchmafia is promoting a street-racing event for the night of June 3rd. Exact locations are not known as this point, but he specifically identifies the City of Everett and also tags the cities of Seattle, Tacoma, and Kent. This suspect is known to be armed and has posted several videos of himself pointing a pistol at people at recent street race events. Preliminary information indicates the suspect is possibly a Hispanic male, 17-21 years old, with average build and shaggy black or dark brown hair. He may live at or associate with a residence addressed as "10821" unknown street/city (based on social media video). Source; J. Bava, Commander, Kent Patrol | Police Department, 253-856-5834, jbava@kentwa.gov.

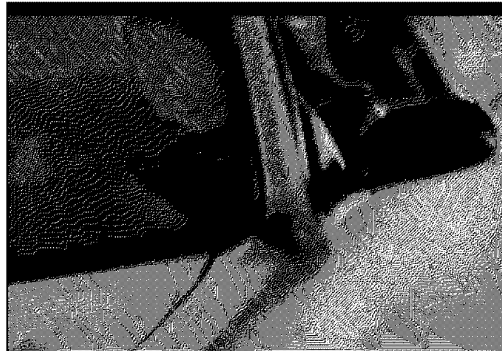
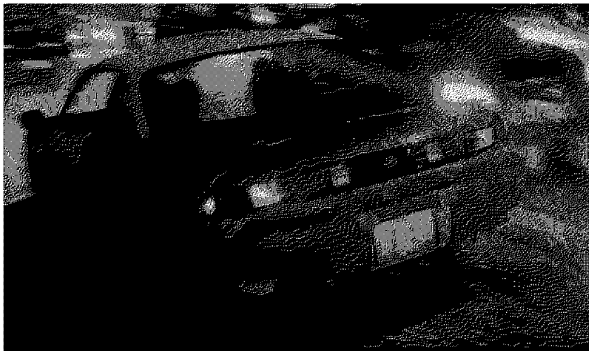
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Attempt to Identify Street Car Racing Suspect

Tacoma PD and Kent PD are attempting to identify the below street racing suspect, who has been active in both cities. This car was in Kent during last week's shooting.



The car is a distinctive blue/white 1997 Nissan 240SX (WA: CDF1837). The driver does not match the car's owner.

Source; J. Bava, Commander, Kent Patrol | Police Department, 253-856-5834, jbava@kentwa.gov.



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	<h1>Special Bulletin</h1> <h2>TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</h2> <p>Bulletin Number: 823-073b</p> <p>May 18th, 2023</p>	
Det. Jared Williams #028 Tacoma Police Department Criminal Investigations Division	Office: (253) 591-5474 Cell: (253) 732-8552 Email: jwilliams2@cityoftacoma.org	

FELONY WARRANT ISSUED – ROBBERY 1ST X2, PSMV X1

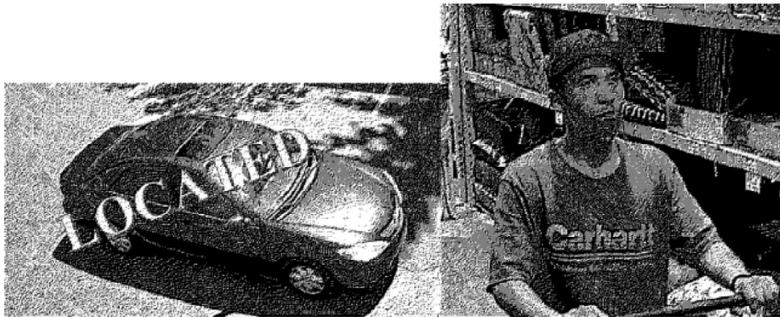
TPD #2313102429 and #2313401298



**GUERRERO, THOMAS TREJO DOB 1994
TRANSIENT**

There is probable cause to arrest THOMAS T GUERRERO for the charges listed above. GUERRERO was identified by Lacey PD officers. The female was identified as GUERRERO's girlfriend Dannyelle Nicole Sellers (09/30/99), who was arrested by Lacey PD on 05/17/23 and is currently in custody. GUERRERO is a Puyallup Tribal member and known to frequent Tacoma, Fife, and Lakewood, and the Emerald Queen Casino.

GUERRERO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED



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On 05/14/23 the above pictured suspect shoplifted 2 buckets worth of tools from Lowe's in Tacoma. As he was exiting, a store employee asked for a receipt. An off-duty Deputy who was walking in reiterated the request, and the subject brandished a tan pistol with a red-dot sight. The suspect fled to the pictured blue Toyota Camry and placed the property inside. He then started walking back towards the employee and Deputy, pointing the firearm directly at them and saying something before returning to the vehicle and fleeing. The vehicle has no front plate mounted, but a rear plate is seen in surveillance images. The plate likely starts with "A" and may contain the number 7.

The same suspect is responsible for another robbery at Macy's at Tacoma Mall on 05/11/23. At approximately 2100 hours loss prevention attempted to stop a female for shoplifting. The male confronted loss prevention, brandishing the same described firearm. Both suspects fled in the same blue Camry. Additional images of the suspects and vehicle are below.

There is no PC for anyone's arrest at this time. Suspects are considered armed.



No front plate, but possible damage where the front plate mounts
Likely a 2003 Toyota Camry WA/ATU8740



Male & Female from Macy's incident on 5/11/23

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	<h1 style="margin: 0;">LAKEWOOD</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">POLICE DEPARTMENT</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">CRIME BULLETIN</h2>	
ATE: 24 MAY 2023 CASE NUMBER: 2314400488		CONTACT PERSON: SGT JEFF PAYNTER P: 253.830.5006 E: JPAYNTER@CITYOFLAKEWOOD.US

WANTED



PC to Arrest for Robbery 1

CARLSON, Chase Christopher (03/31/1991)

W/M 6'1 180 pounds, brown hair blue eyes, crown tattoo under right eye,
 dermal piercing right upper cheekbone, "Loyalty" tattooed on left jawline.
Reported to be armed with a 9mm semi-automatic pistol w/ suppressor.

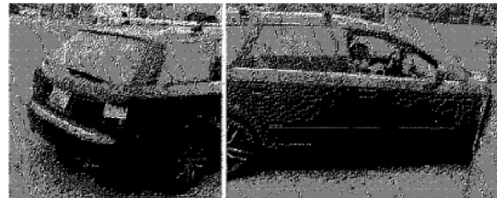
Associated Vehicle

2003 Red Audi A4

LIC# BXN2499 WA

VIN# WAUVT68E03A345637

Confirmed CARLSON purchased vehicle
 from RO Benchmark Auto Group



On Thursday, 24 May 2023 at approx. 0730, CARLSON was driving when his unidentified male passenger pulled out a firearm and stole a purse from two females in the Arco parking lot (10006 S Tacoma WY). The unidentified passenger was described as wm, 30s, 6' with a medium build, dark brown hair, light facial hair, wearing a black and red baseball cap.

Carlson was previously contacted by Fife PD on 5/22/23 attempting to steal ammunition from Sportco (CN# 2314202020), with Christina M. RIPPLE (11/10/87). THERE IS NO PC FOR RIPPLE.

Any information, call Sergeant Jeff Paynter at 253.830.5006.



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OFFICER AWARENESS



Stolen Law Enforcement Equipment from WSP Vehicle

On 05/24/2023 at 11:37hrs, a uniformed WSP Trooper was going to his parked patrol car located on the second floor-parking garage of the Bridgeview 125 Apartments in University Place, when he saw two suspects running from his patrol vehicle which had clearly been broken into. Two rear windows were smashed out and the two suspects ran and jumped into a white Kia Sorrento SUV with no license plates.

Suspect 1: B-M, 18-20, med build, wearing a white t-shirt, black pants, and blue shirt wrapped around his head.

Suspect 2: B-M, wearing a mask

Suspect 3: B-M wearing a black face mask (driver)

The WSP Trooper immediately went to the manager's office to view any possible video of the incident. After talking with the manager, he went back down to his car, and the suspects had returned. They saw the Trooper and fled in the white Kia SUV. The Trooper saw the suspects drive out of the parking garage, onto Larson Lane eastbound, and then flee south on Bridgeport Way.

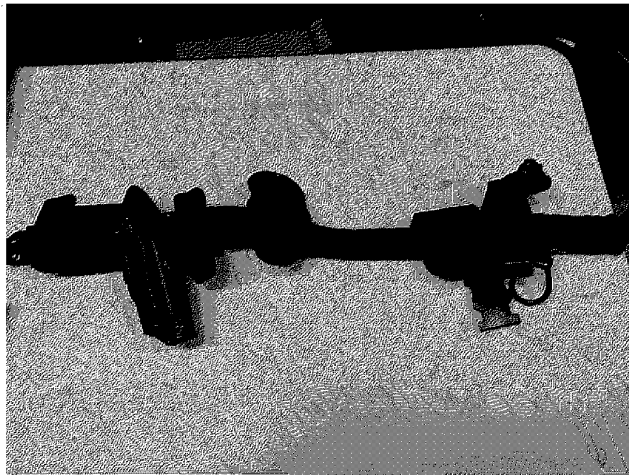
It was determined that two bags were stolen from the State Patrol vehicle. The first was a black nylon bag containing an Armor Express ballistic outer vest with pistol magazines, handcuffs, flex cuffs, and State Patrol markings, a ballistic helmet with face shield, an Avon 53 gas mask, and some other riot gear. The second bag was ranger green in color with molle webbing, it contained extra clothing and food (his 72-hour bag). No firearms were taken, no other police gear was noted missing at the time. The Trooper also suspected a portable breath test device may be missing as well. 5 other cars were broken into at various other places in the garage at this same time.

Several WSP items were later found near a dumpster at 40th and Bridgeport. The ballistic vest with WSP markings, riot gear, and ballistic helmet were all discarded at this location and recovered.

The following is still the unrecovered items:

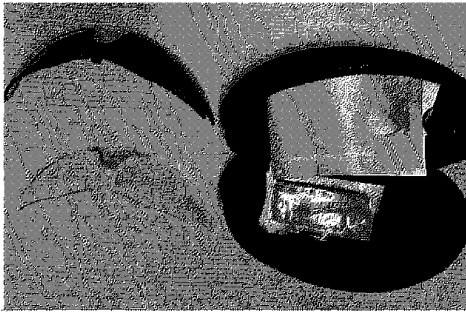


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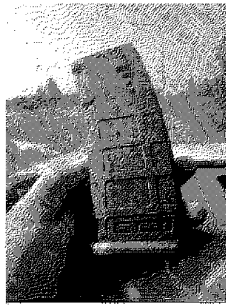


RDF Duty Belt

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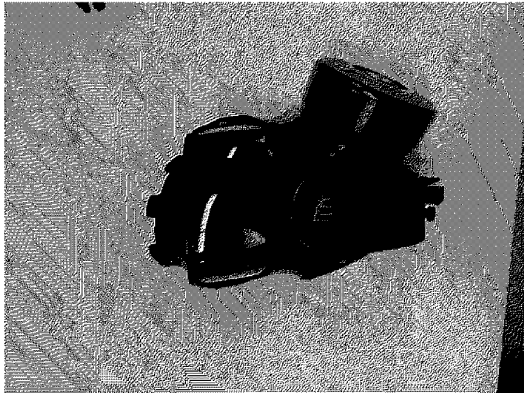
RDF Laser Glasses



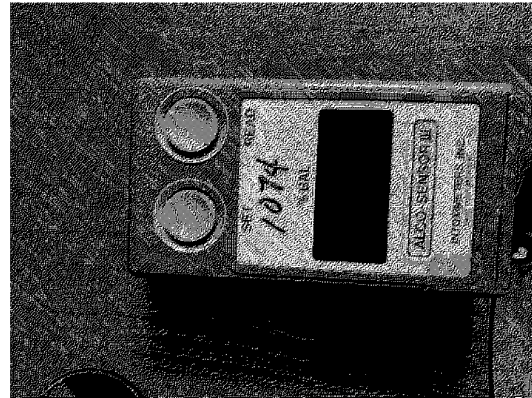
PMAG



BCA Tracker Beacon



AVON M53 Gas Mask
> Stream light Polystinger LED HAZLO



PBT (portable breath test)



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CYBER THREATS



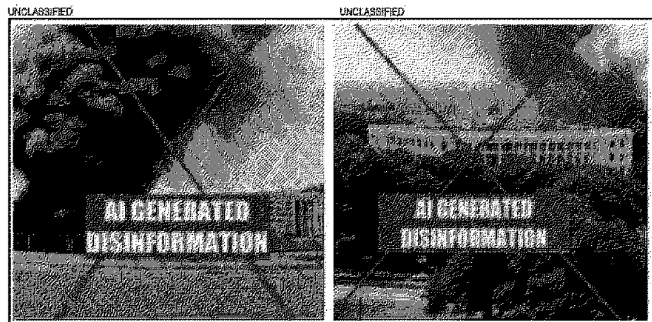
A Cyber Scare for Public Transit

Transit agencies are particularly vulnerable to cyberattacks, as D.C.'s apparent breach shows. A computer in Russia was used to breach the networks of D.C.'s transit agency this year, according to a watchdog report released this week which also found the agency had significant cybersecurity vulnerabilities left unaddressed. The breach of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit authority (WMATA) was the latest cyber incident for transit in major cities, and showcased the potential for hackers to create havoc in the public transportation sector. Source; Washington Post, 5/19/2023.

Analyst Comment On 17 May, a report released by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) claimed that a former contractor who had been employed by WMATA "was able to remotely access his personal computer in Russia to log into WMATA systems containing critical and sensitive WMATA data." The same report also said that "WMATA has not taken action on more than 50 cybersecurity recommendations from oversight agencies" since 2019, and that "years of missing computer security updates, interdepartmental disputes that hamstringing Metro's cybersecurity team, Russia-based contractors receiving high-level clearances, and other security holes that required immediate attention" contributed to the agency's vulnerabilities. According to Metro General Manager Randy Clarke, WMATA reported the remote access incident to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), who "closed the case without comment." Major city transit organizations have been the victims of multiple cyber incidents in the past few years, including the January 2023 ransomware attack against San Francisco's Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), the 2021 hacks against New York's Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), and the 2020 ransomware attacks against Vancouver's TransLink and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). To help protect transit organizations against cyber incidents, the Transportation Security Agency (TSA) "has imposed cybersecurity mandates on high-risk railroads and rail transit systems." Source; Over the Road-Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily (OTRBIAD) Report.

(U) Cyber: AI-Generated Photographs of Explosions at Government Buildings Go Viral

(U//FOUO) According to a Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC) Roll-Call Briefing, on 22 MAY 23, artificial intelligence (AI)-generated photographs depicting explosions near the Pentagon and White House in Washington, DC, went viral, widely circulating on social media. The images contained several identifiable properties indicating they were generated using AI, including the fence-line of the images blending into the sidewalk, and the façades of the buildings varying in sizes. The origin of the photo is unknown. The JRIC is not aware of any specific, credible threats associated with AI-generated photographs, but encourages partners to be vigilant when viewing information online.



(U) Images from (L) to (R): AI-generated photographs of explosions near the Pentagon and Whitehouse (Source: Twitter)

(U) A USBUS Twitter social media account impersonating a well-established news agency and numerous other "verified" accounts circulated the photos of the explosion; Twitter-verified accounts are typically considered credible.

(U) Malicious actors seek to influence public opinion, promote specific agendas, or stoke public tensions through the use of misinformation, disinformation, and mal-information (MDM). The frequency and effectiveness of MDM is exacerbated by the widespread availability of AI tools to generate increasingly legitimate looking images, text, and other consumable media that is then spread throughout social media platforms.

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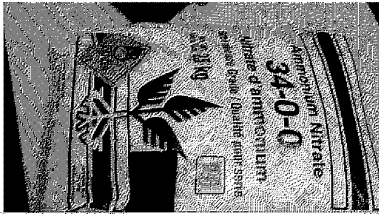
(U) MDM Management and Mitigation

(U//FOUO) Public and private sector stakeholders must work together to assess and mitigate potential negative public safety impacts when alerted to potential MDM. Factors to consider include:

- (U//FOUO) Source and Author | Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) research about a story and author can aid assessment of source credibility, speed and breadth of spread, public reaction, and potential impacts.
- (U//FOUO) Situational Awareness | Understanding social reaction to ongoing emergencies—including terror events, natural disasters, and civil unrest—as well as the historic concerns of communities targeted by MDM can help assessors weigh the potential influence and impact of suspected MDM, and craft counter-messaging strategies.
- (U//FOUO) Public Outreach | Public safety agencies that have built community trust through robust, pre-existing public outreach programs will be better positioned to provide reassurance, context, and legitimate resources to counter the spread of MDM from extremist communities following critical events.

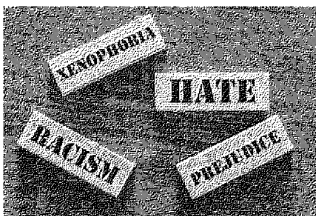
(U//FOUO) Private sector partners play a key role in mitigating the spread of MDM. Social media providers are a prime conduit for rapid, often real-time, MDM sharing. User-driven content flagging and reporting tools, combined with carefully designed algorithms, can help companies swiftly identify and remove MDM. (JRIC, Roll Call Briefing, Reference Number: 54dd-4a85-ae88-405e8e24eeab, 22 MAY 23) Source: Army Threat Integration Center (ARTIC)

PUBLIC SAFETY



California: 30 Tons of Explosive Chemicals Lost During Rail Shipment

About 60,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate, a chemical used as a fertilizer and in explosives, went missing on a rail shipment from Wyoming to California on 12 April 2023, and has still not been found, officials said. Dyno Nobel, an explosive manufacturing company, notified the federal government of the loss and said in a statement that it was investigating what happened during the nearly two-week journey. The company said the rail car with the material was sealed when it left a manufacturing site in Cheyenne, Wyo., and the seals “were still intact” when it arrived in Saltdale, Calif. Dyno Nobel, an explosive manufacturing company, notified the federal government of the loss and said in a statement that it was investigating what happened during the nearly two-week journey. The company said the rail car with the material was sealed when it left a manufacturing site in Cheyenne, Wyo., and the seals “were still intact” when it arrived in Saltdale, Calif. “The fertilizer is designed for ground application and quick soil absorption,” Ms. South said. “If the loss resulted from a rail car leak over the course of transportation from origin to destination, the release should pose no risk to public health or the environment.” The company said it does not suspect any criminal or malicious activity was involved in the disappearance of the cargo. Source: The New York Times



States with the Most Hate Crimes

In 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the "Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act." Named for two victims of hate crimes, the act bolstered and expanded the criteria upon which violent crimes could be prosecuted as hate crimes. In addition to crimes motivated by a victim's race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion, the act further stipulated "actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability." It also provided state and local governments

and law enforcement agencies with funding to aid hate crime investigations. A nationwide analysis of hate crime laws

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performed by researchers from Florida Atlantic University pointed out that most state legislation is "vague and inconsistent." While protection against hate crimes targeting the LGBTQ+ community is growing, they say several states do not adequately or accurately define who the members of this group are.

Most states have some protection for people based on sexual orientation, but only a few have protections based on gender identity. The study determined that protections for religious groups are also inconsistent. Although many states have statutes protecting houses of worship, most "do not mention mosques and/or synagogues among the protected institutions," the study found. California holds the most comprehensive law, "as it clearly delineates protected classes and locations, while conceptualizing both." Researchers suggest California's statute should serve as an example for other states as they advance towards bolstering or correcting laws that remain unclear or incomplete.

- Ranked number one for the most hate crimes nationwide in 2019 was the District of Columbia which reported 314.6 hate crimes per million people.

- The top ten states with the most hate crimes per million people in 2019 after the District of Columbia were listed as: **Washington (73.0)**, New Jersey (65.4), Massachusetts (60.4), Vermont (52.9), Michigan (43.5), Oregon (43.2), Colorado (36.8), Kentucky (34.0), and Ohio (33.4).

- The state ranked lowest for hate crimes in 2019 was Arkansas, with just three hate crimes per million people. Source: Roanoke Times https://roanoke.com/news/states-with-the-most-hate-crimes/collection_791dfa1e-57ac-5a67-8069-83653199a99b.html#42.

In March 2023, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) released a supplement to the 2021 Hate Crime Statistics, an annual compilation of bias-motivated incidents in the United States initially published in December 2022.

"Preventing, investigating and prosecuting hate crimes are top priorities for the Justice Department, and reporting is key to each of those priorities," Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta said in a statement. "The FBI's supplemental report demonstrates our unwavering commitment to work with our state and local partners to increase reporting and provide a more complete picture of hate crimes nationwide."

The 2021 supplemental report includes hate crimes data from an additional 3,025 law enforcement agencies. Overall, law enforcement agencies reported 10,840 total incidents and 12,822 victims, demonstrating that hate crimes remain a concern for communities across the country. Nationally, reported hate crime incidents increased 11.6% — from 8,210 in 2020 to 9,065 in 2021. This data reflects the reports of 14,859 law enforcement agencies representing 91.1% of the U.S. population.

The FBI's 2021 Hate Crime Statistics Supplemental Report released in December 2022 marked the first year using annual hate crimes statistics reported entirely through the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). As a result of the shift to NIBRS-only data collection, law enforcement agency participation in submitting all crime statistics, including hate crimes, fell significantly from 2020 to 2021.

According to this year's data, 63.1% of single-bias incidents were motivated by the offenders' bias toward race/ethnicity/ancestry, which continues to be the largest bias motivation category. Anti-Black or African American hate crimes continue to be the largest bias incident category, with 31.1% of all single-bias incidents in 2021.

Additionally, anti-Asian incidents represented 7.1% of incidents reported in 2021. The other largest categories of hate crimes include anti-Hispanic or Latino incidents, with 6.6% of incidents, and anti-White incidents, with 10.5% of incidents.

Together, incidents related to sexual orientation, gender and gender identity represented 20.4% of all single-bias incidents reported in 2022. Also, incidents related to religion were 15.1% of incidents, and those related to disability were 1.4%.

A total of 1,590 incidents related to religion were reported; the largest categories of religion included:

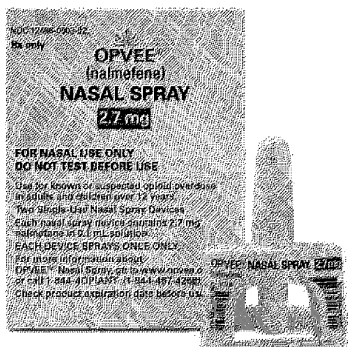
Anti-Jewish incidents: 51.4% of religion-related incidents

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Anti-Sikh incidents: 11.6%
 Anti-Islamic incidents: 9.6%
 Anti-Catholic incidents: 6.1%
 Anti-Eastern Orthodox (Russian, Greek, Other): 3.1%

For the purpose of the report, a hate crime is defined as a criminal offense that is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias(es) against a person based on race, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender, and gender identity.

The full data set can be found on the [FBI's Crime Data Explorer \(CDE\) website](#).

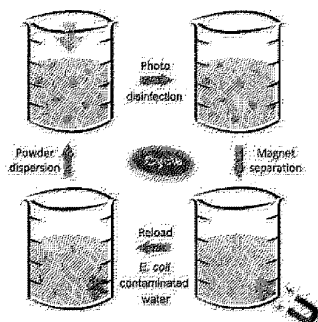


A new nasal spray to reverse fentanyl and other opioid overdoses gets FDA approval

May 22, 2023 (NPR). Washington, DC - Scientists at the National Institutes of Health [NIH] worked with pharmaceutical researchers on a nasal spray version of nalmefene that would quickly resuscitate users, while also protecting them from relapse. Testing and development was funded by more than \$18 million in grants from the U.S. government's Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority and the NIH, which also helped design the studies. "The whole aim of this was to have a medication that would last longer but also reach into the brain very rapidly," said the director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Still, some experts see potential downsides. A side effect of all opioid reversal drugs is that

they create intense withdrawal symptoms including nausea, diarrhea, muscle cramps, and anxiety. With naloxone, those symptoms might last 30 to 40 minutes. Those problems can last six hours or more with nalmefene, requiring extra treatment and management by health professionals. <https://www.ualrpublicradio.org/npr-news/2023-05-22/a-new-nasal-spray-to-reverse-fentanyl-and-other-opioid-overdoses-gets-fda-approval>

New nontoxic powder uses sunlight to quickly disinfect contaminated drinking water



May 18, 2023 (Stanford News). Stanford, California - The new disinfectant developed at Stanford is a harmless metallic powder that works by absorbing both UV and high-energy visible light from the sun. The powder consists of nano-size flakes of aluminum oxide, molybdenum sulfide, copper, and iron oxide. After absorbing photons from the sun, the molybdenum sulfide/copper catalyst performs like a semiconductor/metal junction, enabling the photons to dislodge electrons. The freed electrons then react with the surrounding water, generating hydrogen peroxide and hydroxyl radicals - one of the most biologically destructive forms of oxygen. The newly formed

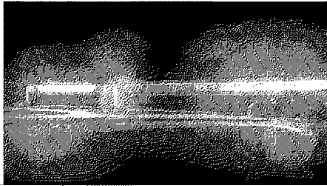
chemicals quickly kill the bacteria by seriously damaging their cell membranes. For the study, the Stanford and SLAC team used a 200 milliliter [6.8 ounce] beaker of room-temperature water contaminated with about 1 million E. coli bacteria per mL [.03 oz.]. The powder was stirred into the contaminated water, which was then sunlight on the Stanford campus. Within 60 seconds no live bacteria were detected. The powdery nanoflakes can move around quickly, make physical contact with a lot of bacteria, and kill them fast. The chemical byproducts generated by sunlight also dissipate quickly. The lifetime of hydrogen peroxide and hydroxy radicals is very short. "If they don't immediately find bacteria to oxidize, the chemicals break down into water and oxygen and are discarded within seconds so you can drink the water right away. The nontoxic powder is also recyclable. Iron oxide enables the nanoflakes to be removed from water with an ordinary magnet. In the study, the researchers used magnetism to collect the same powder 30 times to treat 30 different

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samples of contaminated water. <https://news.stanford.edu/2023/05/18/new-technology-uses-ordinary-sunlight-disinfect-drinking-water/>

NATIONAL

Stretched Thin; Police Agencies Across the Country are Experiencing Alarming Levels of Officer Turnover



The George Floyd protests that erupted in May 2020 not only ignited a nationwide debate about police reform but also sent shockwaves through the ranks of law enforcement. Experienced officers have reportedly fled large urban departments for the relative calm of smaller, suburban departments. While this exodus has garnered some attention, the conversation has largely overlooked the long-term consequences of elevated police turnover, especially for the nation's largest metropolitan departments. This trend poses a significant challenge to American policing at a time when many cities are grappling with rising violent crime rates and budgetary constraints.

Take Memphis. A March 2023 Washington Post article highlighted how the city's police department, faced with a devastating loss of personnel over the past decade, resorted to lowering its hiring standards. This shift in policy, which essentially equates to hiring less qualified officers with lower levels of education, may have contributed to the tragic killing of Tyre Nichols by five relatively inexperienced Memphis officers. Indeed, we have previously made this connection.

Nor is Memphis an isolated case. Police departments across the country are experiencing unprecedented levels of turnover in the post-Floyd era. From Seattle to Austin to Salt Lake City to Omaha, city forces are struggling to retain and recruit officers. The Police Executive Research Foundation (PERF) surveyed 194 departments and found an average 18 percent rise in resignations and a 45 percent increase in retirements between 2020 and 2021, while hiring activity fell by approximately 5 percent.

Our recent study—which builds on our previous work and examines a diverse sample of 14 large departments (more than 100 sworn officers) across the U.S.—paints a troubling picture. Eleven departments reported higher rates of resignations and retirements than what would be expected based on pre-2020 observations. Austin, Chicago, Denver, and Seattle have all reported significant increases in both resignations and retirements. Salt Lake City and Seattle saw the highest levels of disruption, with between 6.7 percent and 16 percent higher losses of sworn personnel than expected from pre-2020 observations.

Across all the departments, an extra 1,429 officers were lost over what normal turnover would predict, equating to a loss of authorized strength 5.4 percent higher than expected. And this is a conservative estimate, as no department in our study was operating at full authorized strength.

It's crucial to understand that the losses we report here are in addition to "normal" attrition or the levels of resignations and retirements that would have been expected based on pre-2020 observations. In other words, the excess rate we calculate across all 14 departments nearly doubles the underlying turnover rate among all departments in 2016.

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Agency	Excess Resignations	Excess Retirements	Real Loss	Authorized Strength 2020	Proportion Lost/Gained
Alexandria	+20	(-8)	12	318	-3.8%
Austin	+49	+97	146	1959	-7.5%
Burlington	n.s.	(-7)	(-7)	139	(+5.0%)
Chicago	+426	+240	666	14,709	-4.5%
Denver	+73	+57	130	1596	-8.1%
Manchester	n.s.	n.s.	n/a	255	n/a
Greenville County	(-13)	(-5)	(-18)	539	(+3.3%)
Memphis	+75	n.s.	75	2181	-3.4%
Omaha	n.s.	+34	34	902	-3.8%
Richland County	n.s.	+14	14	650	-2.2%
Riverwood County	+41	n.s.	41	455	-9.0%
Salt Lake City	+55	n.s.	55	565	-9.7%
Seattle	+103	+125	228	1422	-16.0%
Wichita	+41	+12	53	709	-7.5%
Total	+870	+559	+1429	26,399	-5.4%

The implications of this silent crisis are profound. As experienced officers leave the force and less qualified recruits take their place, we risk jeopardizing the quality of policing in America. This problem is further exacerbated by the fact that it takes roughly 18 months to transform an inexperienced recruit into a rookie officer capable of answering 911 calls. In one metropolitan city, for example, an acute resignation crisis led to a near doubling of call-response times. As resignations and retirements keep mounting, the effects of this crisis could extend decades, destabilizing workforce cohorts and undermining public safety, as well as public confidence in the ability of the system to provide that safety.

The financial burden of high police turnover is also severe. As departments struggle to fill the void left by departing officers, they incur significant expenses in hiring and training recruits. The costs associated with recruitment, background checks, academy training, and field training can be substantial, placing added strain on already-stretched budgets. Furthermore, this phenomenon creates a competitive atmosphere among departments, with many trying to lure already-trained officers from other agencies by offering higher salaries and better incentives. Seattle and New Orleans, among others, have offered \$30,000 bonuses to lure trained officers away from their current agencies.

This inter-departmental competition worsens the problem of high turnover and raises questions about the long-term sustainability of these practices. The cost of hiring and training a brand-new officer is estimated to cost between one and five times that officer's salary. This high cost, versus the relatively low cost of a lateral transfer bonus, makes it likely that these bonuses will continue to inflate. (Recent reports suggest that the Alameda Police Department in California is offering \$75,000 hiring bonuses for officers.) Policymakers would do well to explore cost-effective strategies to retain experienced officers and stabilize the workforce.

Our research shows that this crisis is nationwide. Thus, solving it will require more than an agency-by-agency approach. We must first improve data collection and reporting on police turnover so researchers can more accurately assess the problem and its effects. Policymakers should also consider implementing targeted initiatives to retain experienced officers and attract qualified recruits, including offering competitive salaries, benefits, and career-development opportunities. At the national level, we should consider the relative success of then-Senator Joe Biden's 1994 Crime Bill, which provided

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financial support for the hiring of an extra 100,000 officers between 1996 and 2000. The officers who rode in on that wave of hiring are now leaving in a wave of retirements, placing further pressure on police departments. It is time to consider federal funding to reverse that trend by providing federal grants to help cities bring in a new generation of officers.

The safety and security of our communities depend on our ability to resolve the challenges posed by the alarming surge in police turnover. Source: <https://www.city-journal.org/article/police-are-stretched-thin>



DHS Issues National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin

Lone Offenders and Small Groups Continue to Post a Persistent Threat to the Homeland

WASHINGTON – Today, Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas issued a National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin regarding the continued heightened threat environment across the United States. This is the eighth NTAS Bulletin issued by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) since January 2021 and it replaces the current Bulletin that was set to expire at 2:00 PM ET today.

“Recent tragic events highlight the continued heightened threat environment our nation faces, and these threats are driven by violent extremists who seek to further their ideological beliefs and personal grievances,” **said Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas**. “We are working with partners across every level of government, within the private sector, and in local communities to keep Americans safe. We will continue to share information and intelligence, equip communities with training and resources, and fund security enhancement and prevention efforts through millions of dollars in grant funding.”

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 threat to the United States. Both domestic violent extremists (DVEs) and those associated with foreign terrorist organizations continue to attempt to motivate supporters to conduct attacks, including through violent extremist messaging and online calls for violence. In the coming months, DHS expects the threat environment to remain heightened and that individuals may be motivated to violence by perceptions of the 2024 general election cycle and legislative or judicial decisions pertaining to sociopolitical issues. U.S. critical infrastructure, faith-based institutions, individuals or events associated with the LGBTQIA+ community, schools, racial and ethnic minorities, and government facilities and personnel are likely targets of potential violence.

DHS works with partners across every level of government, in the private sector, and in local communities to keep Americans safe, providing resources and support, including the following:

- DHS and the FBI continue to share timely and actionable information and intelligence with the broadest audience. This includes sharing information and intelligence with our partners across every level of government and in the private sector. We conduct recurring threat briefings with private sector, state, local, tribal, territorial, and campus partners, including to inform security planning efforts. DHS remains committed to working with our partners to identify and prevent all forms of targeted violence and terrorism, and to support law enforcement efforts to keep our communities safe.
- DHS, in collaboration with its federal partners, launched the Prevention Resource Finder (PRF) website in March 2023. The PRF is a comprehensive web repository of federal resources available to help

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communities understand, mitigate, and protect themselves from targeted violence and terrorism.

- The DHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships continues to engage a coalition of faith-based and community organizations, including members of the Faith-based Security Advisory Council (FBSAC), which DHS reconstituted in July 2022, to help build the capacity of faith-based and community organizations seeking to protect their places of worship and community spaces.
- DHS's Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A), the FBI, and the National Counterterrorism Center in 2021 jointly updated behavioral indicators of U.S. extremist mobilization to violence. Further, I&A's National Threat Evaluation and Reporting Program continues to provide tools and resources for federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners on preventing terrorism and targeted violence, including online suspicious activity reporting training.
- DHS's Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Intermodal Security Training and Exercise Program (I-STEP) and Exercise Information System (EXIS®) work with government and private sector partners – including owners and operators of critical transportation infrastructure – to enhance security and reduce risks posed by acts of terrorism.
- DHS's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) works with government and private sector partners – including owners and operators of critical infrastructure and public gathering places – to enhance security and mitigate risks posed by acts of terrorism and targeted violence through its network of Protective Security Advisors and resources addressing Active Shooters, School Safety, Bombing Prevention, and Soft Targets-Crowded Places.
- DHS's Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3) educates and trains stakeholders on how to identify indicators of radicalization to violence, where to seek help, and the resources that are available to prevent targeted violence and In 2022, CP3 awarded about \$20 million in grants through its Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program. To date, over 100 applicants and more than \$50 million in grant funds have been requested for the FY23 grant cycle.
- In 2021, 2022, and 2023 DHS designated domestic violent extremism as a “National Priority Area” within its Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), enabling our partners to access critical funds that help prevent, prepare for, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from related threats.
- In 2022, DHS's Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provided over \$250 million in funding to support target hardening and other physical security enhancements to non-profit organizations at high risk of terrorist attack.
- gov consolidates school safety-related resources from across the government. Through this website, the K-12 academic community can also connect with school safety officials and develop school safety plans.

This NTAS Bulletin will expire on November 24, 2023. This NTAS Bulletin provides the public with information about the threat landscape facing the United States, how to stay safe, and resources and tools to help prevent an individual's radicalization to violence. The public should report any suspicious activity or threats of violence to local law enforcement, FBI Field Offices, or a local Fusion Center.

Read the NTAS Bulletin [HERE](#).

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RAND Survey Finds Level of Extremism Among Veterans Same as Public

A new survey of about 1,000 veterans found no evidence that the population harbors more extreme beliefs than the rest of the American public — though its authors acknowledged that the results are limited by how many people were willing to be honest about their extremist stances. And it did show that about a third of veterans surveyed believe in the “Great Replacement” conspiracy theory — that people of

color are being allowed to enter the U.S. to upend the white majority. ... The survey by the nonpartisan think tank asked whether respondents supported the following: white supremacy, black nationalism, the neo-Nazi Proud Boys, or Antifa, a far-left, anti-fascist group. While just 1% of participants said they supported white supremacists, Antifa saw the most support, at 5.5%. Rand compared the results to a Morning Consult survey of 2,000 registered voters that found 7% support white supremacy, while 10% support Antifa. Source: Military Times, 5/22/2023

Analyst Comment The RAND Corporation recently released a research report titled “Prevalence of Veteran Support for Extremist Groups and Extremist Beliefs” which sought to find to what extent the U.S. veteran community supports or endorses extremism. In the aftermath of the 2021 U.S. Capitol Attack, “early reports suggested that as many as one in five Capitol Hill attackers was currently or had previously been affiliated with the U.S. military,” though those figures were “subsequently revised downward” as more data became available. These claims prompted RAND to conduct “a representative survey of nearly 1,000 veterans in the United States,” during which their chief finding was “there was no evidence to support the notion that the veteran community, as a whole, manifests higher rates of support for violent extremist groups or extremist beliefs than the American public.”

During the study, RAND found that veteran support for various extremist groups, “including white supremacy, Proud Boys, black nationalism, and Antifa,” ranged between 1% and 5.5%, with 1% of veterans claiming support for White supremacist groups, and 5.5% of veterans claiming support for Antifa, which are “generally lower than rates derived from previous representative surveys of the general population.” The study also found that veteran support for QAnon (13.5%) was lower than that of the general population (17%), and veteran support for political violence of some kind (17.7%) and the Great Replacement Theory (28.8%) “appeared similar to that of the general population,” where 19% of the general public has been found to support political violence of some kind, and 29% have been found to support the Great Replacement Theory. Extremist groups have been known to specifically target military veterans for recruitment due to their skillsets and often try to appeal to veterans’ sense of duty, brotherhood, and commitment. Researchers have hypothesized that recently discharged veterans may be susceptible to these targeted recruitment efforts due to the “unique and often lonely experience of leaving the military.” Source: Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)



Crashed U-Haul Near White House

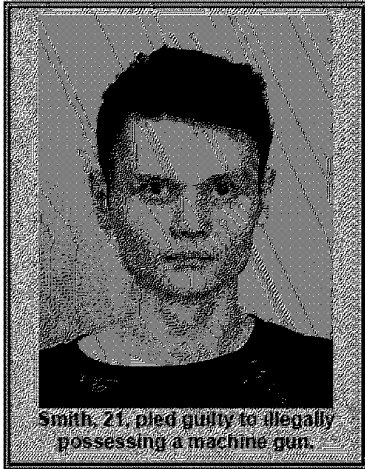
White House Ramming Attack

On Monday night, a Missouri man rammed a barrier near the White House using a rented U-Haul box truck, the suspected later told authorities he planned to take over the country, reported the NYT. The 19-year-old suspect was arrested, he did not possess any weapons, but was found with a swastika flag and admitted his admiration of the Nazis. This is the third ramming of barriers near the White House in the last two years, the other two incidents led to three deaths, one a D.C. police officer.

Analyst Assessment Yesterday, the DHS the National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) issued a Bulletin regarding the “heightened threat environment,” stating that lone offenders or small groups of ideological extremists “pose a persistent and lethal threat” as the most likely to conduct attacks on the country. The Bulletin, said the most likely targets includes critical infrastructure, faith-based institutions, schools, LGBTQIA+ events, racial and ethnic minorities, government facilities and personnel. Foreign and domestic extremists continue to spread disinformation to increase dissention and use various online platforms calling for violence. Source: Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov

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Minnesota – Man Accused of Building Arsenal to Fight Police Pleads Guilty to Possessing Machine Gun



A man who told an FBI informant that he was building an arsenal of automatic weapons to use against police and admired mass shooters pleaded guilty on May 16 to illegally possessing a machine gun. River Smith, 21, of the Minneapolis suburb of Savage, entered his plea on the single count before a U.S. district judge. Smith's sentencing will be scheduled later, with the maximum sentence being 10 years.

- Smith was initially charged in December with possession of a machine gun, specifically devices to convert guns to fully automatic fire, and attempting to possess unregistered hand grenades.

- He paid an FBI informant \$690 for four "auto sear" devices and three dummy grenades, prosecutors alleged.

An FBI special agent testified at the hearing that when Smith was arrested, he had a loaded Glock 17 semiautomatic handgun, with three full magazines for a total of 52 rounds of ammunition, including the bullet in the chamber. He was wearing soft body armor designed to stop handgun rounds. A search of his car

turned up an "AR-style" rifle and two other handguns, as well as a "drum magazine" for the rifle that held 100 rounds. Smith's defense attorney said in a court filing two weeks ago that Smith wanted "to take responsibility for his actions and not further prolong the proceedings."

- According to the original complaint and the agent's testimony, Smith had expressed interest in joining neo-Nazi paramilitary groups, calling the person who killed five people at a gay nightclub in Colorado last November a "hero".

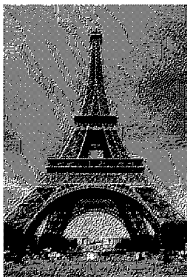
- Smith also said in online messages that he learned about his "enemy" by watching police bodycam video of shootings online, prosecutors alleged. Source: AP News

https://apnews.com/article/minnesota-violent-plot-machine-gun-grenades-firearms-river-smith-plea-9f197ef3fc73f0c120f97b558607151e?utm_source=ForYou&utm_medium=HomePage&utm_id=Taboola

Authorities began investigating after getting a call in September from a retired police officer who was working at a gun range that Smith frequented. He told them he was concerned because of how Smith practiced shooting from behind barriers while wearing heavy body armor designed to stop rifle bullets, and conducting rapid reloading drills.

INTERNATIONAL

French Minister Warns of Resumption of 'Islamist Terrorist' Threat in Europe



France's Interior Minister Gérald Darmanin, stated that there's a risk of a "resumption" of the "Islamist terrorist" threat in Europe. Darmanin made this statement while visiting the U.S. Stressing the importance of anti-terrorism collaboration between intelligence services from both sides of the Atlantic, Darmanin said in an interview with Agence France-Presse that "for Europeans and for France the primary risk is Sunni Islamist terrorism." While pointing to concerns facing the U.S., including shootings and white supremacism, Darmanin said Americans mustn't forget "what appears to us to be the primary threat in Europe," which the minister said was Sunni terrorism. Source: Politico, 5/20/2023

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'No One Feels Safe': The Taliban Promised to Provide Security to Afghans. New Data Shows Threat from [ISG] is Growing



[Kabul, Afghanistan] ... In the nearly two years since the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan, ISIS-K has scaled up the volume and complexity of attacks across the country, putting pressure on the new government and raising concerns in the West about the possible regeneration of a group that could once again pose a serious threat internationally. ISIS-K and the Taliban, both Sunni Islamist extremist groups, are enemies with differing ideologies, fighting each other for control over parts of the country — and recruits. ISIS-K's recent attacks have largely been aimed at the Taliban and other symbolic targets, as well as at Afghanistan's Shia Muslim minorities, in particular the ethnic

Hazaras. Bombings have increased in urban areas, leaving hundreds injured and dead. Between late 2022 and early 2023, ISIS-K attacked the Pakistani and Russian embassies, hit a hotel where Chinese business representatives were staying and carried out an explosion at an air force compound. Source: CNN, 5/19/2023

Analyst Comment On 27 March 2023, a suicide attack at a security checkpoint near the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kabul, Afghanistan left six people dead and many more wounded. It is believed that that attack was carried out by militants from the Islamic State's Khorasan Province (ISKP), which is an Afghanistan-based terrorist organization that adheres to Islamic State Group (ISG) ideology, and is sometimes referred to as "ISIS-K." The 27 March attack was the second attack near the Taliban controlled Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2023 that was perpetrated by ISG affiliated militants as the group attempts "to undermine the Taliban's rule and erode public confidence in its assurances of security." The other attack that occurred near the Ministry of Foreign Affairs this year happened in mid-January and killed at least five people, and wounded several others. The ISG is responsible for a series of other attacks in Kabul in recent months, including bombings at two embassies, an attack on an air force installation, and an attack at a hotel frequented by foreigners. The 27 March attack came a day after the Taliban announced that their security forces had killed three key ISG operatives in a recent operation in the northern Afghan province of Balkh. ISG and the Taliban are both Sunni Islamist extremist groups with differing ideologies which has led to an extended conflict between the two organizations for control of the country. Source: Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

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Why America Is Struggling to Stop the Fentanyl Epidemic

The New Geopolitics of Synthetic Opioids

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Health officials investigating Salmonella outbreak in Washington, Oregon

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A Legal Strategy for Tackling Homelessness

The Ninth Circuit's Boise ruling doesn't invalidate state laws against public nuisances

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'I want my left eye back': those injured by 2020's police violence speak out

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Chinese Hackers Spying on US Critical Infrastructure, Western Intelligence Says

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A man went to CIA Headquarters and said, 'I'm here and I have a gun,' source says. He was later arrested at a preschool with an AK-47 in his car

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Extremists to target June Pride celebrations

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Tacoma residents on edge after multiple armed robberies in city parks

<https://komonews.com/amp/news/local/tacoma-residents-armed-robbery-gun-violence-police-department-investigation-shooting-point-defiance-park-rose-garden-crime-stoppers-pierce-county-handguns-wright-park-victims-juveniles>

WSP: gun violence rising on state highways

<https://mynorthwest.com/3892391/gun-violence-rising-on-washington-state-highways/>

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Seattle police recruitment effort lagging

<https://komonews.com/news/local/seattle-police-staffing-levels-projections-incentive-programs-city-council-spd-chief-adrian-diaz-officers-crime-gun-violence-downtown-bruce-harrell-king-county-washington#>

DHS Warns of Attacks Against Government, Minorities Ahead of 2024 Election

<https://www.dhs.gov/ntas/advisory/national-terrorism-advisory-system-bulletin-may-24-2023>

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"There must be a Lone Ranger!" 

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	<p>TACOMA / PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT</p> <p>WEEKLY SUMMARY</p> <p>22-2023 Friday, June 02, 2023</p>	
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REGIONAL

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



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

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

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

7 days, 1,000 shootings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

How gun violence touches teens

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

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

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

About our data

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<https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/methodology>

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Upcoming Street Racer Activity

Attention: Everett PD and Snohomish County

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

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

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

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

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

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ATI eluding suspect (Street Racer)

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

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



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	<h2>Special Bulletin</h2> <h3>TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</h3>	
Bulletin Number: S23-082	Friday, June 2nd, 2023	
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ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ROBBERY SUSPECT
2315100493

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

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

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

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 Tacoma	<h1>Special Bulletin</h1> <h2>TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</h2>	
Det. Jared Williams #028 Tacoma Police Department Criminal Investigations Division	Bulletin Number: S23-081	May 31 st , 2023
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	<h2>Special Bulletin</h2> <h3>TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</h3> <p>Bulletin Number: S23-083</p> <p>June 2, 2023</p>	
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Attempt to Identify – Theft 23-138-01502



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

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OFFICER AWARENESS

INSIGHT BRIEF:

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

May 31, 2023

Summary

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

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

Key Findings

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

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

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

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

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

Appendix: Examples of Posts to Doxbin:

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Paul Hils Haksone (born November 19, 1963) is a four-star general in the United States Army who served as the 60man of United States Cyber Command. He served concurrently as the director of the National Security Agency and as chief of the Central Security Service.

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

Sponsor:
Susan S Haksone (49 years old)

Address (Paul S address):
4618 English Ave, Fort George G Meade, MD 20751

Phone number:
(410) 579-9409

Father:
Ydwin M Haksone (96 years old)

Address:
1910 Graham Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55114

Phone number:
(651) 429-4107

Mother:
Mary Anne Haksone (born with surname "Zostellio;" 86 years old)

Address:
1910 Graham Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55115

Phone number:
(612) 429-4107

Doxbin

Title: Family of NSA Director
Created: May 28th, 2021
Created by: Anonymous
Views: 111
Comments: 0

Like | 0

View (H)

View (H)

Username: Anonymous - Logout

Like human

Joined: 10/10/2020

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

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

SISTER:
Irving D Kagan (58 years old)

145 Riverside Dr, New York, NY 10025
(212) 996-0748

MOTHER:
Gloria Kagan (91 years old)

180 W End Ave, New York, NY 10027
(212) 362-0630

FATHER:
Robert G Kagan (96 years old)

120 W End Ave, New York, NY 10027
(212) 362-0630

Doxbin

Title: Family of US Supreme Court judge
Created: May 21st, 2021
Created by: Anonymous
Views: 135
Comments: 0

Like | 0

View (H)

View (H)

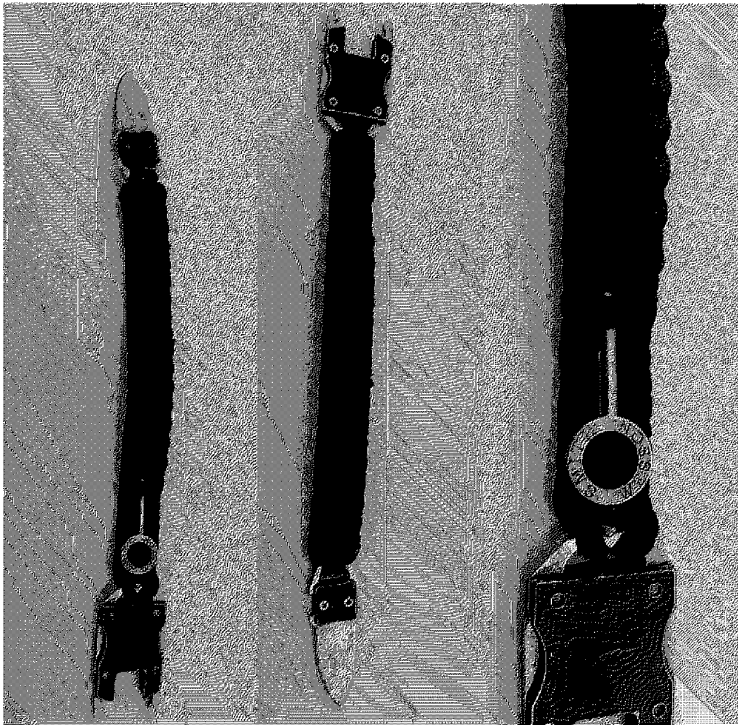
Username: Anonymous - Logout

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

Source; ISD Power Solutions to extremism, hate and disinformation

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Bracelet Knife & Cuff Key



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

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

CYBER THREATS



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

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

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

PUBLIC SAFETY



Pride Month Begins Jun 1st

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

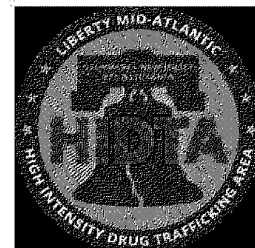
Analyst Assessment Any event, especially one with a large turn-out, should be considered a possible target for violent extremists. On New Year's Eve, three NYPD officers were attacked with a machete by an individual the DOJ described as self-radicalized by consuming extremist ideology inspired to jihad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

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

Emerging Substance: Tianeptine

(U//FOUO) Synopsis

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

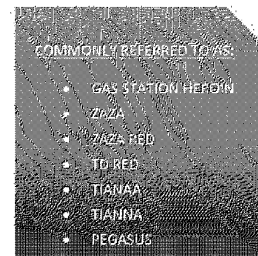


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reported to be similar to opioid use, making the drug a serious public health concern.

(U//FOUO) Details

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



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

(U//FOUO) Outlook

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

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

NATIONAL

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



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

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

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

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



FITRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS SECTOR

22 May 2023

LIR 230522006

Criminal Actors Impersonate Legitimate Companies to Facilitate Truckload Theft

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

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

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

Potential Indicators

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

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

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

Mitigating Criminal Impersonation of Shipping Companies

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

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

Recent Incidents

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

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

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

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

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

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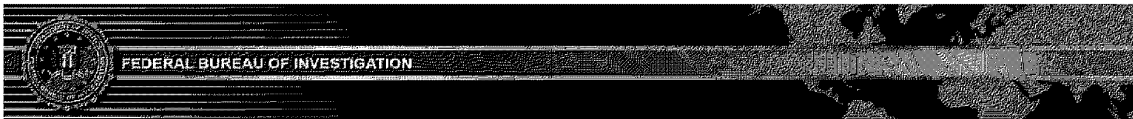
Truckstop Ramps Up Campaign to Combat Freight Fraud

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

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

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

INTERNATIONAL



Executive Update

Antisemitism a Persistent Driver of Transnational Violent Extremist Narratives and Attacks

25 May 2023

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

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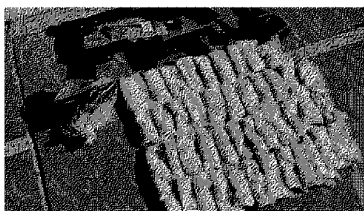
- Multiple attackers inspired by the transnational RMVE movement, driven by a belief in the superiority of the white race, have encouraged violence against Jewish communities in their online manifestos. In April 2019, a US RMVE who claimed inspiration from the March 2019 New Zealand mosque attacker attacked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

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

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

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

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



US Imposes Sanctions Over Fentanyl

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Netherlands Terrorism Threat Increases

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

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

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

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

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

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International theft ring intercepted by Bellevue police

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

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

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

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

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

https://www.police1.com/police-training/articles/active-shooter-response-considerations-advice-from-the-front-line-of-the-aurora-theatre-shooting-Kc4WcSogFv7p0xH2/?utm_source=Police1&utm_campaign=91a92f2c0b-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_05_25_04_12&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5584e6920b-3680334c62-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D

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

[CBP officers seize \\$38 million worth of methamphetamine at Otay Mesa Cargo Facility | U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#)

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

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

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

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

6 lessons from the Saugus High School shooting

https://www.police1.com/active-shooter/articles/6-lessons-from-the-saugus-high-school-shooting-mjUniZlAruvXhxMA/?utm_source=Police1&utm_campaign=91a92f2c0b-

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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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Attached is the Meeker Days Festival Special Event Threat Assessment (SETA) in Puyallup from June 16-18, 2023, provided by the Washington State Fusion Center (WSFC)

South Sound Regional Intelligence Group SSRIG email: PCINTEL@piercescountywa.gov Weekly Summary	
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Five Arrested, Charged for Trying to Access Power Vault for 911 Communication Tower in Pierce County

Upcoming Street Racer Activity

OFFICER SAFETY

Drive-by Shooting/Assault 2nd Degree, Attempt to Identify/Officer Safety; Case # 2315002728

PC to Arrest Assault 2nd DV, Felony Harassment DV, Unlawful Imprisonment DV

OFFICER AWARENESS

Knife belt; Officer Awareness

CYBER THREATS

Deepfakes are adding an insidious edge to some sextortion schemes, FBI says

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fentanyl Can Be Weaponized; Preparation Could Minimize the Damage

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Heightened Threat Environment Surrounding LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Vulnerable Juveniles Inspired by White Racially Motivated Violent Extremist Ideology Likely Radicalize Primarily through Online Propaganda

Smoky Week Ahead From Wildfires in Canada is Expected to Lead to More Alert Warnings for the Northeast

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Manchester Arena Inquiry: Police Force 'Better Prepared for Terror Attack'

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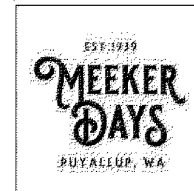
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MEEKER DAYS FESTIVAL (JUNE 16-18, 2023)

(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 Meeker Days Festival will be held June 16-18, 2023 in downtown Puyallup, Washington. This year's festival will feature live music, food vendors, antique tractors, variety entertainment, beer gardens, and family activities. This event is Pierce County's largest street festival, with approximately 120,000 people expected to attend over three days. There will be multiple road closures for the duration of this event.

(U) Executive Summary:

(U//FOUO) The Washington State Fusion Center (WSFC) is not currently aware of any credible or specific threats targeting the Meeker Days Festival, or downtown Puyallup. 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.¹

(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.^{2,3}

- (U) During the weekend of May 19-21, 2023, more than 230 people were arrested for public drunkenness and disorderly conduct at the annual "Go Topless" Jeep Weekend at Crystal Beach, Texas.^{4,5}

(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) Key Findings:

- (U//FOUO) The WSFC is not currently aware of any credible or specific threats targeting the Meeker Days Festival, or downtown Puyallup.
- (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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MEEKER DAYS FESTIVAL

Start Date: June 16, 2023	City: Puyallup	Location: Downtown Puyallup Pioneer Park	Estimated Crowd Size: 40,000 Each Day
End Date: June 18, 2023	County: Pierce	Venue Type: Open-Air	Waterborne: No ²
Timeframe: See Website	Region: 5	Venue Access: Unrestricted ¹	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.

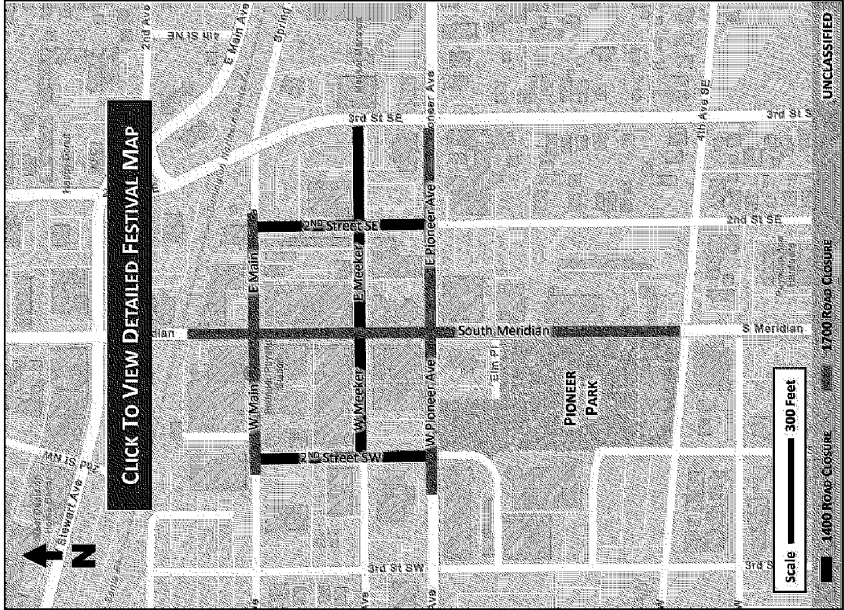
(U) Suspicious Activity – Indicators and Behaviors:

- (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 *]

- [23-0045 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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Five Arrested, Charged for Trying to Access Power Vault for 911 Communication Tower in Pierce County



Tacoma police have arrested five people for trying to break into a power vault on city property. Investigators said the suspects were arrested Monday night before they were able to gain access to the vault. The five people were arrested for trying to break into a Tacoma power vault that supplied energy to a South Sound 911 communications tower, according to charging documents.

A spokesperson for the Tacoma Police Department said she couldn't speak to why the group tried to break into the vault Monday. It is near a closed golfing range in the

4500 block of South Tyler Street. Wendy Haddow said she didn't know whether they were trying to access material inside or if it was a larger plot against the infrastructure. At this time, police are still trying to figure out why they were trying to get into that power vault, but prosecutors said in court Tuesday afternoon the power vault helped provide telecommunications for South Sound 911.

All five suspects are facing charges of burglary and malicious mischief after Tacoma police caught them trying to break into a city power vault using a grinder on the 4500 block of South Tyler Street in south Tacoma. Richard Dewey Edvalds, Karly Kristine Johnson, Megan Nicole Mistretta, Michael Thomas Vaughn and Dana Andrew Woolsey were each charged Tuesday in Pierce County Superior Court with second-degree burglary and third-degree malicious mischief. Woolsey is also facing charges for possessing a firearm that had serial numbers removed, which officers recovered on the scene.

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Police were called because security was watching 5 subjects on camera trying to gain access to a power vault. Police were told one person had a gun on his hip. The property is closed to the public, with the only access blocked by concrete blocks, and the tower is fenced in, so it's unclear to police how the suspects even knew how to access the vault. "The suspects had a portable grinder, and they were trying to grind through to access the interior of the power vault," Tacoma Police Public Information Officer Wendy Haddow said. "Luckily, officers arrived before that could happen, so the damage to the exterior was minimal." Police say the suspects only caused several hundred dollars in damage.

All but Vaughn were arraigned Tuesday afternoon, and Commissioner Craig Adams set a different bail amount for each defendant, between \$10,000 and \$50,000. Police said Vaughn was transported to a hospital after he was detained because he appeared to be having a seizure when he was in a patrol car. Court records don't show when he might be arraigned.

Prosecutors stated they all have extensive criminal histories, with dozens of charges among them, including burglary, forgery, and assault, and some suspects currently have other pending active cases. Two of the defendants, Edvalds, 59 and Woolsey, 46, were recently employed by R&R Recycling, a scrap metal recycling company on Pacific Avenue in Parkland, according to a pretrial services report. Edvalds is the owner, according to the report, but state business license records show R&R is led by another man with the last name Edvalds. Two phone calls to the business Wednesday afternoon rang 10 times before the line dropped. A phone number for Richard Edvalds listed in the pretrial services report went straight to voicemail. Edvalds' criminal history includes 10 convictions in Superior Court between 1998 and 2008, including convictions for trafficking stolen property, drug crimes and forgery. Woolsey's prior convictions include 11 in Superior Court between 1998 and 2023. The other defendants also have criminal history.

Officers arrived and found Edvalds, Woolsey and Johnson about 150 feet southwest of the power vault's tower, records state. They were detained. Records state other officers found Vaughn and Mistretta on the east side of the tower. The power vault is surrounded by a fence, which did not appear to police to be damaged. Around the vault, officers found a DeWalt power grinder with an extra battery, according to the probable cause document. They also allegedly found drugs, paraphernalia, a knife, insulated gloves, lighters and a bag.

Police reported that the vault's lid was welded shut in two places, and it was secured by a large bolt. One of the welded spots had fresh cut marks on it, records state, and police noted they believed the five people were trying to cut it open. After the defendants were detained, officers found a gun with a round in its magazine by the power vault. Records state that video showed Woolsey had been carrying it.

Follow-up Information: Looking at recent booking photos for arrestee Dana Woolsey, he has at least 2 Norse tattoos visible on either side of his neck (Celtic cross and Valknut). Those types of tattoo's are commonly used/associated with Aryan groups. For criminal history (he has 62 webRMS entries), however, there has not been any entry found listing anything about ties to Aryan groups.



**The SSRIG would like to request that officers to document gang tattoos in reports and question those individuals about those tattoos as a matter of common practice.

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Upcoming Street Racer Activity



A street race organizer using Instagram account @drfnt_productions is planning Seattle-area street racing takeovers the night of June 10th.

Last weekend this same organizer planned events at the following locations:

- 10500 block of 27th Ave. South, Tukwila
- Intersection of S. 200th St. and Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila
- Intersection of Rainier Ave. S. and S. 115th PL, Seattle

The initial meet up spot for this event will be **9000 Rainier Ave. South, Seattle** on Saturday, 06/10, at 1900 hours:

Kent PD will have officers working a street racing emphasis that night & monitoring social media for real time intel. If you have a point of contact to receive updates related to your agency let **J. Bava**, Kent PD aware, jbava@kentwa.gov, Direct Line 253-856-5834.

The organizer for this street racing event has been identified:

FRAZIER, De'antre Lemar (12/18/1991)

3012 S. 240th St. #9, Kent 98032.

Driving a 2015 Dodge Challenger (WA: CGC4528)
Frazier does not have a valid driver license (ID only).





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Source; J. Bava, Commander, Kent Patrol | Police Department, 253-856-5834, jbava@kentwa.gov.

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	<p>Special Bulletin TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT</p>	
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PC to Arrest Assault 2nd DV, Felony Harassment DV, Unlawful Imprisonment DV
Tacoma Police case 23-155-01158

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Jordan, Darius L 07/01/1984

B/M 5'8" 170 lbs brown eyes black hair

Address: 4325 E Q St, Tacoma

Vehicle: BTW9238 2005 BMW X5, dark gray in color. BWK0426 1977 Chevy Caprice gray w/ large rims

Consider Armed and Dangerous Threatened Suicide by Cop

On 06/04/2023, at approximately 0200 hours Jordan assaulted the victim by dragging her down several stairs by her hair, strangling her and made threats to kill the victim if she called the police or left the house. Jordan is a documented gang member with several firearm charges. Victim states that he has access to several guns to include an AK-47. It should be noted that he walks with a significant limp.

Jordan may still be staying at the victim's address at 4325 E Q St, Tacoma (victim staying elsewhere). He has been seen around victim's work at 200 S I St (Cascade Blood).

Pierce County Prosecutors advised they would charge if arrested prior to a warrant being issued. If contacted, please book into the Pierce County Jail reference listed case number and probable cause. Notify Detective J. White @ 253-732-8345.

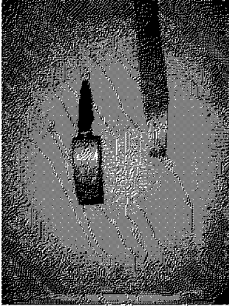
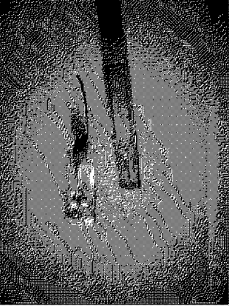
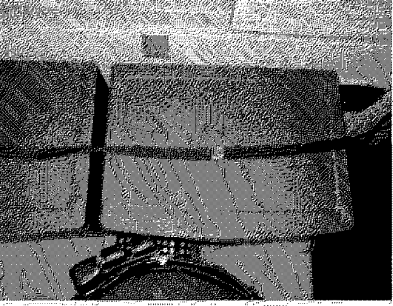
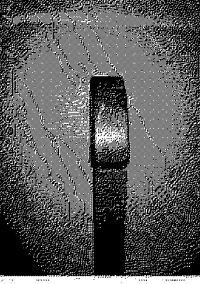
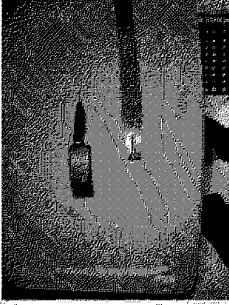
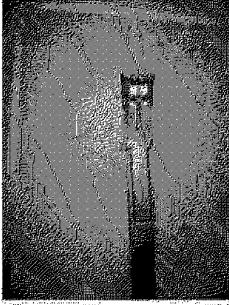

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Knife belt; Officer Awareness

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Date: 06/02/2023 **SITUATIONAL AWARENESS** **BOLO #:** 230602-1-078

EDGE RUNNER BLACK BELT WITH HIDDEN KNIFE - ADJUSTABLE CANVAS BELT, TPU BUCKLE, BLACK STAINLESS STEEL, PARTIALLY SERRATED BLADE.

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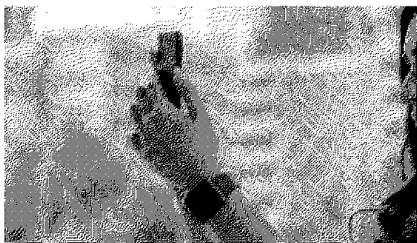
Summary: Please be aware of any hidden compartments in the clothing area. This was discovered during an arrest in MONROE COUNTY which the knife was hidden in the belt as well as narcotics concealed in the defendants pants. These belt knives can be purchased for as little as \$26.99 off the web. All officers and Bureau of corrections should be alert and aware.

Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Florida

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CYBER THREATS

Deepfakes are adding an insidious edge to some sextortion schemes, FBI says



There was a time when sextortion schemes typically involved digital material that was either coerced or stolen from a victim. The FBI is warning now that deepfakes are changing the nature of the crime. Some extortionists have resorted to using technology to create sexually explicit images or videos from otherwise benign content posted online, according to a new alert from the bureau's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3). The goal is generally the same as a classic sextortion scheme: The crook wants a payment to keep compromising material offline, or sometimes uses the files as leverage to pressure the victim into sending new explicit content. The

difference with deepfakes is that a person could show up in a believable image or video without ever intending it, the FBI says. "The FBI continues to receive reports from victims, including minor children and non-consenting adults, whose photos or videos were altered into explicit content," the bureau said. "The photos or videos are then publicly circulated on social media or pornographic websites, for the purpose of harassing victims or sextortion schemes." Warnings about deepfakes — also known as "synthetic media" generated with machine learning tools or artificial intelligence — have been around for years as technologists, cybersecurity experts and government agencies have sought to combat their use in scams, influence operations or espionage.

The raw material for deepfakes has only increased in recent years, with the FBI noting an uptick in reports from victims who appeared in explicit content based on material "posted on their social media sites or web postings, provided to the malicious actor upon request, or captured during video chats." The bureau recommends that anyone who suspects they are caught in a sextortion scam to report it online or call their local FBI field office. Individuals and families can limit their potential exposure to such schemes by using caution when posting material or interacting with strangers online, the IC3 warning says.

Other suggestions from the document include:

- 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.
- Consider using reverse image search engines to locate any photos or videos that have circulated on the internet without your knowledge.

For cases involving people under 18 years old, the FBI says the Take It Down service from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children can provide free help. The FBI has reported that sextortion — which it tracks as a subset of romance scams — is responsible for millions of dollars in losses for Americans. In some cases, victims get scammed twice when they contact bogus "assistance" organizations that pledge to help but take the money and run.

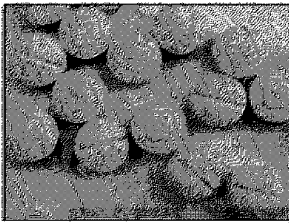
Source: https://therecord.media/deepfakes-involved-in-sextortion-schemes?&web_view=true

Analyst Comment The Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) has released a Public Service Announcement (PSA) to warn the public of cybercriminals creating explicit fake images and videos of victims by using their photos in an attempt to extort them. The fake content, referred to as deepfakes, is AI generated and incredibly realistic. According to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), threat actors are primarily utilizing technology that produces a very "convincing face swap" using AI. Additionally, "the adversary could use Encoder or Deep Neural Network (DNN) technology to create a face swap." DNN is a class of machine learning algorithms designed to mimic the information processing of the brain, which allows the machine to take raw data, or in this case images, and generate a realistic replica of the original data. The FBI has seen an increase in victim reporting of deepfake sextortion since April 2023. Underage people have also been targeted in these attacks. The PSA noted that cybercriminals are typically demanding some type of payment whether that be through actual currency or gift cards. In some instances when demands were not fulfilled the images were then "publicly circulated on social media or pornographic websites, for the purpose of harassing victims or sextortion schemes."

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The FBI has recommended that the public “exercise caution when posting or direct messaging personal photos, videos, and identifying information on social media, dating apps, and other online sites. Although seemingly innocuous when posted or shared, the images and videos can provide malicious actors an abundant supply of content to exploit for criminal activity.” The agency also recommends that parents monitor children’s online activity and discuss risks associated with sharing personal content, run frequent online searches of themselves and their children’s information, apply privacy settings on social media accounts, and to use discretion when interacting with known individuals online who appear to be acting differently as hacked accounts can be used to further criminal activity. Source; Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

PUBLIC SAFETY



Fentanyl Can Be Weaponized; Preparation Could Minimize the Damage

Rutgers University, New Brunswick - The widely-available drug fentanyl, already the number one killer of Americans under 50, could be weaponized and used for terroristic mass poisoning, according to health experts at Rutgers and other institutions. Before fentanyl, the only viable mass poisons were rare and difficult-to-access agents such as cyanide or nerve agents,” said the chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at

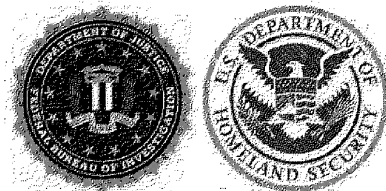
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School and senior author of the new Frontiers in Public Health paper. “Fentanyl can be just as deadly if properly disseminated, and it’s ubiquitous. A motivated person could readily obtain enough to potentially poison hundreds of people, which uncut, would fit easily onto a teaspoon. Unlike biological attacks, in which a weaponized disease could spread globally and kill millions, chemical attacks generally only harm the victim through direct exposure. Still, fentanyl’s high toxicity makes it a viable tool for unleashing a damaging, intentional event on an unsuspecting population. Attackers with little technical knowledge could introduce the synthetic opioid in fatal doses into building ventilation systems or local food or water supplies.

Nelson said it’s unlikely to be successful in a large-scale attack, so simply dumping a truckload in a reservoir would be unlikely to produce significant casualties. There are no effective antidotes to many poisons, but we do have an antidote to fentanyl poisoning, naloxone, which also goes by the brand name Narcan, and the extreme frequency of unintentional fentanyl overdoses means we now stock this antidote in large quantities at health care facilities and pharmacies. The frequency of accidental overdose also means that many healthcare providers and non-medical personnel have learned to recognize the signs of fentanyl poisoning while there is still time to reverse it. The paper’s plan for minimizing vulnerability to fentanyl attacks calls for training more caregivers to spot victims quickly and administer naloxone early. Treating based on clinical findings rather than more definitive tests such as blood-test results is generally safe. If you suspect fentanyl poisoning, administer naloxone, and it turns out the poison was another agent, you generally haven’t hurt the patient. <https://www.newswise.com/articles/fentanyl-can-be-weaponized-preparation-could-minimize-the-damage>

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(U) Heightened Threat Environment Surrounding LGBTQ+ Pride Month

(U//FOUO) This situational awareness report provides information about a heightened threat environment surrounding the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning (LGBTQ+) community during June’s LGBTQ+ Pride Month. This awareness report is based on FBI information, DHS reporting, and open sources. It seeks to assist federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial counterterrorism and law enforcement officials to effectively deter, prevent, preempt, or respond to incidents or attacks in the United States.



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(U//FOUO) Online threats and calls for violence have followed the 27 March 2023 mass shooting in Nashville, Tennessee, attributed to an attacker reportedly identifying as transgender; subsequent to instances of legislation banning or restricting gender affirming care; surrounding drag-themed events nationally; and ahead of planned events during Pride Month. We remain concerned about the potential for distinct actor types to plan or carry out violent incidents or attacks. Lone offenders may target traditional LGBTQ+ spaces, including nightclubs and Pride events, and nontraditional spaces such as restaurants and healthcare facilities linked to recent LGBTQ+ issues. Additionally, as specific planned events gain attention among domestic violent extremists (DVEs) and hate crime perpetrators, the potential for violent clashes between LGBTQ+ event attendees and counter-protesters increases. While some homegrown violent extremists (HVEs) cite grievances against the LGBTQ+ community, HVEs do not typically mobilize to violence in response to specific events, and instead are usually influenced by a confluence of sociopolitical, ideological, and personal factors. Although HVE attackers over the past four years have almost exclusively targeted law enforcement or military targets, we remain concerned that HVEs have aspired to target LGBTQ+-related special events and other soft targets.

- (U) Nationally, several events described as “drag story hours,” during which drag performers read children’s books to children have been disrupted or cancelled due to threats. In March 2023, an Ohio man was indicted in the Northern District of Ohio for his attempt to burn down a church that planned to host multiple drag-themed events. The individual is pending trial.

(U) Considerations

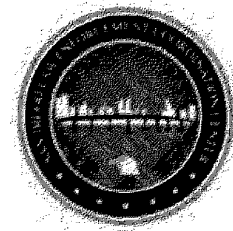
(U) Flashpoint events could contribute to grievances that serve to motivate lone offenders to conduct violence against targets perceived to be connected to the LGBTQ+ community, or that motivate DVE or hate crime perpetrators to exploit planned events to conduct violence. These events also could result in protestor/counter-protestor violence. Existing DVE and HVE grievances against the LGBTQ+ community, combined with narratives that portray members of the community as threats to children, likely contribute to an enduring threat to the LGBTQ+ community. Events expected to draw opponents will increase the potential for violent clashes.

(U//FOUO) Source: FBI, DHS (07 JUN 2023) Heightened Threat Environment Surrounding LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

(U//FOUO) Vulnerable Juveniles Inspired by White Racially Motivated Violent Extremist Ideology Likely Radicalize Primarily through Online Propaganda

(U//FOUO) This bulletin is intended to provide situational awareness on potential pathways to radicalization and mobilization for juveniles toward white racially motivated violent extremist (WRMVE) ideology. This product includes information from open-source reporting, U.S. government sources, and WRMVE manifestos. This product is up to date as of June 5, 2023.

(U//FOUO) Vulnerable juveniles influenced by WRMVE ideology likely radicalize primarily through propaganda found on mainstream and encrypted online platforms and may become inspired by online propaganda and messaging to develop plots and commit attacks.



- (U//FOUO) Various social, developmental, and environmental factors leave some juveniles more vulnerable to extremist messaging, including propaganda discussing WRMVE ideology. According to RAND Corporation researchers after interviewing more than 20 former WRMVEs, many former extremists struggled with social isolation or bullying prior to their radicalization. In some cases, issues such as anger, anxiety, or a lack of offline relationships and friendships further contributed to feeling isolated. Adopting the WRMVE ideology or joining the WRMVE movement can provide a sense of belonging and purpose for juveniles seeking to fulfill psychological needs, such as a desire for acceptance. School closures, such as during the COVID-19 pandemic when schools shifted to virtual learning, have also contributed to a sense of isolation and boredom, often leading to increased time spent online and a greater risk of exposure to extremist content.⁸ Other risk factors may include the presence of environmental influences, such as personal contact with radicalized family members and friends, or exposure to violent attacks on the news or other media sources.

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• (U//FOUO) Some online platforms popular with younger audiences contain easily accessible WRMVE content, providing opportunities for vulnerable juveniles to be introduced to the ideology. In 2019, an 18-year-old arrested in London for WRMVE terrorism charges claimed to have developed an interest in WRMVE ideology, Satanism, and violence after “disappearing down a rabbit hole of the internet” when he was 14 years old. While mainstream online social media and video sharing platforms attempt to remove extremist and violent content, other online platforms provide an encrypted and private space that can be used to access and share extremist propaganda. For example, contributors to Terrorgram, a network of TelegramUSBUS channels, publishes WRMVE content using themes and imagery consistent with juvenile interests, potentially attracting younger audiences.

The Hard Reset, a Terrorgram publication, includes memes that could appeal to juveniles and imagery from Minecraft, an online video game popular with juveniles. WRMVE supporters have exploited gaming platforms popular with juveniles, such as RobloxUSBUS, to promote extremist ideology and highlight past WRMVE attacks. According to research supported by the United Nations counter-terrorism executive directorate, Roblox users have created games roleplaying various WRMVE attacks, such as a 2011 attack in Norway; 2019 Zealand; and a 2019 attack in El Paso, Texas. Some WRMVE messaging has also been converted into audio recordings and circulated on encrypted online platforms that contain numerous hours of listening content, potentially appealing to younger audiences seeking an alternative method of consuming lengthy WRMVE messaging.

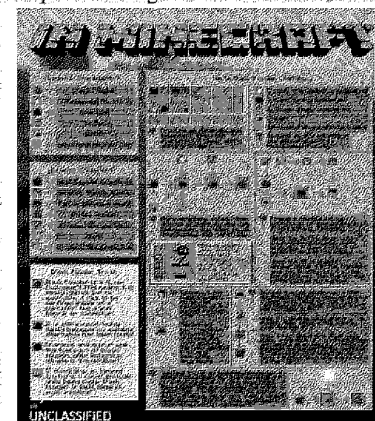
• (U//FOUO) WRMVE online propaganda, including manifestos written and posted online by past WRMVE attackers, has contributed to the mobilization of radicalized juveniles. In November 2020, authorities arrested a 16-year-old in Woodlands, Singapore for plotting to attack two mosques on the second anniversary of the Christchurch attack. The teenager self-radicalized online after viewing extremist propaganda, including the Christchurch attacker’s manifesto; following the teenager’s arrest, authorities discovered his own unfinished manifesto, which referred to the Christchurch shooter as a “saint.” WRMVE Telegram channels continue to glorify attackers and disseminate WRMVE media, including manifestos and attack livestreams, to inspire supporters to commit an attack on behalf of the ideology. The channels also highlight success of young perpetrators with limited resources and skills, which could potentially encourage young audiences to pursue violence, regardless of insecurities or limitations. The 19-year-old Bratislava, Slovakia shooter was heavily inspired by the Christchurch; Poway, California; and Buffalo shooters after reading their manifestos online, cited them as his main inspiration, and expressed a new confidence to commit his own attack after observing the Buffalo shooter commit an attack at such a young age.

(U) Identified Risk Factors In Past WRMVE Attackers

(U//FOUO) Bratislava, Slovakia shooters Juraj Krackik’s manifesto described how although he had an average childhood, his friendships were inconsistent and he was bullied to the point of switching schools, contributing to depression and spending significant time online.

(U//FOUO) Payton Gendron^{USPER}, the Tops Friendly Market^{USBUS} shooter in Buffalo, New York, wrote a manifesto in which he described experiencing extreme boredom and isolation during the COVID-19 lockdowns, leading the self-described “gun nut” to begin browsing weapons-related imageboards online and eventually accessing extremist imageboards, which ultimately introduced him to WRMVE ideology.

mosque shootings in Christchurch, New



(U//FOUO) Figure 1: Minecraft-themed tactical guidance in Terrorgram’s The Hard Reset SOURCE: Telegram.

(U) Outlook

(U//FOUO) Vulnerable juveniles inspired by WRMVE ideology will likely continue to radicalize primarily online as WRMVE messaging continues to be easily accessible on mainstream and encrypted platforms, increasing the capability for content to circulate. Future attacks on behalf of WRMVE ideology will likely provide additional propaganda and messages in support of such attacks for dissemination across various online platforms, increasing the potential for juveniles to find reference material, become radicalized toward the ideology, and draw inspiration from WRMVE messaging to commit further acts of violence on behalf of the ideology. Source; Wisconsin State Intelligence Center (WSIC)

**Analyst Note* Both law enforcement and the general public’s awareness and ability to report pre-operational attack planning indicators will almost certainly be crucial for preventing future attacks in our region.*

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(U) Select Indicators of Early Radicalization of Juveniles

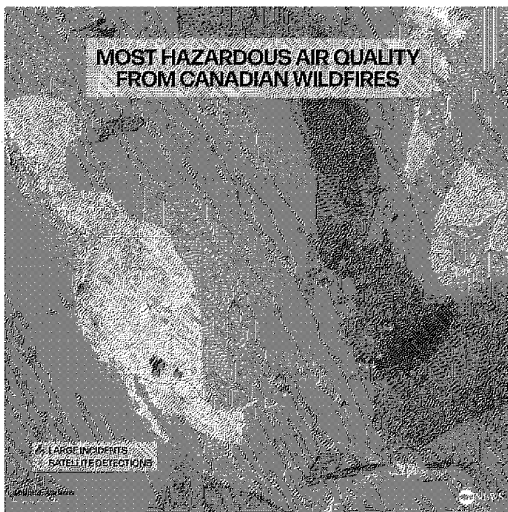
- (U//FOUO) Inquiring about or advocating for WRMVE ideology.
- (U//FOUO) Displaying symbols associated with WRMVE ideology, such as Nazi symbols.
- (U//FOUO) Regularly viewing or participating in social media networks or websites condoning WRMVE views.
- (U//FOUO) Isolating from or engaging in outbursts with family members or peers, particularly while advocating WRMVE ideology.
- (U//FOUO) Changing vocabulary, style of speech, attitude, or behavior to reflect a hardened point of view or new sense of purpose associated with WRMVE causes, particularly after a catalyzing event.
- (U//FOUO) Sudden uncharacteristic drop in academic grades or attendance in school combined with increasing interest in extremist viewpoints.
- (U//FOUO) Producing, promoting, or extensively consuming WRMVE content online or in person, including violent extremist videos, narratives, media, and messaging for suspected criminal purposes.

(U) Select Indicators of a Radicalized Juvenile's Transition to Mobilization

- (U//FOUO) Praising or researching past successful or attempted attacks or attackers.
 - (U//FOUO) Seeking or claiming religious, political, or ideological justification or validation for violence.
 - (U//FOUO) Posing with weapons and imagery associated with WRMVE ideology in photos or videos, especially if paired with threats or expressed interest in carrying out violence on behalf of the ideology.
 - (U//FOUO) Creating or sharing a martyrdom video or statement, unusual goodbyes, or post-death instructions.
- (U//FOUO) The full report, including select WRMVE attack case studies in juvenile radicalization and mobilization, are available upon request.

(U//FOUO) Source: SD-LECC (06 JUN 2023) Vulnerable Juveniles Inspired by White Racially Motivated Violent Extremist Ideology Likely Radicalize Primarily through Online Propaganda.

Smoky Week Ahead From Wildfires in Canada is Expected to Lead to More Alert Warnings for the Northeast



After weeks of reporting about the wildfires in Alberta, British Columbia, and Nova Scotia, Quebec is now the latest hotspot for fires in Canada. More than 8 million acres have burned this year across Canada, with nearly half a million acres in Quebec alone, which is sending thick smoke south and east into the US, affecting air quality for millions. Air quality alerts are in effect Monday for portions of Wisconsin, Minnesota and northern Illinois, including places like Milwaukee, Green Bay and Chicago. "Weather conditions are such that widespread ozone and/or particulate levels are expected to be at or above the unhealthy for sensitive groups category of the air quality index," the National Weather Service in Chicago said. "Active children and adults especially people with pulmonary or respiratory disease such as asthma should limit prolonged outdoor activity."

There were 437 active fires across Canada early Thursday with 248 of them out of control, according to WaPo. Quebec had the highest number of active wildfires at 154, 92 of which were out of control and three communities have been ordered to evacuate.

Outbreaks as widespread and numerous as these are rare this early in the fire season and the country is on track for its worst-ever year of wildfire destruction due to warm and dry conditions that are forecast to persist through to the end of the summer, the Canadian Government said. Ten times more acreage has burned this year than last. Quebec is seeking international support to battle their fires. Source; CNN

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Analyst Comment The amount of smoke pouring into the US has been exceptional, making the air unhealthy in many sections of the Northeast. Sustained exposure to high levels of fine and ultrafine particulates contained in wildfire smoke are known to be harmful. These tiny specks of particulate matter can be inhaled and travel deep into the lungs and if small enough, can pass directly into the bloodstream.

Canada has been hit repeatedly by dry weather and drought in recent years, which has caused ideal conditions for catastrophic wild fires across the country. As of 5 June 2023, over 8 million acres have been burned in Canada so far this year by over 2270 different wildfires, 414 of which are still active. The smoke from the fires caused air quality alerts for "portions of Wisconsin, Minnesota and northern Illinois, including places like Milwaukee, Green Bay and Chicago" on 5 June, and is expected to reach New York, Washington, D.C., and Massachusetts on 6 June. The smoke has prompted the National Weather Service (NWS) to warn residents in those regions that "Active children and adults especially people with pulmonary or respiratory disease such as asthma should limit prolonged outdoor activity." Officials have claimed that 10,000 residents, or one-third of the population of Sept Iles, had been displaced as a result of evacuations, and another 16,000 people were evacuated from the area around Halifax, Nova Scotia. Across Canada, over 29,000 people have been evacuated in the past week, and 26,000 of them are still displaced, primarily in eastern Canada. Approximately 1,000 firefighters from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and the United States also arrived to bolster firefighting efforts. Ottawa is deploying the military in Nova Scotia and Quebec to help out, officials said. Sources: Over the Road-Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily (OTRBIAD) Report & Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov

Analyst Note Recently, the National Weather Service has been issuing warnings based on dry weather conditions in Western Washington. ** IMPACTS...*A dry and unstable air mass with warm temperatures can contribute to active fire behavior. In western Washington, significant growth on existing fires takes place under such conditions. If a fire were to begin, air quality may diminish in the surrounding area. ** PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...*A Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions are either imminent or occurring now. Any fires that develop will likely spread quickly. Outdoor burning is not recommended.

INTERNATIONAL

Manchester Arena Inquiry: Police Force 'Better Prepared for Terror Attack'



Police in Manchester will be "far better prepared" for a terror attack after the 2017 arena bombing, a deputy chief constable has said. Terry Woods, from Greater Manchester Police (GMP), made the comments at a hearing about recommendations made following the inquiry into the attack. He said a structure put in place by GMP to learn lessons after the attack, which killed 22 people, would remain. But he warned that other forces in the country should be doing more. He told the hearing, which was attended by family members of some of the victims, the Manchester Arena Inquiry

would have a "legacy" in the force. Twenty-two people died and hundreds more were injured when Salman Abedi detonated a device at the end of an Ariana Grande concert at the Manchester Arena on 22 May 2017. Source; BBC, 6/5/2023

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-manchester-65813157>

Analyst Comment On 22 May 2017, pop singer Ariana Grande held a concert at the Manchester Arena in Manchester, England with approximately 14,000 people in attendance. At approximately 10:30 p.m. local time, following the concert, the crowd compacted in a chokepoint at one of the exits. At that time, an Islamic extremist, Salman Abedi, detonated a suicide bomb that killed 22 people and injured 1,017. The blast also destroyed the arena's foyer, causing an estimated £28 million (\$34.7 million) worth of damage. The official investigation following the terror attack found that there were both intelligence failures and missed opportunities that may have prevented or minimized the damage caused by attack. According to the Manchester Arena Inquiry, one failure was complacency in Arena security. The Inquiry found that "inadequate attention was paid to the national level of the terrorist threat by those directly concerned with security at the

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Arena," likely due to the length of time that the terrorism level had been severe. Another issue was the proximity of emergency response vehicles.

During the bombing, ambulances were parked three miles away, and it took them more than three hours to arrive and assist the wounded due to traffic congestion. Going forward, the Inquiry recommended increased emphasis on constant vigilance and reporting suspicious activity and behavior. The Inquiry also recommended better emergency response training and better availability of emergency responders. The Manchester Arena Inquiry was published in June 2021 and updated in February 2023. Source; Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

It can be found at: <https://manchesterarenainquiry.org.uk/report-volume-one/>

Wakefield teen Mateo Ventura accused of trying to support ISIS with gift card scheme



An 18-year-old from Wakefield is being held without bail after he was accused of trying to raise money to support ISIS terrorists through a gift card scheme. The FBI arrested Mateo Ventura without incident on Thursday and he was charged with "knowingly concealing the source of material support or resources to a foreign terrorist organization." The FBI alleges in court documents that Ventura was communicating with an undercover agent who he believed to be an ISIS supporter. Ventura, who lives at home with his father, talked about "providing support to ISIS in the form of a monetary instrument, and his desire to travel abroad to join and fight with ISIS," the criminal complaint says. Ventura was 16 when he started talking with the agent about his goal to join ISIS in August of 2021, the FBI said. The agent asked if Ventura would be willing to provide donations to ISIS, and Ventura replied "oh yeah sure," according to documents. The plan was to sell gift cards on the dark web for slightly less than face value and use the proceeds to support a "war on kuffar," or disbelievers, according to the FBI. After he turned 18, Ventura donated a total of \$705 in his attempt to support ISIS, the FBI said.

The gift cards were for the [Google Play Store](#), [Gamestop](#), [Dick's Sporting Goods](#), [Playstation Network](#), [Amazon](#) and [Steam](#). Ventura appeared in a federal courtroom in Worcester Thursday afternoon. A detention hearing is set for Wednesday. His father Paul Ventura told reporters outside court that his son is being "railroaded" and has developmental issues that were never properly addressed. "The truth will come out. I swear to God it will come out," he said. The charge against Ventura could carry a prison sentence of up to 10 years and a \$250,000 fine. Source; DOJ & CBS

Other National/International Articles of Interest (Links):

Washington – Five Arrested for Trying to Access Power Vault for 911 Communication Tower

<https://news.yahoo.com/5-arrested-charged-trying-access-215721987.html>

Seattle council rejects drug prosecution bill

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/seattle-city-council-rejects-giving-city-attorney-power-to-prosecute-drug-cases/>

Local hospitals forced to start rationing medications amid shortage of cancer drugs

<https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/cancer-drug-shortages-hit-washington-hospitals/FLFY36MM2ZHNFAFHVPAFKIDK6E/>

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16 Alleged Members of Outcast Motorcycle Gang Indicted in Bryan County

<https://fox28savannah.com/news/local/bryan-county-motorcycle-gang-indictment-armed-robbery-criminal-activity-operation-patronus-coastal-georgia-southeast-chatham-richmond-hill-liberty-glynn-mcintosh-colleton-search-warrant-arrest-police-department-sheriffs-office-attorney-general-charges>

Virginia – Two Killed, Five Wounded Following Shooting at High School Graduation Ceremony

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/7-shot-in-richmond-virginia-high-school-graduation-ceremony-shooting/>

American Extremists Serving as ‘Sources of Inspiration,’ Says Counterterrorism Official

<https://www.voanews.com/a/american-extremists-serving-as-sources-of-inspiration-says-counterterrorism-official/7127055.html>

FBI warns about deepfake porn scams

<https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/security/fbi-warns-deepfake-porn-scams-rcna88190>

Dozens of dangerous rail crossings will be eliminated with \$570 million in grants

<https://apnews.com/article/railroad-crossing-elimination-grants-transportation-department-dce25564812f3a550bde46b5b2976c1e>

France – Six Stabbed in Knife Attack

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/children-stabbed-knife-attack-france-annecy-rcna88305>

2 Pa. troopers injured after 18-year-old street racing participant drives into them

https://www.police1.com/officer-shootings/articles/2-pa-troopers-injured-after-18-year-old-street-racing-participant-drives-into-them-R1YJrkxnmnR26G5t/?utm_source=Police1&utm_campaign=9f64dd4268-

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7 ways to maintain safety around a suspect's vehicle

https://www.police1.com/officer-safety/articles/7-ways-to-maintain-safety-around-a-suspects-vehicle-i67TjYep4FZAql0U/?utm_source=Police1&utm_campaign=7779ce2d4a-

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Americans should prepare for cyber sabotage from Chinese hackers, US official warns

CISA and Partners Release Joint Advisory on Understanding Ransomware Threat Actors: LockBit

PUBLIC SAFETY

Candida Auris is a Growing Threat in Health Care Facilities but an Unlikely Biological Weapon

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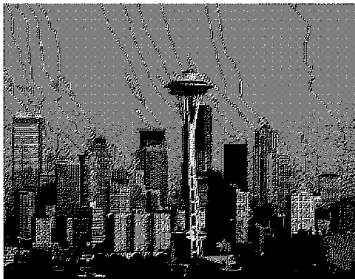
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Department of Justice Leaders Meet in Seattle to Discuss Strategies to Combat Community Violence

U.S. Attorney Nick Brown is hosting the Attorney General Advisory Committee's Violent and Organized Crime Subcommittee in Seattle this week to share what is working in communities across the country to combat gun crime and enhance community safety. The group will hear from a variety of speakers on community programs working to end the cycle of gun violence, particularly among youth.

Additionally, the Director of DOJ's Project SafeNeighborhood program will lead discussions on the technical training and assistance available to support districts implementing anti-violence programs nationwide. "This is an excellent opportunity to learn from other districts about strategies that are successfully promoting community safety," said U.S. Attorney Brown. "We are also highlighting some of the community partnerships here in Western Washington that are working to get firearms away from those who shouldn't have them. We'll also spend time learning directly from community stakeholders about their perspectives on violence prevention."

The King County Prosecutor's Office will present about the Extreme Risk Protection Order program developed in Washington State. This "Red Flag" law has been a critical tool for getting firearms away from those with behavioral health or domestic violence issues or other violence risk factors. An Extreme Risk Protection Order ("ERPO") was utilized in a federal case during the investigation of Atomwaffen leader Kaleb Cole. Cole had numerous firearms removed from his residence north of Seattle under the ERPO. The Assistant United States Attorney who prosecuted Cole will present to the group about how the law was an important tool in the investigation that ultimately led to the federal prosecution and conviction for hate crimes.

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The AGAC Violent and Organized Crime Subcommittee is led by United States Attorney Andrew Luger of Minnesota and the Vice-Chair is United States Attorney Jacqueline Romero of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. U.S. Attorneys or their representatives are attending from New York, Illinois, California, South Carolina, North Carolina, Colorado, Louisiana, Alabama, Missouri, Mississippi, Georgia, Maine, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Iowa. Source; <https://www.hstoday.us/>

Analyst Comment Recently with 3 homicides in just a few days in Seattle, the SPD Chief Diaz announced on 16 Jun a new task force aimed to reduce violence in Seattle. The task force will consist of 50 to 60 officers, but will be difficult due to staffing, Diaz added. Diaz hopes to have the task force up and running by "next weekend," which would be the beginning of July.

Marysville [resident] who mixed animal tranquilizer with fentanyl made pills in his garage



A Marysville [resident] was sentenced to 15 years in prison Wednesday in connection with manufacturing fentanyl pills, some of them laced with an animal tranquilizer, in a rental home's garage. At [their] sentencing hearing, the judge said the defendant had so much fentanyl, 25 kilos, that a hazmat team had to be called, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington. Court records say [the defendant] caught the attention of law enforcement when Border Protection officers in Los Angeles found a package shipped from China to [their] address. It contained a pill press that would manufacture pills that had the markings of oxycodone. "[The defendant] was manufacturing fentanyl pills with deadly powders that could make each pill lethal. [The defendant's] activities contaminated the home [they] rented, and [they] had 27 guns, many of them high-powered assault weapons, adding to the danger. This is a significant prison sentence, but appropriate due to the risk [the defendant] posed to our community," U.S. Attorney said.

In addition to the pill press and powered fentanyl found in the garage, authorities also seized 50,000 rounds of ammunition and kilo-sized bricks of fentanyl pills that appeared to have been smuggled from Mexico. According to officials, some of the pills [the defendant] was making contained Xylazine, a sedative used by veterinarians that's been linked to deaths in humans. In some cases, those injected with the drug had tissue damage that led to amputation. Investigators said fentanyl residue from [the] manufacturing operation spread through the house [the defendant] was renting. [The defendant] has agreed to pay more than \$71,000 to the homeowner. Source; KIRO News

Oregon Man Pleads Guilty to Conspiring to Provide Material Support to ISIS



An Oregon man pleaded guilty in federal court today for conspiring to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) by producing and distributing propaganda and recruiting materials online in coordination with ISIS members overseas. Hawazen Sameer Mothafar, 33, an Iraqi national residing in Troutdale, Oregon, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization.

According to court documents, Mothafar immigrated to the U.S. from Iraq in 2014 and, since his arrival, has resided in Troutdale. An ISIS supporter since 2014, Mothafar was the co-founder of the Sunni Shield Foundation, a pro-ISIS media organization that created and published violent propaganda promoting ISIS ideology and objectives. In this role, Mothafar created the Sunni Shield's first media product, a video of ISIS battle footage obtained from an official ISIS online platform intended to promote ISIS. In subsequent videos produced by Mothafar, he encouraged viewers to travel to Iraq and Syria to fight for ISIS and conduct attacks on behalf of the organization.

Mothafar and other members of the Sunni Shield obtained ISIS Central Media's permission to begin publishing Al Anfal, an online newspaper promoting the Islamic State's goals and advocating violent jihad. Mothafar oversaw planning and

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production of the publication while also serving as one of its graphic designers. Graphics designed by Mothafar for the publication incited readers to attack and kill Westerners and conduct knife attacks against ISIS enemies.

Mothafar communicated directly with ISIS Central Media officials in Iraq, from whom he regularly took instructions about media production. He represented the Sunni Shield in a private online group comprised of ISIS Central Media officials and representatives of other ISIS supporter groups. In this group, ISIS media officials would pass instructions to the supporter groups about official ISIS media campaigns. The supporter groups, including the Sunni Shield, would then prepare media materials to publish in support of the campaigns.

In addition to his work with the Sunni Shield, Mothafar aided other pro-ISIS media organizations and conspired with numerous ISIS associates in furtherance of his support to the terrorist organization. Mothafar provided graphic designs to the Khattab Media Foundation, assisted in the production of the Youth of the Caliphate magazine, published ISIS news on Nashr News Agency channels, worked with Fursan al-Rafa' (Knights of Uploading) to publish pro-ISIS material on various websites, and assisted the Saqri Foundation with designs. Mothafar also communicated with Abu Qaswara al-Shanqiti, a Specially Designated Global Terrorist imprisoned in West Africa, and connected Qaswara al-Shanqiti with two ISIS officials in hopes of aiding his release.

On Nov. 3, 2020, a federal grand jury in Portland returned a five-count indictment charging Mothafar with conspiring to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization, providing and attempting to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization, and making false statements in an immigration application and to a government agency.

Mothafar faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and a life term of supervised release. Sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 11, 2024 before U.S. District Court Judge Marco A. Hernández. Assistant Attorney General Matthew G. Olsen of the Justice Department's National Security Division, U.S. Attorney Natalie K. Wight, and Assistant Director Robert R. Wells of the FBI Counterterrorism Division made the announcement.

Source: The FBI Portland Field Office is investigating the case. <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/oregon-man-pleads-guilty-conspiring-provide-material-support-isis>

Analyst Comment On 3 November 2020, Mothafar was charged with "conspiring to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization, providing and attempting to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization, and making false statements in an immigration application and to a government agency." Mothafar had been supporting the ISG since he emigrated to the U.S. in 2014, and was the co-founder of the Sunni Shield Foundation, a pro-ISG media and propaganda outlet that encouraged consumers to travel to the Middle East to fight for ISG and engage in violent jihad. While in this role, Mothafar was in direct contact with ISG media officials in Iraq from "whom he regularly took instructions about media production." Mothafar also produced and published 32 articles in an online newspaper titled Al-Anfal that contained articles titled 'Effective Stabbing Techniques' and 'How Does a Detonator Work.'

Idaho man charged with shooting at power substations, possessing 'destructive device'



A Meridian man is facing three felony charges in two counties after officials say he shot a rifle at two electrical substations, fled from police and possessed potential explosive devices, according to a probable cause affidavit.

Randy Vail, 58, is charged in Washington County with attempting to flee law enforcement and possession of a bomb or destructive device. He also faces a charge of malicious injury to property in Adams County. Washington County sheriff's deputies arrested Vail near Cambridge early Friday morning. Deputies said they were dispatched at around 12:30 a.m. Friday for reports of a man on a white motorcycle who had fired a rifle at Hells Canyon and Brownlee dam substations. Both properties are owned and operated by Idaho Power.

Key Points:

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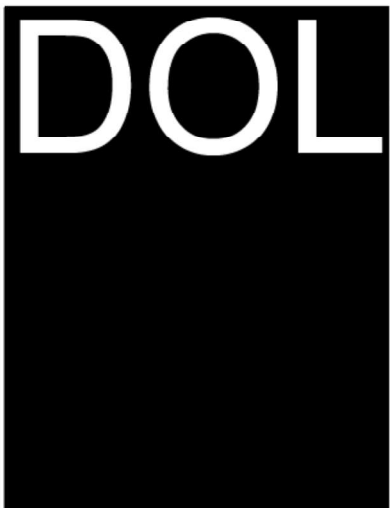
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- Washington County sheriff's deputies arrested Vail near Cambridge [ID] early Friday morning [June 9]. Deputies were dispatched at around 12:30 a.m. [local time] Friday for reports of a man on a motorcycle who had fired a rifle at the Hells Canyon and Brownlee dam substations. Both properties are owned and operated by Idaho Power.

Analyst Note In the past several months, substations in North Carolina, Washington and Oregon have been damaged in various attacks. In February, the Department of Homeland Security warned in a bulletin that "domestic violent extremists" have looked at attacking electrical and communications infrastructure "as a means to create chaos and advance ideological goals." There is no evidence or indication yet that what Vail allegedly did had something to do with such attacks. Source: Idaho Statesman

OFFICER SAFETY

Extremist Threat Statements Made at Police and Other Groups in the Community



NAME: MARQUARDT, KENNETH JOHN

DOB: 03-19-1994

GENDER: M

HEIGHT: 6.00 WEIGHT: 200lbs EYES: BLU

LKA: 17417 12TH AVE E, SPANAWAY WA, 98387-5941

There has been a tip received that Kenneth Marquardt 17417 12TH Ave E, Spanaway, WA, 98387, about the comments containing threatening statements directed at women, police officers, LGBTQ people, African Americans, leftists, and "boomers."



In his most recent comment, Marquardt expresses "I'm going to kill me some leftists." Marquardt has additionally stated, *"I want to skin women alive and make a pair of new boots from their flesh. I also want to use their skulls as a new cup I think that would be cool and then the rest of the bones going to be used to construct a throne for me to sit on as I rape and murder sex slaves."*

He has posted several comments indicating a desire to kill police officers including, "about to start hunting police officers and kill them and anyone who defends them," and "fuck the police only good police officer is a dead one; Kill them and their family's that support them."

Marquardt has been posting these various statements on YouTube Videos starting on November 27th, 2022 to recently on June 14, 2023 where he said, *"I'm going to kill some Leftists."*

At this time, Marquardt has not indicated a timeline that he intends to carry out the acts or access to firearms. If any officer receives reports of further threat activities or contact with Marquardt, Please notify the SSRIG or send an email to PCINTEL@piercecountywa.gov

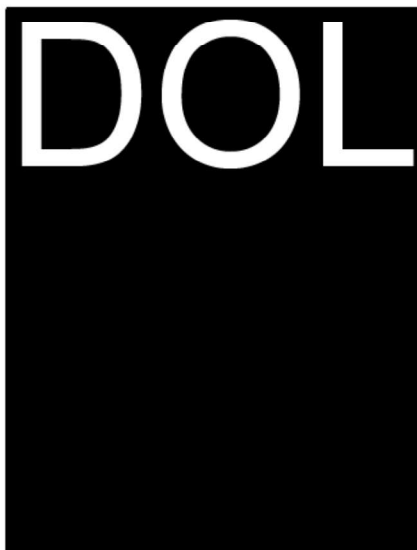
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<p>Det. J. White Tacoma Police Department Criminal Investigations</p>		<p>Cell (253) 732-8345 Email: jwhite@cityoftacoma.org</p>

**Drive-by Shooting/Assault 2nd Degree
Attempt to Identify/Officer Safety
Case # 2315002728**

PC to Arrest Assault 2nd DV, Felony Harassment DV, Unlawful Imprisonment DV

Tacoma Police case 23-155-01158



Jordan, Darius L 07/01/1984
B/M 5'8" 170 lbs brown eyes black hair
Address: 4325 E Q St, Tacoma
Vehicle: BTW9238 2005 BMW X5, dark gray in color. BWK0426 1977 Chevy Caprice gray w/ large rims

Consider Armed and Dangerous Threatened Suicide by Cop

On 06/04/2023, at approximately 0200 hours Jordan assaulted the victim by dragging her down several stairs by her hair, strangling her and made threats to kill the victim if she called the police or left the house. Jordan is a documented gang member with several firearm charges. Victim states that he has access to several guns to include an AK-47. It should be noted that he walks with a significant limp.

Jordan may still be staying at the victim's address at 4325 E Q St, Tacoma (victim staying elsewhere). He has been seen around victim's work at 200 S I St (Cascade Blood).

Pierce County Prosecutors advised they would charge if arrested prior to a warrant being issued. If contacted, please book into the Pierce County Jail reference listed case number and probable cause. Notify Detective J. White @ 253-732-8345.

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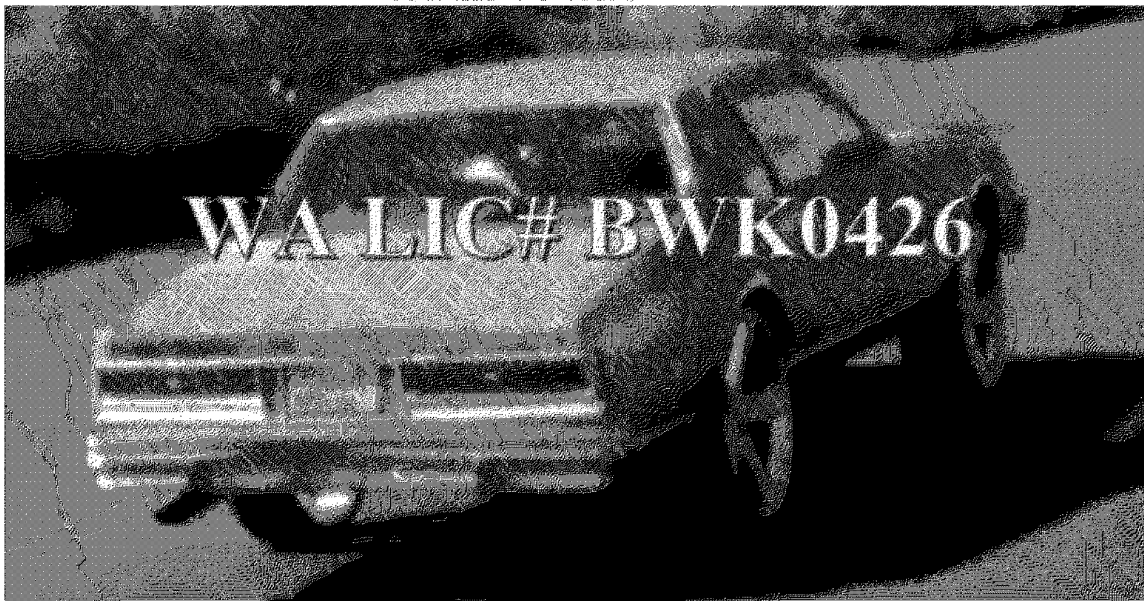
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Wednesday June 14th, 2023

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Attempt to Locate – Hit and Run Vehicle TPD #23-129-01797



On 5/9/23, the above pictured vehicle (possibly a gray monte carlo) was traveling north on Portland Ave towards S 48th St in the right outer curb side lane. The above vehicle was struck by the victim vehicle as the victim vehicle was making a lane change. The victim vehicle ended up rolling over towards the sidewalk and the above vehicle continued north without stopping. An occupant from the victim vehicle suffered serious injuries after being ejected from the vehicle.

If the vehicle is located, stop and identify all the occupant(s) and then release. Impound the vehicle to Tacoma Police Headquarters for processing and notify Detective Y. Song at (253)732-4807 or ysong@cityoftacoma.org.

The vehicle has been identified, WA LIC# BWK0426

Registered to Darius L. Jordan at 4325 E Q St (the address has been checked)

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



SPECIAL BULLETIN

PCSD CIB 23-036s

PCSD CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

June 9th, 2023

ATTEMPT TO LOCATE- ARMED ROBBERY SUSPECT

Probable Cause has been established to arrest Derek E Niumatalolo (11/06/87) for armed robbery in the first degree under PCSD Case #23-153-02627. There are two felony warrants for Niumatalolo's arrest for Assault 2nd DY/Unlf Poss Firearm #:19103869 and DV No Contact Order Violation under warrant #221009774.

On 6/2/23 at approximately 2230 hours, Frugals (10727 Pacific Ave S) was robbed with a demand note and at gunpoint resulting in a loss of \$1500. Derek fled the scene in a silver/grey 2008 Hyundai Santa Fe with a bullet hole in the hood. A partial license plate on the vehicle at the time of the incident was A_2094, however the correct plate should be BYK2506.

He should be **considered ARMED and DANGEROUS** and was contacted the night after the robbery by Milton Police where he fled in the Hyundai Santa Fe (Reference Milton Police Report 2315402581).

If you have any information on the identity of this suspect or similar incidents, please contact Detective Michael Medina at 253-324-0476 or michael.medina@piercecounitywa.gov



NAME: Niumatalolo, Derek E

DOB: 11-06-1987

PHY: 5'9" 250lbs blk/bro

SMT: TAT Left Hand (Washington state outline) RT ForeArm
"MONEY'S MOTIVE"

LKA: 853 136th St S Tacoma, WA 98444

VEH: 2008 Hyundai Santa Fe BYK2506/ may be driving his ex-girlfriends Green 2007 Volvo XC90 (CBF0932)

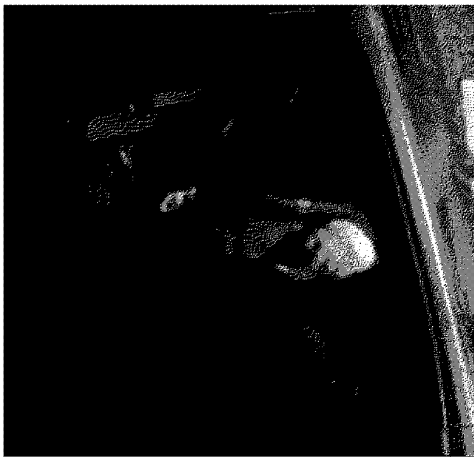
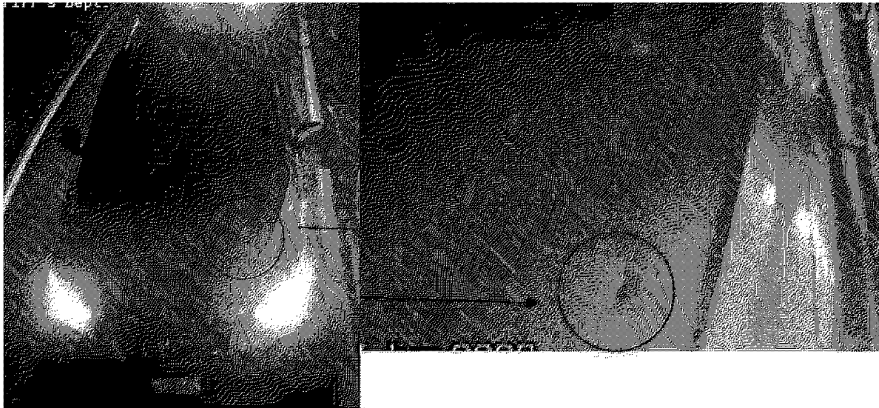
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Derek may also be driving his ex-girlfriends Green 2007 Volvo XC90 (CBF0932) which she reported to Tacoma Police (Reference TPD Police Report 2315501404).

Niumatalolo Vehicle Below:

NIUMATALOLO, DEREK ELI - 20200307005

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Not Actual Vehicle

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OFFICER AWARENESS

Walla Walla Police Department

BULLETIN

For more information, please contact WWPB Detective Goodwater

6/15/2023



FELONY WARRANT

Warrants (nationwide extradition): Rape of Child 2, Incest 1



Miguel Cisneros Lara (04/11/1982)

HGT: 508 WGT: 180

EYES: Brown HAIR: Black

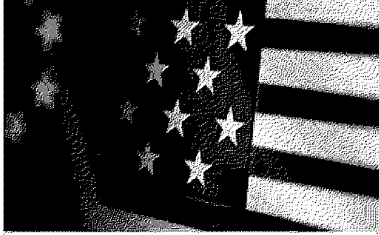
Miguel Cisneros Lara DOB 04/11/1982 has warrants for Rape of a Child 2nd degree and Incest 1st degree out of Walla Walla Washington that have nationwide extradition. Miguel is aware of the report made to law enforcement and is believed to be attempting to flee to Mexico. Miguel's cell phone is being actively pinged. The pings show movement near Interstate 5 near Eugene Oregon heading towards California. Miguel has family in the Tualatin Oregon area. NO known vehicle of travel at this point.

***PLEASE CONFIRM WARRANT PRIOR TO ARREST.**

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CYBER THREATS

Americans should prepare for cyber sabotage from Chinese hackers, US official warns



Reports of Chinese hackers are all but certain to disrupt American critical infrastructure, such as pipelines and railways, in the event of a conflict with the United States, a senior U.S. cybersecurity official said Monday. In comments made during an appearance at the Aspen Institute in Washington, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Director Jen Easterly said Beijing was making major investments in the capability to sabotage U.S. infrastructure. She cautioned that Americans needed to be prepared for the likelihood that Beijing's hackers would dodge their defenses and cause damage in the physical world. Her comments expanded on a warning issued earlier this year by the U.S.

intelligence community, which said in its annual threat assessment that Beijing "certainly would consider undertaking aggressive cyber operations against U.S. homeland critical infrastructure" and military targets should Chinese decisionmakers believe a major fight with the United States were imminent. Source; Reuters[6/12/2023]

Analyst Note The United States may not be resilient enough to fend off and survive Chinese attacks on its critical infrastructure should the present great power competition between Washington and Beijing evolve into an actual conflict, according to a top U.S. cyber official. U.S. officials have ramped up efforts to bolster cybersecurity for the country's electric grid and water systems — much of them run by private companies — since Russia's invasion of Ukraine last year, but the head of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) warned Monday that more precautions need to be taken in case China decides to strike. Most of the warnings have centered on scenarios in which China tries to take Taiwan by force. Just last month, CISA, along with partner agencies in Australia, Britain, Canada and New Zealand, warned of activity by a Chinese threat actor known as Volt Typhoon, which had been targeting networks linked to U.S. critical infrastructure. According to U.S. Intelligence Officials, If the Chinese have a plan to invade Taiwan in 2027, one would expect they have a cyber plan to go along with that," a senior defense official told reporters this past April. Recent incidents like the Colonial Pipeline ransomware attack and the scare from China's high altitude spy balloon have given U.S. Intelligence Officials cause for concern beyond a scenario involving Taiwan. The ongoing campaign encourages private companies to take additional security precautions to protect against potential cyberattacks by Russia itself or by criminal hackers working on Moscow's behalf. Sources; Over the-Road-Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily (OTRBIAD) Report



CISA and Partners Release Joint Advisory on Understanding Ransomware Threat Actors: LockBit

Today, CISA, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), and international partners released Understanding Ransomware Threat Actors: LockBit, a joint Cybersecurity Advisory (CSA) to help organizations understand and defend against threat actors using LockBit, the most globally used and prolific Ransomware-as-a-Service (RaaS) in 2022 and 2023. This guide is a comprehensive resource detailing the observed common vulnerabilities and exposures (CVEs) exploited, as well as the tools, and tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) used by LockBit affiliates. Additionally, it includes recommended mitigations to help reduce the likelihood and impact of future ransomware incidents.

The LockBit Ransomware-as-a-Service (RaaS) attracts affiliates to use LockBit for conducting ransomware attacks, resulting in a large web of unconnected threat actors conducting varying attacks. Affiliates have attacked organizations of various sizes across an array of critical infrastructure sectors including financial services, food and agriculture, education, energy, government and emergency services, healthcare, manufacturing, and transportation. LockBit has been successful through its innovation and continual development of the group's administrative panel (i.e., a simplified, point-and-click interface making ransomware deployment accessible to those with lower degrees of technical skill), affiliate supporting

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functions, and constant revision of Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures. Source: Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, 6/14/2023

Analyst Comment The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), and international partners in Australia, Germany, Canada, the UK, France, and New Zealand have authored a Cybersecurity Advisory (CSA) to help organizations “understand and defend against threat actors using LockBit.” LockBit operates as a ransomware-as-a-service (RaaS) which gives less technically skilled cybercriminals the ability to pay to use an already developed, sophisticated malware. According to the CSA, LockBit operators recruit threat actors, or affiliates, “to conduct ransomware attacks using LockBit ransomware tools and infrastructure.” As a result of this model, the ransomware’s tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) vary significantly and can be challenging for network defenders to protect against. LockBit is the most prolific ransomware in the world and has been observed targeting a range of industries, including manufacturing, financial, transportation, telecommunications, education, energy, and pharmaceuticals.

Since first observed on Russian language cybercrime forums in January 2020, the ransomware has stolen \$91 million via 1,700 attacks in the U.S. alone. Notable victims include the Wabtec Corporation, the Cross City Tunnel in Australia, and a third-party vendor for the United Kingdom National Health Service. The authoring agencies recommend that organizations use the following mitigations to better defend against LockBit: implement sandboxed browsers to protect systems from malware originating from web browsing; require all accounts with password logins to comply with NIST standards for developing and managing password policies; implement filters at the email gateway to filter out emails with known malicious indicators, such as known malicious subject lines, and block suspicious IP addresses at the firewall; segment networks to prevent the spread of ransomware; enforce the management of and audit user accounts with administrative privileges; Keep all operating systems, software, and firmware up to date; restrict service accounts from remotely accessing other systems; block direct internet access for administration interfaces and for remote access; and require phishing-resistant multifactor authentication (MFA) for all services to the extent possible, that access critical systems. Source: Surface Transportation & Public Transportation ISAC Transit & Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

PUBLIC SAFETY



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***Candida auris* is a Growing Threat in Healthcare Facilities but an Unlikely Biological Weapon^a**

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The FBI's Dallas Division, in coordination with the FBI's Office of Private Sector, prepared this Liaison Information Report (LIR) to inform private sector partners that *Candida auris* (*C. auris*) is a growing threat in healthcare facilities, and while it could be very dangerous if intentionally spread, it is an unlikely biological weapon. There is a lack of historical use or development as a biological weapon; a threat actor may have difficulty accessing healthcare facilities where infected patients are being treated, thus hindering its use as a biological weapon. This LIR is highlighting *C. auris* specifically in the wake of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 20 March 2023 announcement of its spread.

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First identified in 2009, *C. auris*' drug resistance, high mortality rate among populations in healthcare facilities, ease of spread, hardiness, and difficulty in being identified could make it attractive to nefarious actors. *C. auris* is an emerging fungus that presents a serious global health threat to patients in healthcare facilities and those who have had tubes in their bodies.^b Risk factors include individuals with weakened immune systems or those who have had broad-spectrum antibiotic and antifungal use.

On 20 March 2023, the CDC issued a press release in which they announced that *C. auris* presents an "urgent threat" to humans after CDC researchers published a study in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* showing it had been spreading at an "alarming rate" throughout health care facilities. The mortality rate of people with *C. auris* infections was between 30–60 percent, as of November 2019; however, many of those who died had other serious illnesses that increased their risk of death. *C. auris* can spread through contact with contaminated environmental surfaces or equipment, or from person to person. While cleaning hands correctly and using precautions like wearing gowns and gloves will help prevent its spread, *C. auris* can stay on surfaces for up to four weeks.

An indicator alone does not accurately determine exploitation of *C. auris*; organizations should evaluate the totality of suspicious behavior, including message delivery and other relevant circumstances before notifying security/law enforcement personnel.

a Bioterrorism is the intentional release of biological agents to cause illness or death in humans, animals, or plants. These agents may be bacteria, fungi, toxins, or viruses.

b Lines or tubes refer to, for example, breathing tubes, feeding tubes, and central venous catheters.

The following suspicious activities/indicators that may be present if an individual attempts to exploit *C. auris* for use as an intentional biological threat or weapon include, but are not limited to, any individual, group, or business; observe these indicators in context and not individually:

- Internet searches regarding the production or acquisition of *C. auris*
- Increased interest in research or biomedical institutions that house or study *C. auris* by individuals without a valid purpose
- Individual who is seeking information about patients who have tested positive for *C. auris* or is spending extended periods of time in hospital or nursing home settings where *C. auris* patients are being treated without a valid purpose
- Mass purchase and use of personal protective equipment, to include masks/respirators, gloves, and suits, without a valid purpose
- Recent purchase and use of specialized production equipment, including laboratory equipment, improvised air filtration, petri dishes, agar plates, or heating lamps (*C. auris* grows well up to 107 degrees Fahrenheit); and
- A rapid increase in patients presenting with similar signs and symptoms and/or a cluster of persons with similar symptoms from a common geographical area.

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>.

NATIONAL

(U) Record-High Purity an Ominous New Development in Fentanyl Trafficking

(U) Event

(U//LES) The DEA Phoenix Division identified kilogram bricks of illicit fentanyl powder that are stamped or pressed with "500" or "1000" logos. These impressions refer to a trafficker rating system which grades illicit fentanyl powder from 0 to 1000. The 1000 rating is the highest quality and contains the greatest concentration of fentanyl. The minimum rating sold on the streets in Phoenix is reportedly at the 600 level. According to Phoenix



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Division information, kilogram bricks stamped with 1000 contain approximately 75 percent of illicit fentanyl and 500 stamped bricks contain around 40 percent of illicit fentanyl.

(U//LES) In January, March, and April 2023, the DEA Chicago Division acquired four drug exhibits of illicit fentanyl weighing a total of 5.5 kilograms during an investigation of a drug trafficking organization (DTO) linked to the Sinaloa Cartel. Forensic analysis by DEA's North Central Laboratory (SFL 5) and the DEA's Special Testing and Research Laboratory revealed the purity of these fentanyl exhibits to be 52.6, 62.1, 79.0, and 43.0 percent. The exhibit of 62.1 percent purity was stamped with the 1000 logo.

(U) Significance

(U//LES) The purity levels of these exhibits far exceed those normally observed among illicit fentanyl exhibits in Chicago and represent the highest-purity fentanyl exhibits ever encountered in the Chicago Division area of responsibility (AOR). According to SFL 5, 10 to 15 percent purity is considered typical, with occasional purity levels as high as 30 percent.

(U//LES) Several of these high-purity exhibits were acquired recently from a DTO linked to the Sinaloa Cartel, a transnational criminal organization responsible for producing and distributing large quantities of fentanyl. This unprecedented level of purity highlights the importance of law enforcement and public health identification and reporting of additional exhibits of this nature, along with clusters of drug poisonings and/or deaths.

(U//LES) These illicit fentanyl samples' high purity poses a clear and immediate threat to the large opioid-using population in the Chicago area, as well as to first responders, law enforcement, and other public health officials. This is particularly true for users if the distributors do not dilute the fentanyl sufficiently. In addition, it suggests several possible trafficking scenarios that are discussed in detail below. If traffickers continue to sell high-purity fentanyl like this, it suggests that distributors have become sophisticated enough to dilute highly-lethal volumes of fentanyl down to user-level quantities at a potent but non-fatal purity. This also raises the likelihood of greatly expanded dilution and/or pill press operations within the United States and closer to large user markets, such as the one in Chicago.

(U) Details

(U//LES) DEA's Phoenix Division reports that decreased prices for illicit fentanyl are causing Mexican sources of supply to increase the volume of fentanyl they move across the border in order to maintain steady profits. Because the purity of wholesale fentanyl exhibits in the United States typically does not exceed 10 or 15 percent, boosting fentanyl purity remains the most efficient way for these DTOs to maximize the total volume of the drug they traffic. This can present problems for distributors further along the supply chain.

(U//LES) Since mid-2022, the DEA Chicago Division has been reporting on a DTO led by a fentanyl broker based in Culiacán, Sinaloa, Mexico, and linked to the Sinaloa Cartel. This DTO is distributing kilogram quantities of illicit fentanyl, fake oxycodone pills containing fentanyl, and methamphetamine across the United States, with ties to distributors in Chicago; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Omaha, Nebraska; New York City, New York; and Miami, Florida. As of May 2023, the Chicago Division has seized over 100,000 fake oxycodone pills containing fentanyl and 23 kilograms of fentanyl from transactions coordinated by the broker.

(U//LES) On January 25, 2023, the Chicago Division and the Will County, Illinois, Sheriff's Office, arrested four individuals and seized 1.5 kilograms of fentanyl; 20,000 fake oxycodone pills containing fentanyl; and 25 pounds of methamphetamine. On March 1, the Chicago Division acquired one kilogram of fentanyl for \$34,000. On April 11, the Chicago Division seized 3 kilograms of fentanyl from the same DTO.

(U//LES) In these operations, fentanyl was packaged as compressed bricks wrapped in plastic and tape. One of the bricks had an impression of the number 1000 (see Figure 1). Reporting from DEA's Phoenix Division indicates that drug laboratories operated by the Sinaloa Cartel are producing kilograms of fentanyl powder marked with 400, 500, 600, 700, and 1000, as well as



(U) Figure 1: 1.5 Kilogram of 62.1 percent pure fentanyl. SOURCE: DEA.

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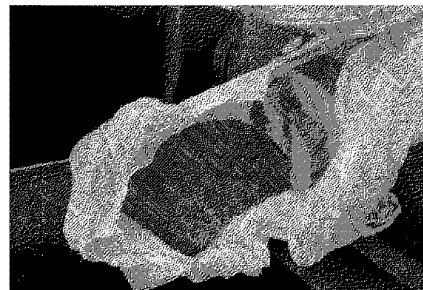
numerous other logos. According to the Phoenix Division, kilogram bricks stamped with 1000 were tested by the DEA Southwest Laboratory and were found to contain approximately 75 percent fentanyl and the bricks stamped with 500 were found to contain approximately 40 percent fentanyl.

(U//LES) The purity of illicit wholesale fentanyl exhibits in the United States rarely exceeds 10 or 15 percent. It is suspected that this may be a carryover from the previous wave of illicit fentanyl distribution that occurred circa 2005 and 2006. That represented the first foray by Mexican DTOs in introducing fentanyl into the heroin marketplace in a number of U.S. cities, including Chicago. At that time, the DTOs informed the heroin distributors in Chicago to increase the dilution rate of the fentanyl kilograms due to the high purity of the drug. They instructed the distributors to cut each kilogram of fentanyl with seven or eight kilograms of diluents. However, the Chicago distributors ignored the instructions and continued their practice of cutting each kilogram with only three or four kilograms of diluents. The resulting street-level purity remained too high, causing numerous drug poisonings and deaths. It is possible that, once they had resumed production of fentanyl in the mid-2010s, the Mexican suppliers simply chose to produce fentanyl kilograms at a lower and steady average purity to avoid mistakes among retail-level distribution operations within the United States.

(U//LES) The high-purity exhibits acquired in this case may represent a possible return to the traditional heroin distribution model observed in Chicago. This model was characterized by the smuggling of high-purity, wholesale quantities of heroin into the United States in order to minimize chances for interdiction and maximize the amount of the drug that would be available at the retail level through dilution. Up until the mid-2010s, the opioid market in Chicago was dominated by heroin that was smuggled into the city from all four source areas (Mexico, South America, Southeast Asia, and Southwest Asia) in large volumes of the drug at very high purities—typically in excess of 75 percent. This heroin was then diluted to an average purity of 15 to 20 percent for street sales.

(U//LES) There are two distinct sales models within the domestic opioid marketplace. The first is the traditional sale of heroin and/or fentanyl in powder form. The second is the sale of illicit fentanyl in the form of fake oxycodone pills. The sale of fentanyl in fake pill form served as a boon to retail distributors because it removed the need for extensive dilution operations—also called “cut houses”—and simplified packaging and hand-to-hand sales.

(U//LES) The production and distribution of high-purity fentanyl presents traffickers with two obstacles to overcome. The first is establishing protocols with domestic distributors to effectively dilute this high-purity fentanyl to a potent but non-lethal average purity. Because fentanyl is so lethal (just 2 milligrams is considered a potentially lethal dose), dilution of a kilogram to create user-level dosage units of uniform potency is extremely difficult. Of note, in this case, no instructions were provided by the trafficker on how to process the fentanyl for retail distribution. The second is the need to produce fake pills from this retail-level powder to satisfy the demand by a large segment of the opioid-using market for pills.



(U) Figure 2: 1 kilogram of 79 percent pure fentanyl.
SOURCE: DEA.

(U//LES) Overcoming these two obstacles would require the development of improved quality control among distribution groups, in addition to the establishment of large-scale, high-volume pill press operations. However, pill press operations present additional vulnerabilities to the distributors, likely meaning this strategy would create additional risk of detection, targeting, and arrest by law enforcement for the individuals involved. For example, pill presses are inherently noisy machines, making them unsuited to clandestine illegal activity in urban areas without significant risk of detection. It is possible that, should seizures of large volumes of fentanyl-laced pills continue and distributors determine these vulnerabilities to be too costly, U.S.-based traffickers could decide to eliminate the pill production process altogether and fall back on the traditional retail level powdered heroin/fentanyl sales scenario while still selling fake fentanyl-laced pills pressed and trafficked by the Mexican cartels.

(U//LES) This recent development underscores the importance for investigators to remain cautious when handling evidence that is believed to be fentanyl, as well as vigilant for evidence of large-scale cut houses and/or pill press operations.

(U//LES) Source: DEA (JUN 2023) Record-high Purity an Ominous New Development in Fentanyl Trafficking.

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INTERNATIONAL



Van used in attack

Knife and Van Attack Kills Three in UK

A 31-year-old man, originally from West Africa, has been arrested after three people died and another three were injured following a series of attacks in Nottingham, UK early on Tuesday morning, BBC reports. The suspect is believed to have stabbed two teenagers to death, killed a man while carjacking his van, and then ran over three more people, injuring them. Police said they are still questioning the man, seeking a motive, but that he did not have a criminal record but does have a history of mental health issues. Also this week, at least 13 people were shot, stabbed, or hit by cars at an early Sunday morning gathering of hundreds of people in Syracuse, NY. Police said the gathering was a pop up party promoted on social media.

Analyst Assessment Several things can be learned about an edged weapon by looking at the wound. However, due to skin elasticity and the angle of entrance, determining the depth of penetration is not among them. For viable victims and without disturbing a crime scene, responders should if possible, make note of type and size of edged weapons used and pass the information on to hospital personnel responsible for patient care. Source; Watchline@fdny.nyc.gov

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Wash. officer tackles armed teen at high school graduation ceremony

<https://www.police1.com/police-heroes/articles/wash-officer-tackles-armed-teen-at-high-school-graduation-ceremony-WqYTe8M1WdN29pvm/>

Kentucky police officer shot with rifle while in vehicle, flown to hospital: report

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/kentucky-police-officer-shot-rifle-while-vehicle-flown-hospital-report>

Mich. officer attacked at gas station while on his way to work

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How AI is revolutionizing how governments conduct surveillance

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Police monitoring online far-right threats and pro-Trump protests with federal indictment: 'This is war'

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-protests-in-miami-arraignment-b2356365.html>

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Following the Death Unabomber Ted Kaczynski, Whose Anti-Tech Ideology Is Popular With Extremists Worldwide, Supporters Vow To Continue To Follow And Promote His Legacy

<https://www.memri.org/dttm/following-death-unabomber-ted-kaczynski-whose-anti-tech-ideology-popular-extremists-worldwide>

U.S. Army Soldier Pleads Guilty to Terrorism Charges for Attempting to Help [Islamic State Group (ISG)] Conduct Deadly Ambush on U.S. Troops

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/us-army-soldier-pleads-guilty-terrorism-charges-attempting-help-isis-conduct-deadly-ambush-us>

PERSPECTIVE: The Rising Incel Terrorism Threat and the Broader Problem of Misogynistic Violence

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Crime surging? Here's how technology can help

https://www.police1.com/investigations/articles/crime-surging-heres-how-technology-can-help-nv28mflnrK1o7i46/?utm_source=Police1&utm_campaign=4d126e502c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_06_15_03_55&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5584e6920b-ec39e5bd65-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D

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