

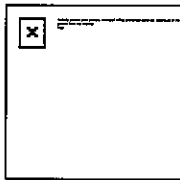
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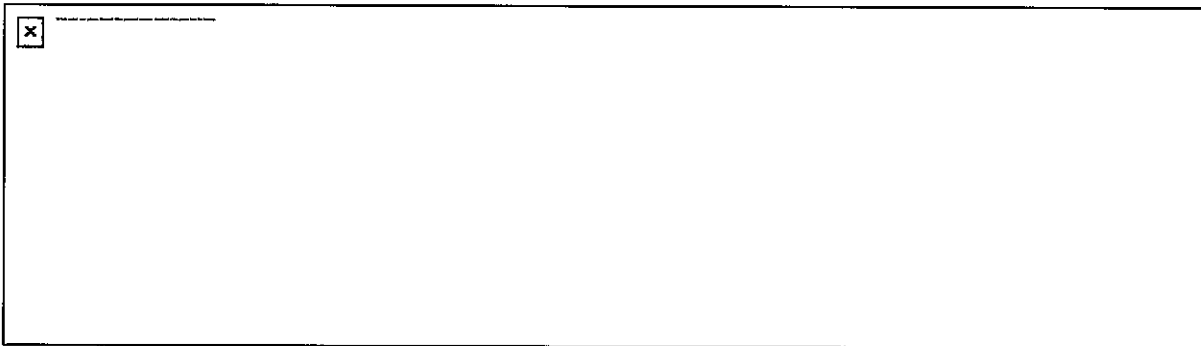
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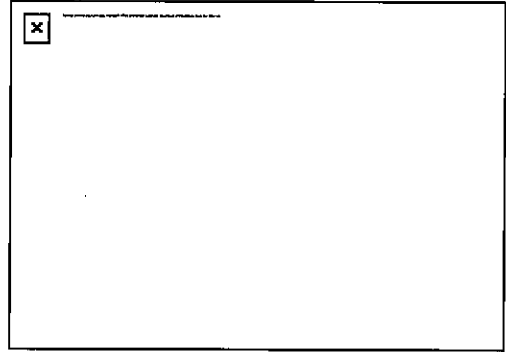


Stay informed on disinformation and rumors, including those related to COVID-19

Foreign Terrorist Groups Direct Operatives to Attack US

Foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs) maintain the ability to train operatives to plot external operations in the United States while supporters and affiliates focus on regional conflicts. Since 2019, three FTOs have instructed and supported a foreign national to engage in preoperational planning to conduct an attack in the

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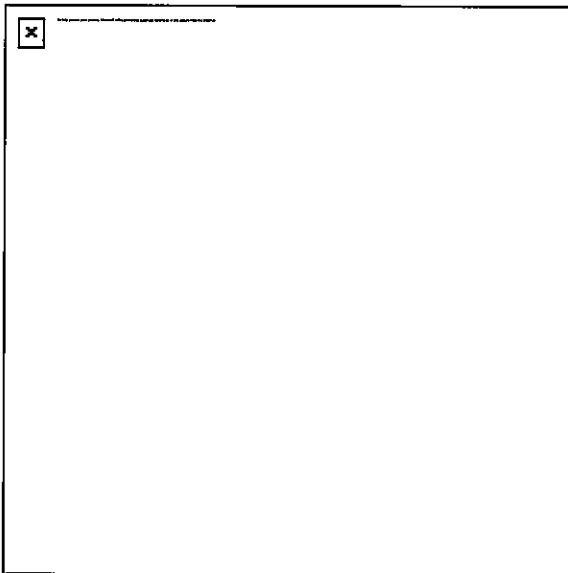
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New and Noteworthy: Man With Far-Right History Accused of Planting Hoax Bomb at New York Mall

A Massachusetts man who reportedly espoused right-wing conspiracy theories is charged in the planting of a hoax explosive that resulted in the evacuation of a Queens, New York, mall. Louis Shenker, 22, turned himself in to police on January 5 and faces counts of placing a false bomb and criminal possession of stolen property. Shenker is accused of abandoning a Tesla vehicle containing a makeshift item of wires connected to an aerosol can on a ramp leading to the parking garage of the Queens Place Mall. The mall was evacuated as authorities investigated the vehicle, finding the fake bomb and a Black Lives Matter sign possibly left there to discredit the movement or cause a diversion. Police also rescued a dog trapped inside the vehicle, leading to an additional charge against Shenker of abandonment of a disabled animal. Online accounts and activity allegedly tied to Shenker contain far-right sentiments and conspiracy theories about the coronavirus and the election. He was previously arrested in December on arson and criminal mischief charges. Authorities are looking into the



*A fake bomb was found
inside a vehicle at a mall in
Queens, New York.*

possible involvement of a second suspect who may have stolen the vehicle used in the incident and transported it to New York.

Additional Resources

[Infrastructure Protection Resource Sheet: Retail Facilities – Shopping Centers and Malls](#)

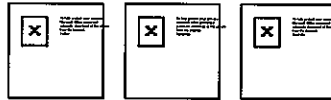
[2020-2021 Supplemental Threat Assessment](#) | [CISA: What to Do – Bomb Threat](#)

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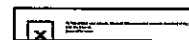


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Lunch is on me for the first person who correctly guesses how many emails I'll send by the close of business on Friday. In the meantime, please find attached for your review, the full text of Governor Murphy's State of the State address that he delivered earlier today. Have a great rest of the day and good luck with your guesses.

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FULL TEXT OF GOV. PHIL MURPHY'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

My fellow New Jerseyans.

I don't need to tell you these are different times. So, this is a different kind of speech.

Instead of delivering this address in a crowded state house, I'm standing in an empty theater.

Yet for all the changes, the most important things remain constant. Our values. Our priorities. Our vision. And that we are all New Jerseyans.

The stories we just heard have echoed across our state for the better part of the past year. They are stories that show our grit and reveal our heart. They echo the pain of 2020 and they preview the hope of 2021.

They are tied with a common thread — that we are all in this together.

Most of all, these New Jerseyans reflect the state of our state. Although wounded deeply, we enter 2021 tougher than ever, wiser than before, and ready to move forward together.

We have lived this truth together — that New Jersey was one of the first and hardest-hit states. That our communities of color have been disproportionately impacted. And that we are currently battling a second wave which is just as brutal as the first.

Every single day, as we have for nearly a year, we face this challenge head-on.

Every single day we wrestle with the tough, yet necessary, decisions, and we know there are more to come — the right decisions for the long-term public health and vitality of our families.

We weigh every pro and con to ensure that every decision is not only effective, but equitable.

And in typical jersey style, we are leveling with each other and making sure that no one is left behind. We are facing this pandemic not with a dismissive wave or partisan pandering, but with a full-scale counterattack.

We are making the fight against COVID-19 one that engages every New Jerseyan.

Three years ago, I took office with a pledge to rebuild New Jersey from the middle out and from the bottom up — to change the way Trenton works not simply for the sake of change but for the sake of people — to put working and middle-class families first.

That mission is now even more urgent.

Over these three years, we have laid a foundation to support a stronger and fairer New Jersey that works for every family.

These were the right things to do before the pandemic, and they turned out to be some of the best decisions to get us through the pandemic ...

Raising the minimum wage, passing earned sick leave, and expanding paid family and medical leave ...

Making those at the very top pay their fair share with a millionaire's tax, while, at the same time, cutting taxes for working families — with either a larger earned income tax credit or a direct rebate, or both ...

Protecting health care from attacks from Washington and reducing premiums for hundreds of thousands of New Jerseyans ...

Expanding pre-k education, making record investments in public education — while also stabilizing property taxes — making community college tuition-free for thousands of New Jerseyans, and expanding job training programs.

These are real accomplishments that helped people across our state.

We made these strides by working with the people of New Jersey and with my partners in the legislature — especially Senate President Steve Sweeney and Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, and colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

Together, we will continue moving forward, grounded in our shared everyday reality yet propelled by our optimism about tomorrow.

We all sense the promise that comes from the arrival of approved, safe, and effective COVID-19 vaccines.

Through the tremendous work of Health Commissioner Judy Persichilli and her team of medical and scientific experts, and despite many obstacles, we have in place a plan to vaccinate every willing New Jersey adult resident — and hundreds of thousands have already rolled up their sleeves.

Six vaccine mega-sites are opening across the state, and vaccinations will be available in hundreds more places statewide. We have already streamlined the vaccination process to enhance efficiency and ensure that if you choose to receive your first vaccine dose, you'll get the proper follow-up shot.

I hope you'll take a moment to visit COVID19.nj.gov/vaccine to learn about the safety and effectiveness of the vaccines available to us. And, you can pre-register for your own vaccination.

And, as our statewide vaccination program continues to grow, we will begin to see the light on the horizon get a little brighter.

Be assured, we will get back to being able to gather and celebrate with our families and friends. We will be able to see all our children back in the schools they love. We will see our economy recover and flourish.

You've heard me say that public health creates economic health. Our commitment to this ideal is unwavering.

The pandemic has slammed small businesses across America, so, our economic focus has been squarely where it should be — on helping our hard-hit small businesses and encouraging new ones to grow.

We have been consistent in our decisions, and have protected businesses — especially restaurants — from the revolving door of openings and closings that have occurred across America.

Through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, nearly 55,000 small businesses — by the way, many of them owned by women, people of color, and veterans — have received a truly lifesaving grant or a loan, and some of our nascent startups have received guarantees for vital new capital.

These proactive steps have allowed businesses to keep employees on the payroll and to pay their bills. Their determination, creativity, and plain old hard work — and that of the people who work with them — has been extraordinary and inspiring.

Our small business community is the backbone not only of our local economies, but of our state's economy. These are the shops and restaurants that turn a town into a community.

This is why I am so excited about the prospects for the new business and job-creating recovery plan I signed five days ago — a package which I was proud to work on alongside numerous lawmakers, progressive advocates, private sector leaders, union leaders, tech entrepreneurs, and small business owners.

Long before I became Governor, I called for sweeping and fundamental reforms to our incentives system. The old ways worked for too few and left too many behind.

So we set out to create a new system that is transparent and fair, which focuses not on huge corporations, but on job-creating small businesses and innovative startups.

A system that, most of all, promotes good-paying, future-focused jobs. A system that has sensible caps in spending and an inspector general to safeguard every penny of taxpayer money.

We set out to lift up the New Jersey-based innovative companies of tomorrow through a venture fund encouraging public-private investments. There is no other fund like this in America.

We set out to turn brownfields and other long-neglected areas into new, walkable, and inviting communities.

We set out to ensure workforce and affordable housing options, and to eliminate food deserts.

We set out to create the state's first historic preservation tax credit, so our future can be built by repurposing the buildings that made us an economic power in the first place.

And we set out to ensure our incentives come with strong protections for our union workers.

Everything I just mentioned — everything we initially set out to do — is now reflected in our groundbreaking new incentives program.

This is what change looks like. This is what putting people ahead of the powerful looks like. This is what focusing on Main Street looks like. This is what protecting today and planning for tomorrow looks like.

The current economic emergency is something we haven't faced since the great depression, 90 years ago, and the old ways of doing business weren't going to build us back stronger or more resilient.

New Jersey now has a new model that sets the standard for inclusive and statewide economic growth and job creation — growth powered by women, minority, and veteran-owned small businesses, by innovative entrepreneurs, and by those whose vision for the future preserves our history.

And, as New Jersey starts getting back to work, commuters will find that NJ Transit is safer and more accountable.

We proved the naysayers wrong by beating the deadline for federally mandated train-safety technology — completing eleven years' worth of work in less than three.

As a new portal bridge rises along the Northeast Corridor, they'll see our efforts to eliminate one of its most-frustrating choke points. This new commuter-rail bridge will not only improve the commutes for hundreds of thousands of New Jerseyans, but it will also stimulate local economies and provide thousands of new union jobs.

Commuters will also see our efforts in the hiring and training of multiple classes of the new rail engineers we need to ensure on-time operations. We inherited a system with depleted ranks and, to date, we have added 94 new engineers with another 82 in training.

And, when President-elect Joe Biden takes office next week, we're going to begin working alongside him and his team to see the full gateway program fulfilled — including the new tunnels under the Hudson River.

We are leaving for the next generation a rail system wholly different than the one we inherited. We are making historic investments in our roads and bridges. We are reimagining our airports and seaports.

Put together, we are embarking on the largest infrastructure investment program in the history of our state. These transformative investments will reap tremendous returns for our economy, create good-paying New Jersey jobs, and attract new and innovative companies to the state that want a world-class infrastructure system.

And to ensure these infrastructure investments live up to their promises, we're demanding new levels of transparency and accountability.

This commitment to transparency and honesty must be a standard we set across the whole of government. Just as we can't go back to economic policies that put the wealthy and the well-connected first, we can't lean on the broken politics that puts special interests first.

Last year, I was proud to propose the first comprehensive set of ethics reforms in a decade, with bipartisan support, and I remain committed to them. New Jerseyans need to know — not just believe — that their government has their backs.

With all the turmoil in Washington, let's set New Jersey as an example for moving forward.

This is how our future will be powered — by bold ideas, real oversight, and a commitment to the task ahead.

It will also be powered by clean energy, using our natural resources and talent pool to reach our goal of a 100 percent clean energy economy by 2050.

Just this year, we cemented our place as the country's leader in offshore wind, announcing in South Jersey both the New Jersey wind port and a new manufacturing facility at the Paulsboro

Marine Terminal. These key first investments in offshore wind manufacturing will bring up to 2,000 good-paying union jobs to our state, along with hundreds of millions of dollars in new investments, and make us the nation's offshore wind-energy leader.

The clean energy economy is a once-in-a-generation opportunity. So, we're bringing together stakeholders to assess our needs and develop a robust and equitable green jobs workforce development strategy.

Our strategy will ensure that these new jobs are developed and designed equitably — centering labor unions, environmental justice advocates, people of color, and women, so that our green economy is as diverse and dynamic as New Jersey.

And as the first state in the nation to incorporate climate change throughout our k-12 education standards, we're laying the groundwork for tomorrow's workforce.

Now, just as public health creates economic health, an inclusive and equitable economy must mean healthier families and safer communities.

Perhaps one of the best examples of this principle at work is our effort to make our overall healthcare system more transparent, more accessible, and more affordable.

We ended the drama of unexpected costs by prohibiting surprise medical bills.

We created the Office of Health Care Affordability and Transparency to empower consumers.

In the midst of the pandemic, we are making sure people are not saddled with unfair expenses for COVID tests, and that they have access to their provider via telemedicine.

We are putting government to work to keep costs in check.

And because we took the initiative to open our new, state-run health care exchange, right now, hundreds of thousands of New Jerseyans are purchasing health care at premiums cheaper than when the affordable care act first came online in 2014.

After years of willful neglect, we are funding women's health care and family-planning services — and, no matter what happens in Washington, we are working to protect a woman's full reproductive rights as a matter of state law.

At the same time, we also haven't lost sight of the maternal and infant health crisis that threatened the lives of our mothers and babies — especially mothers and babies of color — long before the COVID-19 pandemic.

No mother should ever endure the pain of losing her baby and no child should ever feel the deep loss of growing up without a mother. From day one, this belief has driven the First Lady, our administration, and countless stakeholders, to implement immediate solutions.

We are determined to make New Jersey the safest place in the nation to deliver and raise a baby.

And as we're fighting the coronavirus pandemic, we're keeping our focus on fighting the opioid epidemic.

We are working to improve our healthcare system because we know that a healthier New Jersey is a stronger New Jersey.

And a stronger New Jersey is one that ensures and protects justice for all. A fairer New Jersey recognizes the powerful truth of the words Black Lives Matter. We are attacking and ripping up the root causes of centuries of systemic racism.

Given the national moment, we can — and must — choose to make our state a model for moving forward. There is no more important step than reforming the way our communities and law enforcement work together. That is why we are implementing the first broad-scale reforms to our state's use-of-force policy in a generation.

We're making our justice system more transparent and fair not just for our sake, but to make New Jersey a national model for positive transformation in policing and ending racial inequities.

I also remain committed to eliminating mandatory minimum sentences for nonviolent drug and property crimes — these reforms are long-overdue. As the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. noted, "Justice delayed is justice denied." We must get this done.

Together, with the Legislature, we are on the verge of passing an innovative and groundbreaking set of laws to reform our historically unjust approach to marijuana and cannabis.

Two months ago, you voted overwhelmingly to legalize adult-use marijuana, and begin the process of ending the racial imbalance that disproportionately penalizes black and brown people arrested for marijuana offenses. We're setting up a cannabis industry that will promote the growth of new small businesses, many of which will be owned by women, minorities, and veterans.

This hasn't been an easy fight, nor has it happened as quickly as I would have liked, but we are in a better place, a smarter place, and a more just place than ever before.

We will continue to strengthen New Jersey's position as the best place in America to raise a family and, to do this, we are building a future where housing is more affordable and accessible for everyone.

As the pandemic literally hit people where they live, we instituted strong prohibitions against evictions and utility cutoffs to protect our families. We provided rental assistance to nearly 20,000 individuals and families facing immediate challenges. And I once again urge the Legislature to send to my desk legislation to give impacted renters up to 30 months to make up for back rent.

We worked with our mortgage lenders to provide sensible and fair forbearance programs for homeowners struggling under the weight of COVID's economic uncertainties. And we will continue to provide assistance to those who face eviction or foreclosure, and support for those who can't make rent or mortgage payments due to COVID.

Yet many of our fellow residents were struggling before COVID, and will continue to struggle without our help.

Through the work of Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver, we are taking much-needed steps to expand opportunities for safe and affordable housing. This means making more down payment assistance available to would-be homebuyers, building more affordable housing units, and battling homelessness.

In a time when rights are being rolled back and progress threatened, we're putting the country on notice with the nation's strongest laws for environmental justice, for combatting senseless gun violence, for upholding the rights and dignity of our LGBTQ+ community, and for welcoming our immigrant communities into our inclusive and diverse family.

And we are ensuring these broad and diverse voices are heard and honored.

Across the nation, we have seen multiple attempts by some to diminish our democratic institutions, to try to turn baseless conspiracy theories into the basis for court challenges, and to silence the voices and throw-out the votes of many Americans.

We were all shocked to witness a mob, incited and supported by politicians at the highest levels of government, shamefully try to invalidate the votes of 158 million Americans through insurrection.

The way to combat this contagion in our democracy is to further strengthen that democracy. One way to fight back is to do what I was sent here to do — give more power back to the people by expanding democracy. We know that our democracy works best when more people — not fewer — are given access to the ballot box. And through our efforts — and those of local and county officials and election workers — more New Jerseyans cast a ballot in 2020 than in any other year in our state's long history.

Now, it's time to take the next step, and I am already working with the legislature to enact a true, in-person early voting law, among other measures, to further open up our democracy. Regardless of your party affiliation, your vote is your voice and this country is better off when more of us are heard.

These are all important for our shared future, but perhaps nothing will have the long-term impact as upholding New Jersey's reputation for having the best public schools in America.

We know we have room to do better, and to bring more schools, more students, and more communities, under that banner.

Just as the pandemic has been a stress-test on the fabric of our state, nowhere is this more true than within our schools. It has put an enormous strain on students, on parents, and on educators and school leaders. None of this has been easy. I say that as your Governor and as a parent. And, I also say, thank you for all you are doing.

The digital divide was real long before COVID hit our state. But it became even clearer as the pandemic took hold. In 2021, no child should be denied access to all the educational opportunities of the online world.

An estimated 230,000-plus students — almost entirely from disadvantaged households — lacked either the laptops or internet accessibility, or both, for remote learning. So we got to work closing that digital divide, and, today, 95 percent of those students have the tools they need, and we're close to getting the outstanding gap to zero.

I wish I could tell you that no child is falling behind in this disruptive year. But I can't. That is why our focus must turn to ensuring our students have the academic and social-emotional support needed as they rebound from the stresses of the pandemic. We have already begun to direct funding to school districts that need the most help in getting students back on track.

So please know this: We are the number one state for public education precisely because of our strong support for attending to the educational, social, and emotional needs of our entire education community. We won't let our students or our educators down now.

That effort matters today, and it will pay further dividends as we move forward to close the remaining educational gaps among our students, such as by protecting school funding and expanding access to pre-K — one of the smartest investments we can make.

Since we took office, working with senate President Steve Sweeney and Speaker Craig Coughlin, we have added more than \$750 million in direct classroom funding — and we protected this investment despite the pandemic's fiscal impacts.

This has been good news for our educational communities and our property taxpayers.

As we've noted before, the pandemic further exposed every existing fault line in our society. And, nowhere has that been more clear than in the balancing act between work and family.

As COVID-19 raged, we made child care more affordable for countless families — especially our essential workers who faced the impossible task of serving their community in a time of crisis while caring for their children.

But, in truth, this wasn't a new problem. Working families needed help in covering the costs of child care before the pandemic, and they will continue to need support after. Let's be very clear, even in 2021, these burdens too often fall on women.

When schools and work are both remote, it is women who bear the uneven load of providing child care, continuing to perform in the workplace, and managing immeasurable other demands, both seen and unseen.

I see this tug of war again and again — mothers struggling to be fully present at work and as parents. This is one fundamental reason why we created our state's child and dependent-care tax credit three years ago.

We cannot afford to miss out on the contributions of half our population. Harnessing the full economic power of all of our people requires providing real affordable options for child care that work for all families.

We remain committed to easing the burden of working parents, especially moms, and creating an even more robust child-care support system.

With more New Jerseyans facing food insecurity because of the pandemic's impacts, we doubled-down on our commitment to the food banks helping families to put food on their tables.

And we continued our commitment to put a college education within reach of all who want it and have made a community-college education tuition-free for students from families with incomes under \$65,000.

There are good options for further education and training beyond traditional college; and we continue creating exciting public-private partnerships to train more people for the jobs of the future — with a particular emphasis on good-paying union jobs.

At every point in this difficult year — the grace, ingenuity, and compassion shown by so many have brightened some dark days.

That is the light as we begin this new year — better days are coming.

In 2020, the pandemic touched every corner of our lives and challenged every state.

Some chose to deny COVID. We chose to fight it. We told the hard truths, made the hard choices, and never played partisan politics with people's lives.

Yet some in New Jersey are suggesting the same old failed policies of decades past. They forget that, after the last economic downturn, the prior administration cut taxes for millionaires, cut vital programs, left middle and working-class residents behind, and, as a result, we had the slowest recovery of any state in the nation.

Our long-standing inequities have never been felt more sharply than during the past ten months.

To blunt them, we must accept the fact that we can't grow and strengthen the middle class by pulling the rug out from under it — and that we can't cut and slash our way to growth and opportunity.

We're proving that the best way to beat COVID is by leaning in to smart investments and forward-looking, principled ideas. There is no excuse for doing less or leaving more behind.

Everything, together, shows the promise of the new, post-COVID day that is just beginning to dawn. It's a day we will enter not fearing what's next, but knowing where we're heading.

And that direction is forward.

Twelve days ago, we welcomed a new year. But while the calendar has changed, our mission has not.

When I first asked for the privilege to serve as your Governor, I pledged to do what was right not for my next election, but for the next generation.

And that is how we have governed. We are who we said we'd be. We stand with New Jersey's hardworking middle-class families and everyone working to get there.

We haven't sugar-coated our problems and we haven't followed the old Trenton playbook of kicking them down the road for someone else to deal with.

A year ago, we had no idea of what 2020 would throw at us. As the poet Langston Hughes wrote — and I quote — “a dream deferred is a dream denied.” And for so many, 2020 was a year of deferred dreams.

But we stuck together, even in the darkest of days, as the New Jersey family we are.

Out of shared pain we forged shared purpose.

Because of all we did together, here in New Jersey, 2021 can be the year where dreams are once again possible, and the wind is at our back.

So, when we emerge from the darkness of the pandemic, together, we will be stronger, fairer, and more resilient than before, and we will be prepared to move forward as one state and one family.

After all, this is New Jersey. No state has our character. Our backbone. Our attitude. Our fight.

We've always fought because we've always been the underdog. We've been counted out over and over again. But we've never been bowed, and we've never, ever failed.

May God bless you and your family with a healthy new year.

And may God continue to bless the great State of New Jersey and the United States of America.

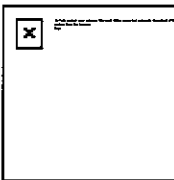
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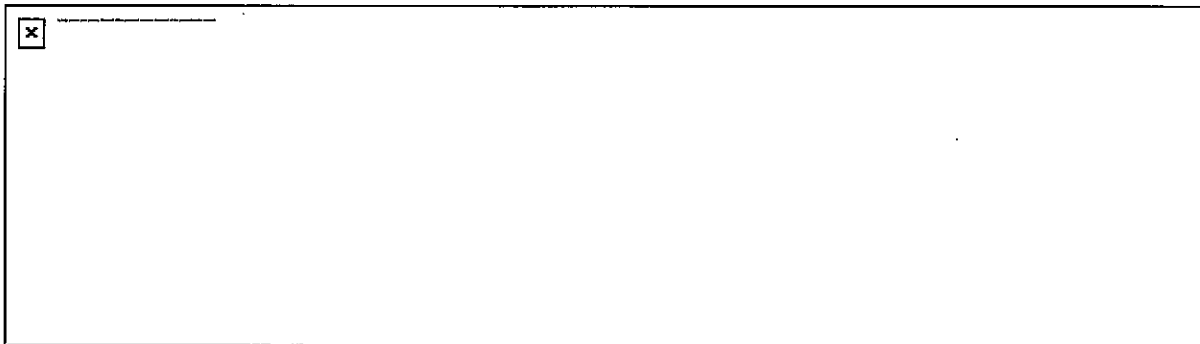
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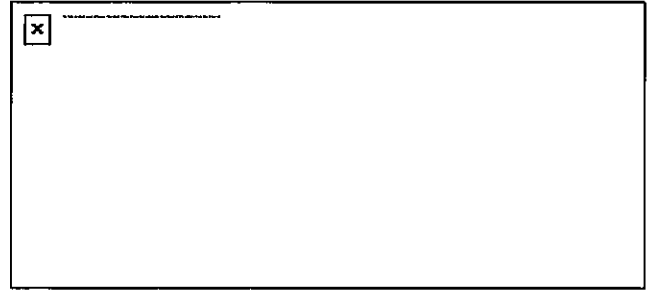
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Financial Preparedness in Case of Emergency

Rebuilding following a disaster can be challenging and strenuous. To recover quickly, it is important to have access to financial, insurance, medical, and other personal records. Ready.gov provides tips to stay financially prepared. These recommendations include:



- Consider saving money in an emergency savings account for use in any crisis. Keep a small amount of cash at home in a safe place. It is important to have small bills on hand in the event ATMs and credit card machines are unavailable when you need to purchase necessary supplies, fuel, or food.
- Obtain property (homeowners or renters), health, and life insurance if you do not already have them. Not all insurance policies are the same. Review your policy to make sure the amount and types of coverage you have meet the requirements for all possible hazards. Homeowners insurance does not typically cover flooding, so you may need to purchase flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program.

Download the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit for more financial preparedness tips

Additional Resources

#IntelUnclass Podcast: Preparing for the Unknown – The Public and Private Perspective
NJOEM Public Assistance Program | FEMA: Safeguard Critical Documents and Valuables

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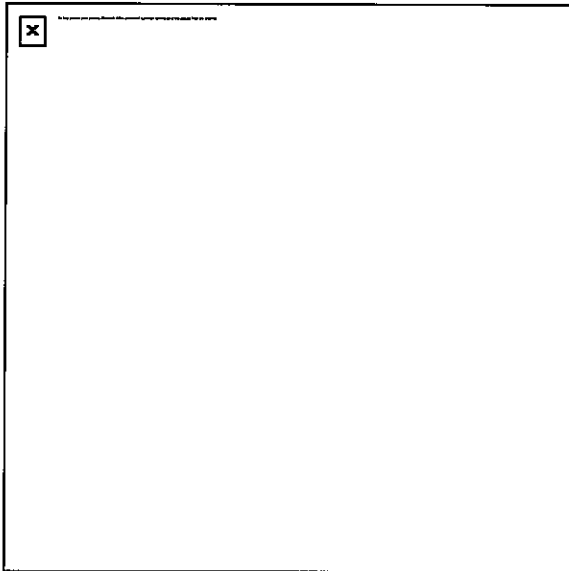
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How a Dystopian Neo-Nazi Novel Helped
Fuel Decades of White Supremacist

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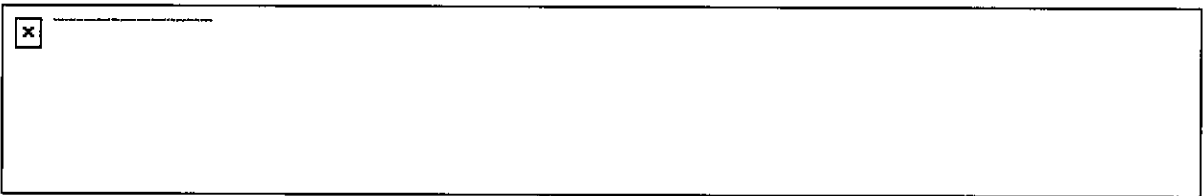


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3D-Printed Gun Laws: Girding for the
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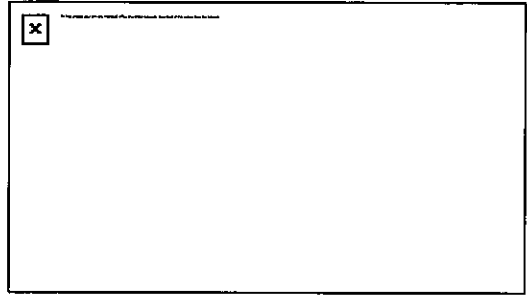
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New and Noteworthy: Federal Officials Warn of Heightened Threat From Domestic Extremists

Some anti-government and militia extremists opposed to the Presidential transition may continue to incite or commit violence, according to a National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin released by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on January 27. The bulletin warns of a heightened threat environment across the United States that



Rioters pushed through police barricades at the US Capitol in Washington, DC, on January 6.

could persist even after the inauguration of President Joe Biden. DHS officials believe COVID-19 restrictions, election results, police use of force, and racial and ethnic tensions will remain drivers for violence in 2021. The US Capitol riot on January 6 may have also emboldened some violent domestic extremists to target elected officials and government institutions, the bulletin noted. DHS also advises that homegrown violent extremists inspired by foreign terrorist groups remain a threat as well after committing three attacks targeting government officials in 2020. Law enforcement is encouraged to take precautions to protect people and infrastructure, stating that threats of violence against critical infrastructure—including electric, telecommunications, and healthcare—increased in 2020 due to misinformation and conspiracy theories.

NJOHSP reminds the public to report suspicious activity to local authorities or the Counterterrorism Watch Desk at 1-866-4-SAFE-NJ or tips@njohsp.gov

Additional Resources

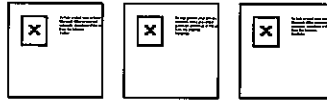
[2020-2021 Supplemental Threat Assessment](#) | [2020 Terrorism Threat Assessment](#)
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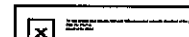
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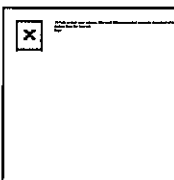
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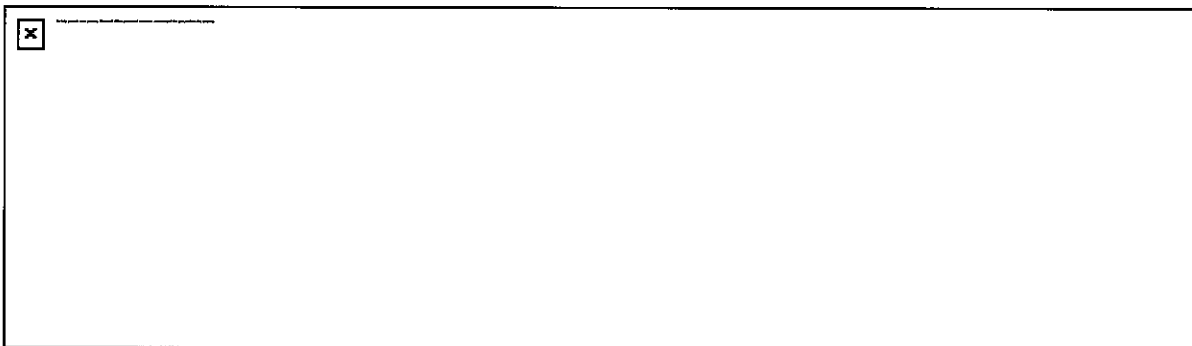
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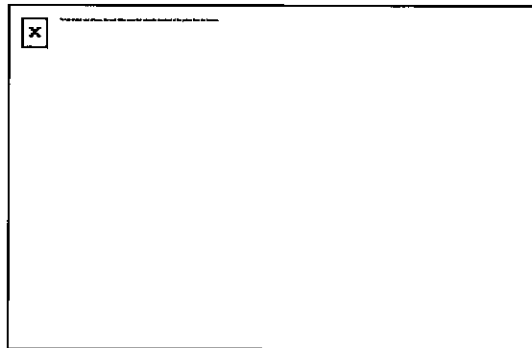
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COVID-19 Vaccination Myths Circulating Online

Various actors, including state and non-state entities, are leveraging pandemic fears and knowledge gaps to spread disinformation and sow discord within the United States, especially as it relates to the COVID-19 vaccine. Disinformation has the potential to expend unneeded resources, incite panic, create distrust between the government and people, increase polarization in groups, influence governmental actions or law enforcement responses, or cause undue harm, among other concerns.

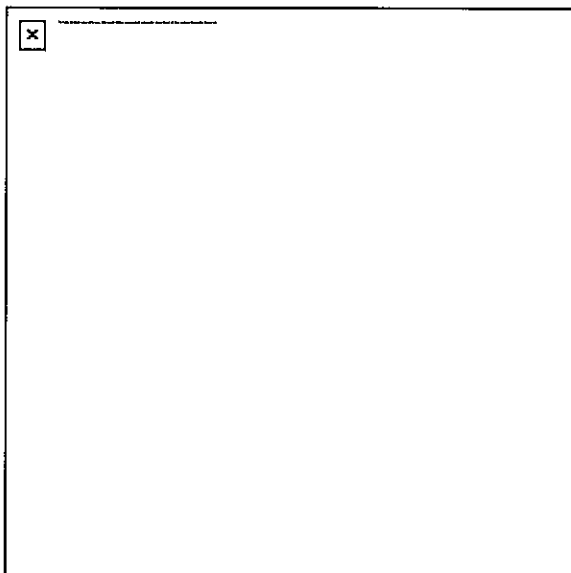


Learn more about myths regarding the COVID-19 vaccine

Additional Resources

[COVID-19 Rumor Control and Disinformation](#) | [CDC: COVID-19 Vaccine Myths and Facts](#)

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Analyst Reads

[IntelBrief: How Was the Capitol
Insurrection Viewed by Far-Right](#)

[Extremists Globally?](#)

via The Soufan Center

[Conspiracy Theories, Radicalisation and](#)

[Digital Media](#)

via GNET

[2020 Trends in Terrorism: From ISIS](#)

[Fragmentation to Lone-Actor Attacks](#)

via United States Institute of Peace

Alice in Cyberspace

Alice in Cyberspace is a semiannual event that aims to inspire women to join the cybersecurity field and provide insight on various pathways into this dynamic industry. This year's conference is a virtual event split into two sessions from 12 to 2 p.m. on February 17 and 24. It will feature speakers at various points in their cybersecurity careers, including senior leadership, midlevel professionals, and aspiring professionals. Registration is open, and space is limited.

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New and Noteworthy: Hacker Attempts to Poison Drinking Water After Breaching System in Florida

Authorities are investigating a cyber intrusion at a water treatment facility where a hacker attempted to poison the water supply of a Florida city with about 15,000 residents. A supervisor at the plant in Oldsmar, about 15 miles northwest of Tampa, discovered computer system breaches at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on February 5. The initial incident was brief and

did not cause concern. The latter event saw the hacker use a remote access program to increase the amount of sodium hydroxide in the water 100 times the normal level. Sodium hydroxide, also called lye, treats water acidity; however, the compound is found in cleaning supplies, and large amounts can cause burns, irritation, or other complications. The levels were promptly corrected, and the remote software intended for use by authorized personnel at different



A water tank at the water treatment plant in Oldsmar, Florida.

locations was disabled. Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri said the public was never in danger. The FBI and US Secret Service are assisting with the investigation.

Additional Resources

[Cybersecurity Best Practices | Israeli Water Systems Targeted Again in Recent Cyber Attacks](#)

[Infrastructure Protection Resource Sheet: Water and Wastewater Facilities](#)

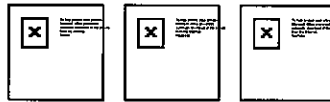
[CISA: Industrial Control Systems – Recommended Practices](#)

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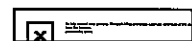


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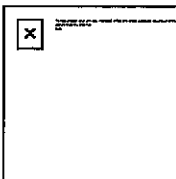
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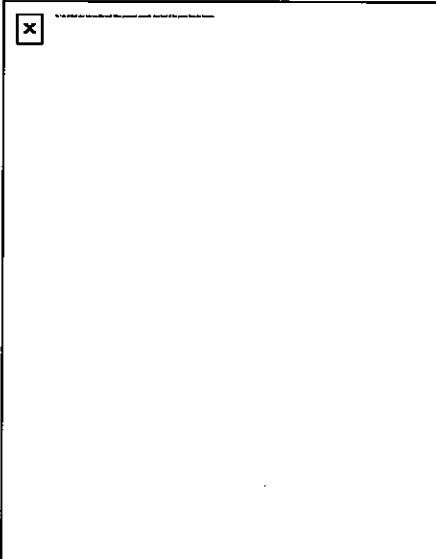
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New Jersey Predictive Threat Analysis



NJOHSP released the New Jersey Predictive Threat Analysis to identify the most likely courses of action for domestic extremists or homegrown violent extremists within New Jersey over the next three years. Specifically, this report assesses the actions or activities an ideologically motivated individual or group will likely engage in and seeks to identify the most likely actions a particular threat actor will carry out based on trends and past behavior.

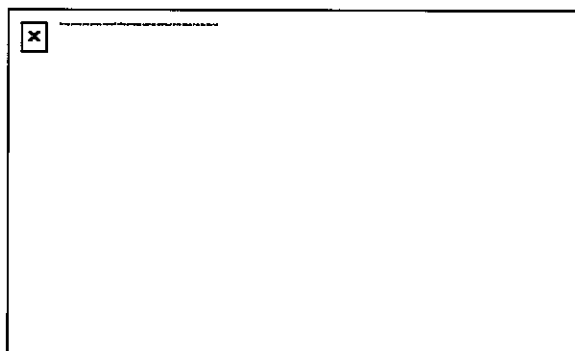
Read NJOHSP's New Jersey Predictive Threat Analysis

Additional Resources

[2020-2021 Supplemental Threat Assessment](#) | [2020 Terrorism Threat Assessment](#)

COVID-19 Phishing Attacks Continue

Threat actors continue to send COVID-19-related messages to deliver malware or steal credentials and other sensitive information. In an attempt to counter these threats, the US Department of Justice recently seized five domains that impersonated biotech companies



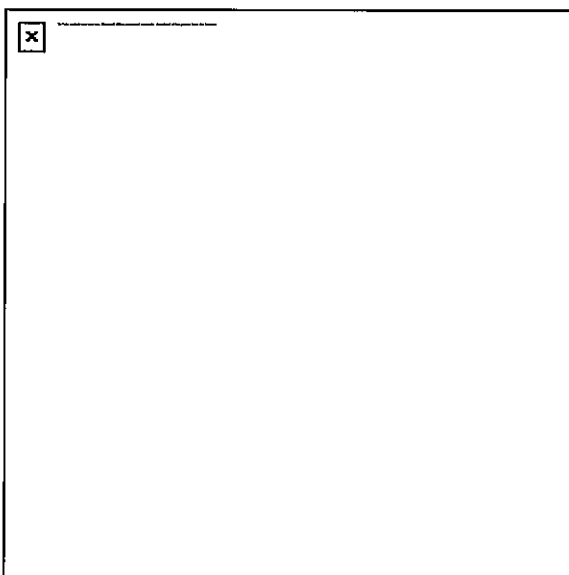
involved in vaccine development. These domains collected personal data on visitors for use in future cyber attacks. Organizations and individuals are advised to remain vigilant and report incidents to the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC).

The NJCCIC's latest Garden State Cyber Threat Highlight details these threats and tactics

Additional Resources

[Spotting a Spoofing](#) | [COVID-19 Cybersecurity Resources](#) | [NJCCIC Membership](#)

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Analyst Reads

[Conspiracy Stand Down: How Extremist Theories Like QAnon Threaten the Military and What to Do About It](#)
via War on the Rocks

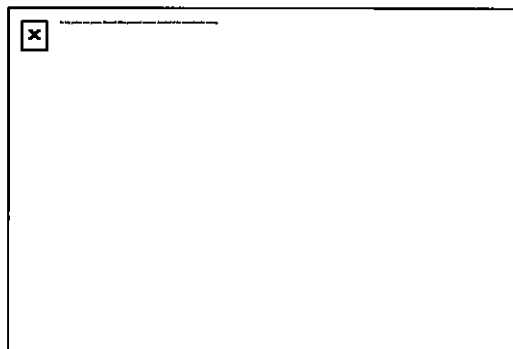
[Cashing in on Guns: Identifying the Nexus Between Small Arms, Light Weapons and Terrorist Financing](#)
via ICCT

[Playing for Hate?](#)
via GNET

New and Noteworthy: Accused Colorado Grocery Store Shooter Faces 10 Counts of First-Degree Murder

The suspect in a mass shooting at a Boulder, Colorado, supermarket on March 22 has been charged with 10 counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted first-degree murder. Ahmad Al Aliwi Alissa, a 21-year-old from nearby Arvada, made his initial court appearance two days after the attack. A judge ordered that he be held without bail and said the next hearing would be no sooner than in

60 days as the defense seeks to assess Alissa's mental health. Prosecutors noted additional charges are likely in the coming weeks. Alissa is accused of opening fire at the King Soopers grocery store beginning at about 2:40 p.m., fatally shooting someone in the parking lot and continuing to shoot after he entered the building. The attack resulted in 10 deaths, including a



Authorities investigate a mass shooting at a King Soopers grocery store in Boulder, Colorado.

51-year-old police officer who was first to arrive at the scene. The other victims ranged in age from 20 to 65. An arrest affidavit detailed that the SWAT team took Alissa into custody and that he had placed articles of clothing, a tactical vest, an AR-15-style firearm, and a semi-automatic handgun on the ground. EMT personnel at the scene also determined he suffered a “through and through” gunshot wound to his right thigh. Investigators learned that Alissa purchased a Ruger AR-556 pistol six days before the attack. Authorities are still trying to determine a motive.

Additional Resources

[Active Shooter Response](#) | [Suspicious Activity Reporting](#)

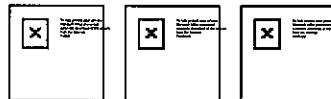
[#IntelUnclass Podcast: Active Shooter Threats – Response, Resources, and Resiliency](#)

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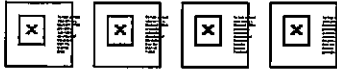


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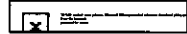
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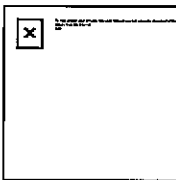
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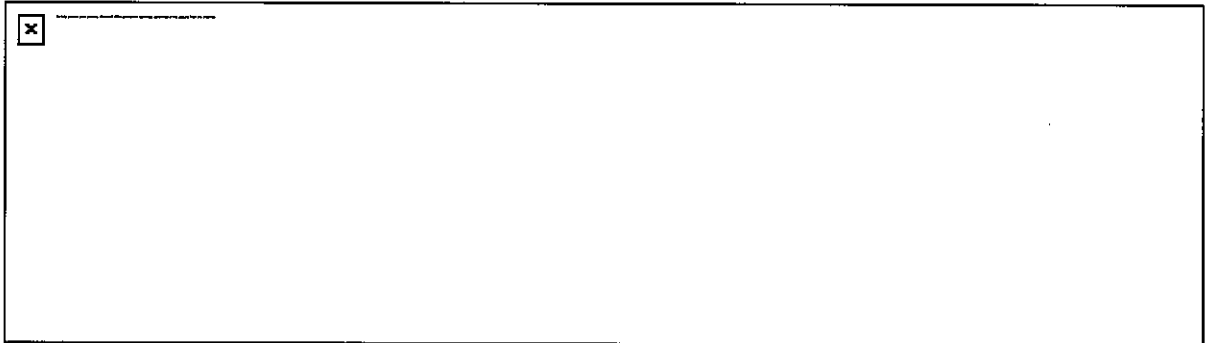
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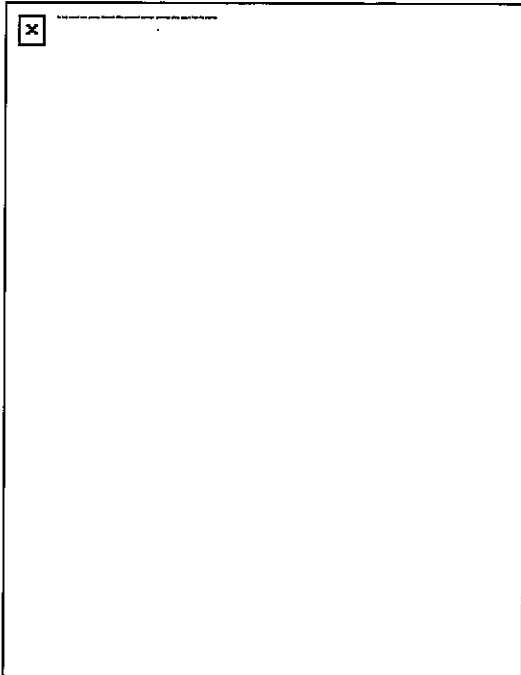
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Changes in Extremist Operations Due to COVID-19



COVID-19 altered the operational landscape of domestic and international violent extremists who viewed the global pandemic as an opportunity for expansion and revival. While attacks and resulting deaths decreased across the globe, violent extremists increased online recruitment activities, spread disinformation and conspiracy theories, and modified strategies for attack. The lifting of COVID-19 restrictions across the United States and elsewhere will likely cause a reemergence of attacks and other violent extremist activity.

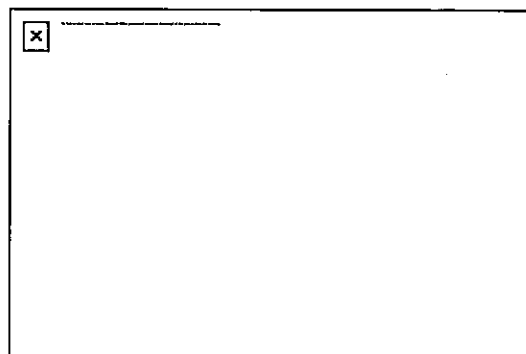
Read NJOHSP's latest Executive Intelligence Brief for more information

Additional Resources

New Jersey Predictive Threat Analysis | Disinformation Fuels Extremist Narratives
2020-2021 Supplemental Threat Assessment

Social Engineering Scams Target Personal Data

The New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC) has observed an increase in the number of incident reports related to email-based phishing and vishing (voice-based phishing). Threat actors often impersonate legitimate entities to obtain sensitive personally identifiable information



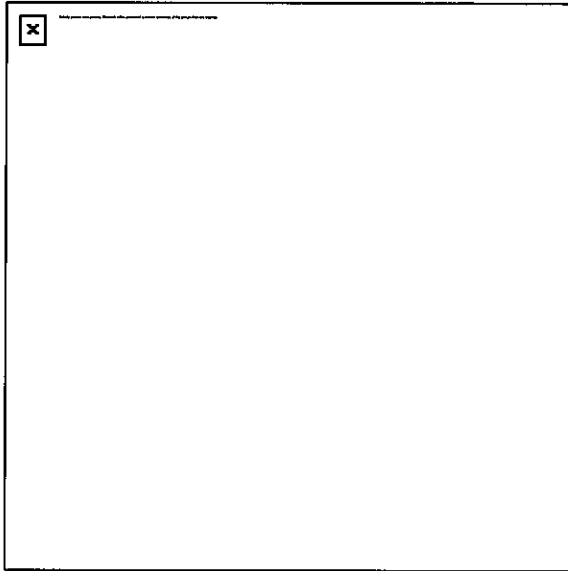
(PII) as part of these campaigns. The stolen data is then used to commit identity theft and unemployment insurance fraud. Users should maintain awareness of the latest social engineering tactics and be able to identify the common red flags associated with them.

The NJCCIC offers more recommendations in its latest Garden State Cyber Threat Highlight

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[Compromised PII: Facilitating Malicious Targeting, Fraudulent Activity](#) | [Report Cyber Incident](#)

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Analyst Reads

[Communication, Military and Medical Technologies: Assets to Protect Against the Designs of Violent Extremists](#)

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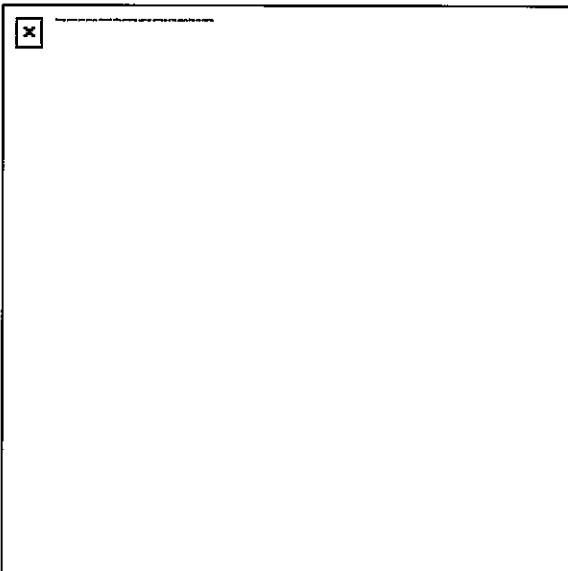
[The Threat Is the Network: The Multi-Node Structure of Neo-Fascist Accelerationism](#)

via Combating Terrorism Center

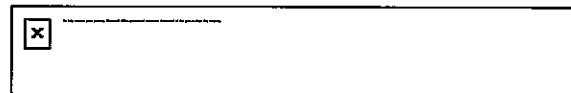
[Online Behaviours – Real World Harms](#)

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Career Opportunities



Application Deadline: June 4 at 4 p.m.

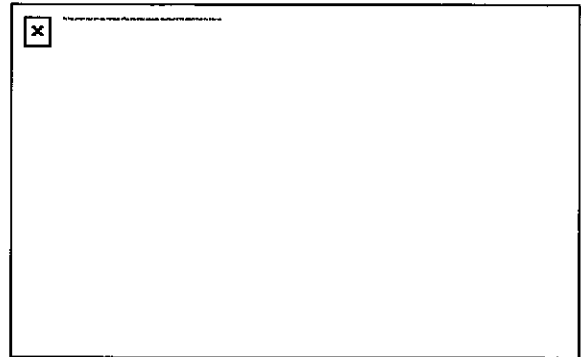


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New and Noteworthy: Public Transit Employee Kills 9 Coworkers in Mass Shooting at California Rail Yard

An employee at a Valley Transportation Authority light rail facility in San Jose, California, opened fire during a shift change there on May 26, killing nine coworkers before fatally shooting himself. Samuel Cassidy, 57, arrived in the morning with a duffel bag containing two semi-automatic handguns and 11 high-capacity magazines, according to Santa



Law enforcement at a light rail facility in San Jose, California, where a mass shooting occurred on May 26

Clara County Sheriff Laurie Smith. Deputies arrived within six minutes of the first 911 call and found him on the third floor of a building still firing shots. Cassidy killed himself when he saw the deputies. The sheriff indicated that some of the victims may have been targeted, but it is currently unknown how much Cassidy interacted with any of them. Bomb-sniffing dogs alerted investigators to precursor materials for explosives in Cassidy's locker at the scene. Authorities said Cassidy used a device to set fire to his home, where explosives were also found, as the shooting occurred. No motive has been determined yet. According to media reports, Cassidy's ex-wife said he talked about killing people at work more than a decade ago out of resentment over what he perceived as unfair assignments.

Additional Resources

[Active Shooter Response](#) | [Active Shooter Training Resources](#) | [Suspicious Activity Reporting](#)

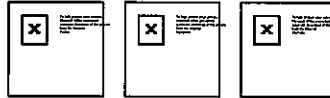
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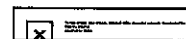
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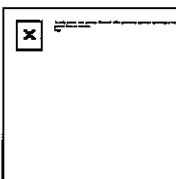
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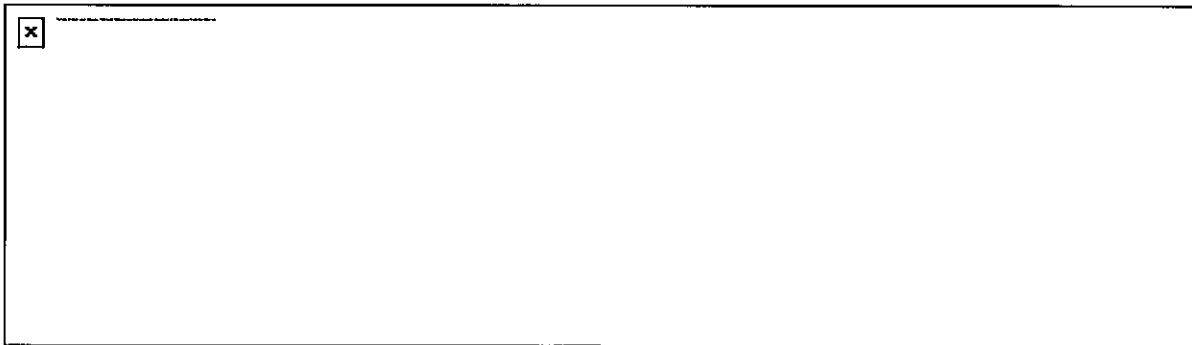
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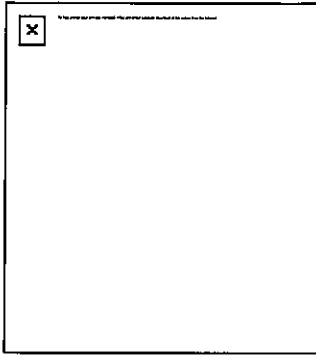
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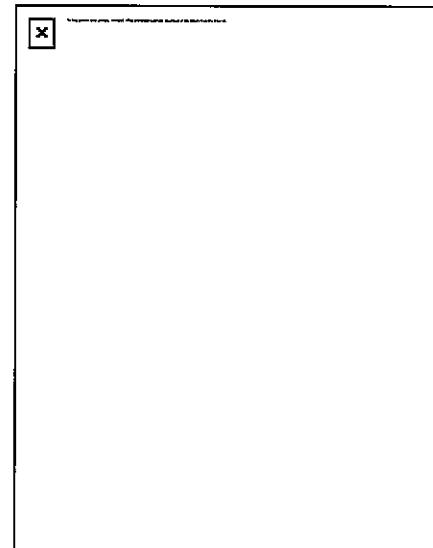


Governor Phil Murphy announced on June 4 the appointment of Laurie Doran as Acting Director of NJOHSP. Acting Director Doran succeeds former Director Jared Maples, who joined the National Hockey League as Executive Vice President and Chief Security Officer. “Jared has been an incredible leader, mentor, and friend. NJOHSP will continue to benefit from his leadership,

guidance, and efforts, and we wish him the very best in his new endeavor. I look forward to carrying on our mission and thank Governor Murphy for this opportunity,” Acting Director Doran said. Acting Director Doran joined NJOHSP in April 2018 as Director of the Intelligence and Operations Division after retiring from the Central Intelligence Agency with more than 32 years of service.

Focus on Virus Origins Unlikely to Halt Disinformation

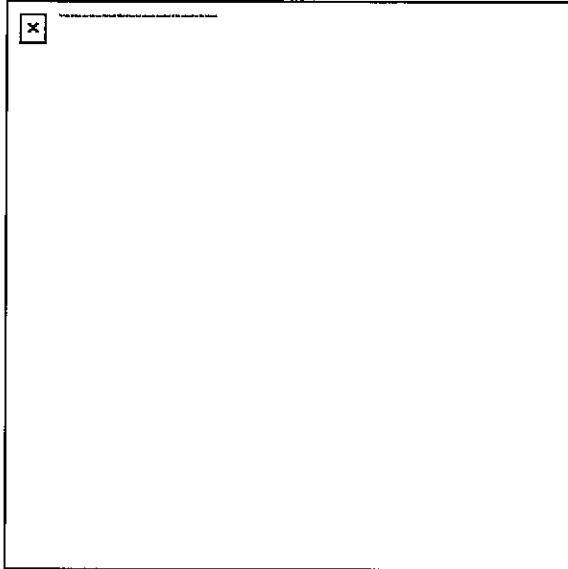
The US government’s renewed focus on the origins of COVID-19 will likely not alter the behavior of actors leveraging the pandemic to discredit the United States, including nation-states and various extremist groups. China will likely challenge US motives and credibility and spread disinformation, while domestic extremists and foreign terrorist organizations will use the investigation and its conclusion to justify calls for violent action against the government and citizens of the United States. Speculation since the start of the pandemic over the origins of the coronavirus has fueled conspiracy theories, helped spread disinformation, and been leveraged to justify violence, such as the US Capitol riots on January 6.



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Additional Resources

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Analyst Reads

[Deconstructing the Extreme Right](#)

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[Teen Terrorism Inspired by Social Media Is
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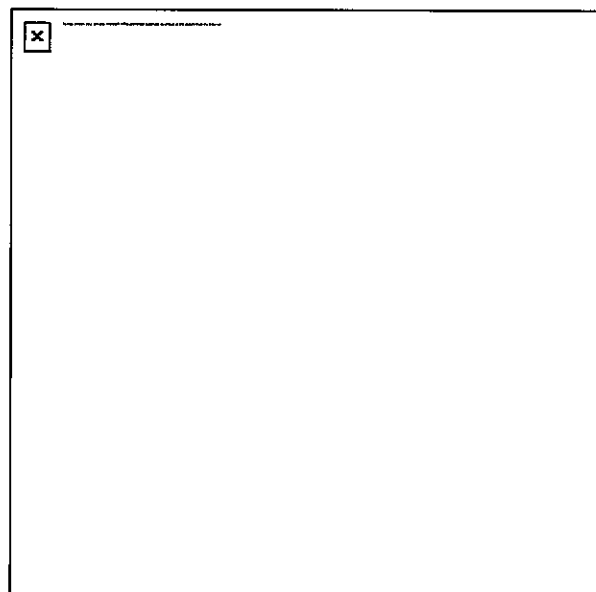
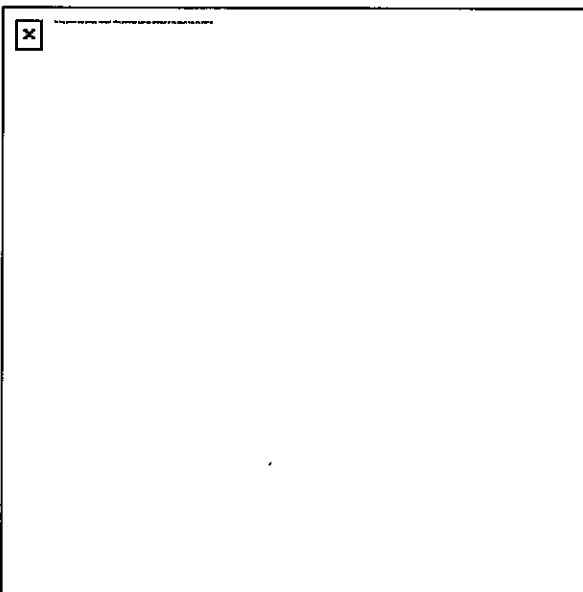
[No Child's Play: IS Propaganda Videos and
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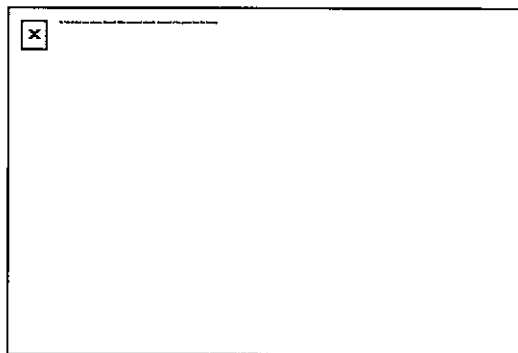
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New and Noteworthy: Customer, Employee Information Not Compromised in MTA Cyber Attack in April

A hacking group reportedly linked to the Chinese government breached the computer systems of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) of New York City in April, according to transit officials. A joint alert from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), National

Security Agency, and FBI on April 20 informed of the discovery of a zero-day vulnerability—a disclosed but unpatched flaw. Three of the MTA's 18 different systems were impacted by the cyber attack. The hackers gained access through vulnerabilities in Pulse Connect Secure, widely used to connect workers remotely to their employers' networks. The MTA implemented fixes



and patches recommended by CISA the following morning. It also had a forensic audit conducted, which revealed operational systems affecting train service and rider safety were not breached and that customer and employee information was not compromised. “The MTA’s existing multilayered security systems worked as designed, preventing spread of the attack, and we continue to strengthen these comprehensive systems and remain vigilant as cyber attacks are a growing global threat,” MTA Chief Technology Officer Rafail Portnoy said in a statement. As a precaution, the MTA forced password changes for 3,700 employees and contractors and migrated its systems to a different virtual private network.

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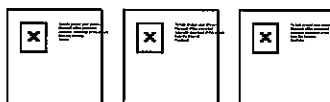
[Cybersecurity Best Practices](#) | [Pulse Connect Secure Vulnerabilities Exploited](#)

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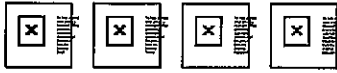


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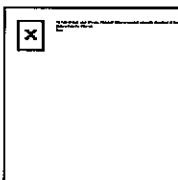
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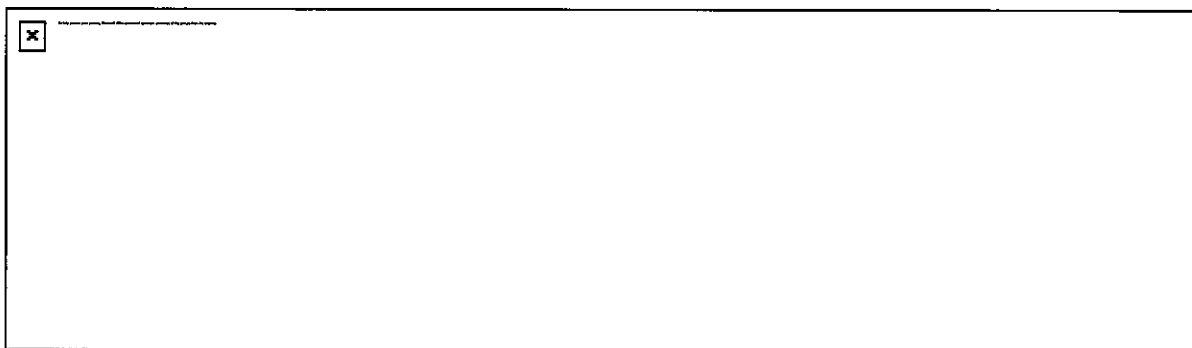
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FTO Propaganda Exaggerates US Domestic Issues

Foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs) will attempt to capitalize on the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, exploit domestic unrest and anti-government sentiments, and rely on disinformation and conspiracy theories to garner support and motivate homegrown violent extremists (HVEs) to conduct attacks. In April, al-Qa'ida published the fifth issue of its *One Ummah* magazine, which emphasized societal division and portrayed the United States as vulnerable.

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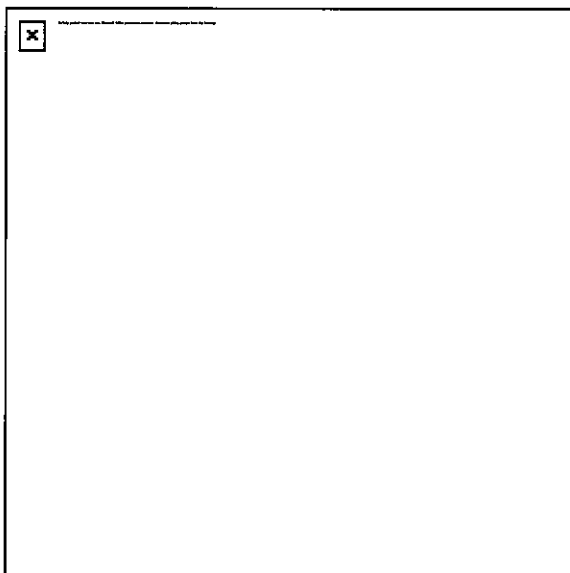
Additional Resources

[FTOs Direct HVEs to Target Law Enforcement at Protests](#)

[Changes in Extremist Operating Environment Due to COVID-19](#)

[2020-2021 Supplemental Threat Assessment](#) | [New Jersey Predictive Threat Analysis](#)

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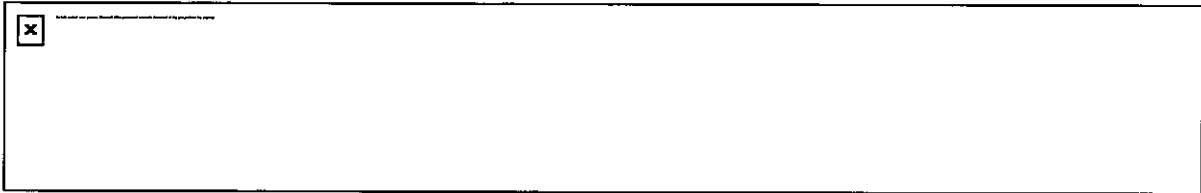
Analyst Reads

[A Survey of Violent Extremist and Terrorist Activities Across the Gaming Environment](#)
via GNET

[Structure of a State: Captured Documents and the Islamic State's Organizational Structure](#)

via Combating Terrorism Center

[A Sea Change in Counterterrorism](#)
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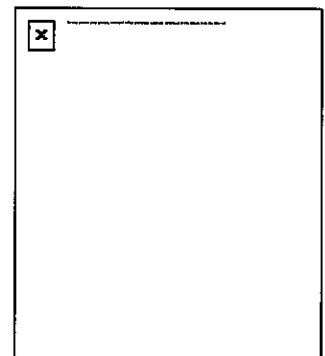
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New and Noteworthy: Fatal Shooting of 2 Black People in Massachusetts Investigated as Hate Crime

A 28-year-old man who crashed a stolen truck and fatally shot two Black bystanders in Winthrop, Massachusetts, on June 26 acted out of hate, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office.

The district attorney is investigating the case as a hate crime after law enforcement "unearthed troubling white supremacy rhetoric and statements written by the shooter," who was identified as Nathan

Allen. This rhetoric was reportedly anti-Semitic and racist against Black individuals. The district attorney noted Allen also wrote about "the superiority of the white race. About whites being 'apex predators.' He drew swastikas." According to authorities, Allen carried two handguns when he stole a plumber's truck that afternoon, crashed it into a house, and then fired multiple shots at the two victims before police killed him. The victims were a 58-year-old retired Massachusetts State Police officer and a 60-year-old US Air Force veteran who still worked with the military. Authorities said Allen walked past multiple people but chose to only harm the two Black individuals he encountered.



Additional Resources

[White Racially Motivated Extremists Remain Resilient](#) | [White Supremacist Extremists](#)

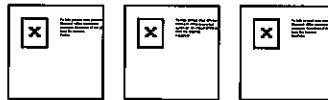
[Suspicious Activity Reporting](#) | [New Jersey Bias Crime Unit](#)

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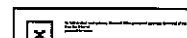
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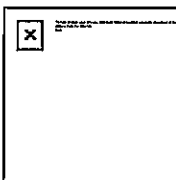
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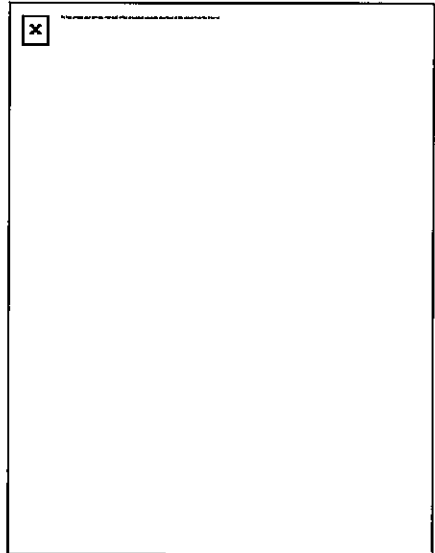
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Secure the Summer by Reporting Suspicious Activity

As New Jersey continues steadfast down the road back to normalcy from the COVID-19 pandemic, residents and visitors welcome the return of various events and activities this summer. These gatherings are great opportunities to spend time with family and friends, but they also serve as attractive targets for those who wish to cause harm to large numbers of people. Staying alert for suspicious behaviors is critical to maintaining safe and secure environments when visiting beaches and boardwalks, attending concerts, enjoying athletic contests, and taking part in numerous other events across the State.



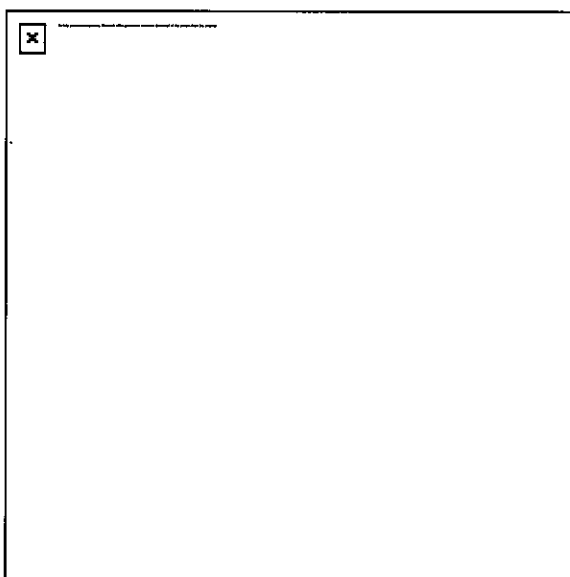
Help keep New Jersey safe this summer by reporting suspicious activity to local authorities or NJOHSP's Counterterrorism Watch Desk at 1-866-4-SAFE-NJ or tips@njohsp.gov

Additional Resources

[Suspicious Activity Reporting](#) | [Terrorism-Related Suspicious Activity Indicators](#)

[#IntelUnclass Podcast: Secure the Shore – Keep New Jersey's Beaches and Boardwalks Safe](#)

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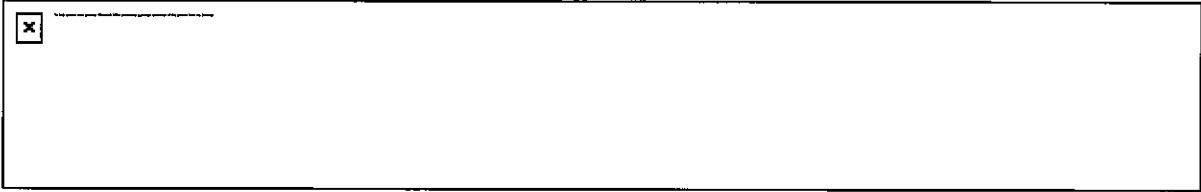
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Analyst Reads

[Navigating Old and New Threats as Employees Return to Office Post-Pandemic](#)
via Homeland Security Today

[Unmasking 'Dark Foreigner': The Artist Who Fueled a Neo-Nazi Terror Movement](#)
via VICE News

[How the Anti-Democracy Movement Is Weaponizing Conspiracy Theories](#)
via Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right



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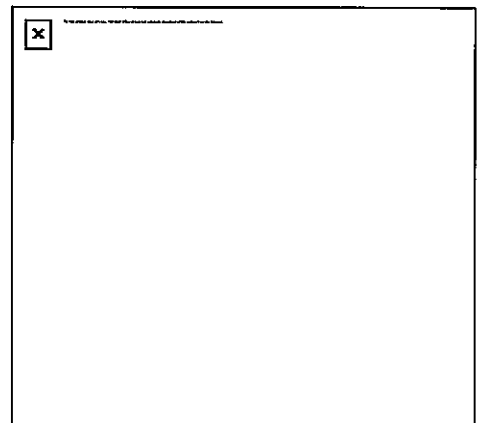
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New and Noteworthy: Sophisticated Ransomware Attack on US Tech Firm Affects 1,500 Organizations

A hacking group demanding \$70 million infected the systems of a US information technology firm with ransomware over the Fourth of July weekend, impacting around 1,500 companies in at least 17 countries. REvil, the Russia-linked group behind another cyber attack on meat supplier JBS over Memorial Day weekend, took advantage of a software vulnerability to deploy this

attack against Miami-based firm Kaseya. That software is sold to large managed service providers (MSPs), which assist small and midsize businesses, as well as local and state governments and agencies, in monitoring and controlling their computer networks. A Swedish grocery chain shutting down most of its 800 stores due to crippled cash register software and nine schools in New Zealand forcing students to shut down their computers over various issues are examples of the attack's wide-ranging impact. As Kaseya, cyber experts, and government



authorities that include the FBI and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency investigate, REvil has posted on its dark web site that it would provide a decryption tool to unlock all victims' files upon receipt of the requested ransom in cryptocurrency. Analysts have reported seeing ransom demands between \$45,000 to \$5 million toward individual victims. It is unknown whether Kaseya, which noted the attack involved a high level of sophistication, intends to pay the ransom. The FBI discourages that practice since there is no guarantee decryption tools will be provided and it encourages future attacks.

Additional Resources

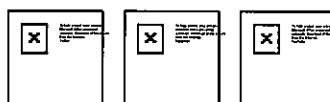
[Guidance for MSPs Affected by the Kaseya Ransomware Attack](#) | [Report a Cyber Incident](#)
[Ransomware: Risk Mitigation Strategies](#) | [Data Breach Prevention, Response, and Resources](#)

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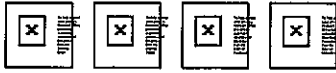


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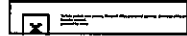
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Issues National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin

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DHS Issues National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin

WASHINGTON – Today, Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas issued a National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin regarding the current heightened threat environment across the United States. This NTAS Bulletin replaces the current Bulletin, which was set to expire tomorrow at 2:00 pm.

As of November 10, 2021, DHS is not aware of an imminent and credible threat to a specific location in the United States. The United States continues to face a diverse and challenging threat environment as we approach several religious holidays and associated mass gatherings that in the past have served as potential targets for acts of violence. Through the remainder of 2021 and into 2022, domestic violent extremists (DVEs), including racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists and anti-government/anti-authority violent extremists, will

terrorists and other malign foreign influences will continue to exploit online forums to influence and spread violent extremist narratives and promote violent activity. The ongoing global pandemic continues to exacerbate these threats. Further, foreign terrorist organizations and DVEs continue to attempt to inspire potential followers to conduct attacks in the United States, including by exploiting recent events in Afghanistan.

“DHS has renewed its commitment to work with our partners across every level of government, the private sector, and local communities to combat all forms of terrorism and targeted violence. We have also renewed our commitment to communicate with the American public often about the evolving threat landscape,” said **Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas**. “Today, we are issuing the fourth NTAS Bulletin since January 2021. The threat stream has not changed significantly; however this is an important product that keeps the public updated about threats facing the United States and underscores the importance of the public to staying vigilant and reporting suspicious activity to law enforcement.”

Individuals can report suspicious activity and threats of violence, including online threats, to local law enforcement, FBI Field Offices, or a local Fusion Center. DHS and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will continue to provide guidance to state, local, tribal, territorial, and campus law enforcement and public safety partners about the current threat environment. DHS is also engaging industry partners to help identify and respond to the spread of disinformation, conspiracy theories, and false narratives on social media and other online platforms, while protecting privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties.

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, DHS is prioritizing combating all forms of terrorism and targeted violence and increased information sharing as part of the National Strategy for Countering Domestic Terrorism. To this end, the Department has taken several steps to include increasing efforts to share timely and actionable information and intelligence to the broadest audience at the lowest classification possible, establishing a dedicated domestic terrorism branch within its Office of Intelligence & Analysis, forming the Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3) to provide communities with the tools to help individuals before they radicalize to violence, and increasing investments in grant programs to strengthen nationwide capabilities to detect and protect against these threats.

This is the fourth NTAS Bulletin issued by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) since January 2021, and it will expire on February 8, 2022. The NTAS Bulletin provides the public with information about the threat landscape facing the United States, as well as information about how to report suspicious activity. Read the NTAS Bulletin here.

Free Webinar: S&T to Host Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month Webinar

With the country facing a nationwide cyber workforce shortage, we’re working to develop the next generation of professionals. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) is partnering with the Critical Infrastructure Resilience Institute (CIRI) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) for a webinar on “**Training a Resilient Workforce in Support of Critical Infrastructure**”.

Your Feedback is Needed: 2022 Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is conducting a strategic review of the threat environment and DHS essential mission functions to inform development of the 2022 Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR) and the FY2022-2026 DHS Strategic Plan. As part of this review, we are seeking your thoughts on how DHS can best secure our Nation against current and emerging threats. As an engaged stakeholder in the DHS mission, we are reaching out to you directly for your assistance.

To help the discussion, we’ve created an IdeaScale site at <https://qhsr.ideascale.com> where you can submit your thoughts and ideas or comment and reply to those of others. Registration is quick and easy – just go to <https://qhsr.ideascale.com>, click on “Register,” and follow the prompts!

We thank you for your time, thoughts, and ideas that will ensure our DHS review is thoroughly informed by the many stakeholders across

On November 16, 2021 at 1:00 PM EST join experts from government, industry, and academia to learn about the efforts underway at CISA, CIRI, and our public-private partners to address workforce challenges

Please use this link to join the webinar and learn more about what is being done to keep our nation's critical infrastructure, and thus our homeland, more secure and resilient.

A brief Q&A session will follow the panel discussion.

Featured Speakers:

- **Opening Remarks: Randall Sandone**, Executive Director, Critical Infrastructure Resilience Institute
- **Moderator: Frank Cilluffo**, Director, McCrary Institute for Cyber and Critical Infrastructure Security, Auburn University
- **Casey O'Brien**, Assistant Director for Cyber Defense Education and Training, Information Trust Initiative and Principal Investigator for the National CyberWatch Center, University of Illinois
- **Lory Antonucci**, Director of Workforce Innovation and Solutions, Manpower
- **Angelyn Flowers**, Professor and Graduate Program Director Homeland Security Program, University of the District of Columbia
- **Sue Armstrong**, Associate Director, Strategy, Performance and Resources, Infrastructure Security Division, CISA

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the Homeland Security enterprise. The Department's Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans staff will moderate and contribute to the discussion.

Again, you can find the link to the QHSR IdeaScale site at <https://qhsr.ideascale.com>. We look forward to hearing from you

Free Webinar: Protecting Against and Preventing Potential Bomb Attacks and Threats in Kindergarten Through Grade 12 (K-12) schools

Please join the Federal School Safety Clearinghouse on November 17 at 3:00 PM EST for an **informational webinar** on protecting against and preventing potential bomb attacks and threats in kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) schools.

The session – held in coordination with Infrastructure Security Month – will feature guest speakers from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's **Office for Bombing Prevention**. They will provide an overview of the threats schools face when it comes to Improvised Explosive Devices, strategies and actions teachers, parents, and school personnel can implement to prevent and address these threats, and trainings, programs, and resources available to support school communities in these efforts.

The presentation will also cover indicators of bomb-making activities (purchasing certain items, social media activity, etc.) and how school personnel and parents can respond appropriately, as well as the actions schools should take if they receive a bomb threat.

The discussion will feature additional school safety-related resources on physical security and targeted violence, as well as a Q&A session for participants to engage directly with our speakers.

- **When:** November 17, 2021, 3:00 to 4:00 PM EST
- **Where:** Adobe Connect (*access link to be provided one day in advance of the event*)
- **For:** K-12 School Superintendents and Principals; School and District Administrators; Teachers and School Staff; Emergency Management; School Resource Officers; Local Law Enforcement; Parents and Guardians
- **Registration:**
<https://schoolsafetybombingpreventionwebinar.eventbrite.com/>

If you have any questions, please contact the School Safety team at SchoolSafety@hq.dhs.gov.

Statement by Secretary Mayorkas on the Nomination of Kenneth L. Wainstein to Lead the DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis

Travelers Permitted to Enter U.S. via Land and Ferry Border Crossings

WASHINGTON – Foreign nationals who have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and have appropriate documentation will be permitted to enter the United States via land ports of entry (POEs) and ferry terminals for non-essential reasons such as tourism. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) reminds these travelers to be prepared to (1) provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination, as outlined on the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) website; and (2) verbally attest to their reason for travel and COVID-19 vaccination status during a border inspection.

“Today, after more than 18 months of pandemic-related travel restrictions, DHS is taking a critical step toward resuming normal travel,” said Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas. “Travelers who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and have appropriate documentation are now permitted to enter the United States via our land and ferry border crossings for non-essential reasons such as visiting friends and family and engaging in tourism. DHS continues to work closely with our international partners and domestic public health experts to sustainably resume travel while protecting our communities and economic security.”

DHS’s U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is working to prevent long lines at land POEs and ferry terminals as normal travel resumes. However, long lines are expected in the initial days following pent-up demand, and CBP will adjust resources as needed, while continuing to facilitate lawful trade and travel and protect our national security. Travelers

WASHINGTON – Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas released the following statement on the nomination of Kenneth L. Wainstein to serve as Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis at the Department of Homeland Security:

“President Biden has nominated a dedicated public servant, Kenneth L. Wainstein, to lead DHS’s Office of Intelligence and Analysis. Ken has decades of government experience at the highest levels. His deep expertise in national security, counterterrorism, and intelligence matters will benefit our Department and our Nation if he is confirmed. I urge the Senate to swiftly confirm Ken to this critical leadership role.”

DHS Announces Six New Countries Eligible for the H-2A and H-2B Visa Programs

WASHINGTON – The Department of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Department of State, has announced six new countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H-2A and H-2B visa programs in the coming year. The notice listing the eligible countries will be published in the Federal Register on Nov. 10, 2021.

“The Department of Homeland Security is committed to working with our interagency partners to ensure that companies in the United States can fill temporary or seasonal jobs for which U.S. workers are not available,” said **Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas**. “Adding these six new countries will enable their nationals to apply for temporary work in the United States.”

With this Notice, the Secretary of Homeland Security, with concurrence of the Secretary of State, has decided to:

- Add Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Cyprus, the Dominican Republic (currently only eligible for H-2A), Haiti, Mauritius, and Saint Lucia to the list of countries eligible to participate in the H-2A and H-2B programs; and
- Remove Moldova as an eligible country for the H-2A visa program because it no longer meets the regulatory standards for that program. However, Moldova’s eligibility for the H-2A program remains effective until Jan. 18, 2022, a full year from the last designation.

In total, nationals from 85 countries will be eligible to participate in the H-2A program and nationals from 86 countries will be eligible to participate in the H-2B program in the coming year.

USCIS may, in its discretion, approve H-2A and H-2B petitions (including those that were pending as of the date of the Federal Register notice), for nationals of countries **not** on the list of approved countries on a case-by-case basis if doing so would be in the interest of the United States, in accordance with DHS regulations. Eligibility determinations will be made according to all the relevant factors and evidence presented in the case.

are advised to expect longer-than-normal wait times, familiarize themselves with the [new guidelines](#), and have appropriate documentation ready during a border inspection.

U.S. citizens are reminded to bring a [Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative](#) (WHTI)-compliant document, such as a valid U.S. passport, Trusted Traveler Program card, Enhanced Driver's License, or Enhanced Tribal Card, when re-entering the United States and should be prepared to present a WHTI-compliant document if requested by a CBP Officer during a border inspection. Any non-citizen attempting to enter the United States through illegal means or without appropriate documentation may be subject to expulsion or removal.

To help reduce wait times and long lines, travelers can take advantage of [facial biometrics](#) and the [CBP One™](#), which is a single portal for CBP mobile applications and services.

To learn more about the updated requirements for travelers, review the [DHS fact sheet](#).

DHS Announces Fee Exemptions, Streamlined Processing for Afghan Nationals as They Resettle in the U.S.

WASHINGTON — The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that it will exempt filing fees and streamline application processing for Afghan nationals who were paroled into the United States for humanitarian reasons on or after July 30, 2021. These actions will help facilitate their resettlement in the U.S. by streamlining the processing of requests for work authorization, Green Cards, and associated services. DHS is the lead federal agency coordinating Operation

For more information on these programs, see the [H-2A Temporary Agricultural Workers](#) and [H-2B Temporary Non-Agricultural Workers](#) webpages.

Allies Welcome, the ongoing all-of-government effort to resettle vulnerable Afghans, including those who worked on behalf of the United States.

“By providing these evacuees with access to streamlined processing and fee exemptions, we will open doors of opportunity for our Afghan allies and help them begin to rebuild their lives in communities across our country more quickly,” said **Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas**.

“These actions demonstrate our ongoing commitment to Afghan nationals who provided valuable assistance to the United States over the past two decades as well as other Afghans at risk.”

Approximately 70,000 Afghans have arrived in the United States as part of Operation Allies Welcome. Following the biggest airlift in U.S. history, DHS exercised its discretion to parole many Afghan nationals, on a case-by-case basis, into the United States for urgent humanitarian reasons. Parolees may apply for work authorization using Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, on the basis of their parole. Afghan nationals will also have the opportunity to apply for immigration benefits such as Afghan special immigrant status, lawful permanent residence, and asylum.

Additional information for Afghans can be found on [USCIS's website](#).

Afghan nationals who were paroled into the United States on or after July 30, 2021 are eligible for the following fee exemptions and streamlined processing:

Fee Exemptions

- An initial [Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization](#);
- [Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence](#)

or Adjust Status (if filing Form I-485 as an Afghan special immigrant) or an associated Form I-601, Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility;

- Associated biometric services.

Streamlined Processing

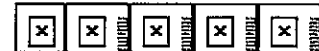
- An initial Form I-765 for those applying for work authorization on the basis of parole (eligibility category (c)(11));
- Form I-485, for applicants seeking to adjust status as an Afghan special immigrant, and any associated Form I-601; or

Form I-589, filed by certain Afghan parolees as described in Section 2502(a) of the Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act.

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Register Today for a Free Webinar:

"Collaborative Strategies to Combat Human Trafficking and Support Safety Efforts on Campus"

Did you know January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month? Campus law enforcement and public safety officials are in unique positions to recognize and respond to potential student victims of human trafficking. That is why the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Blue Campaign and the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) are working together this January by #TacklingTrafficking through a virtual webinar.

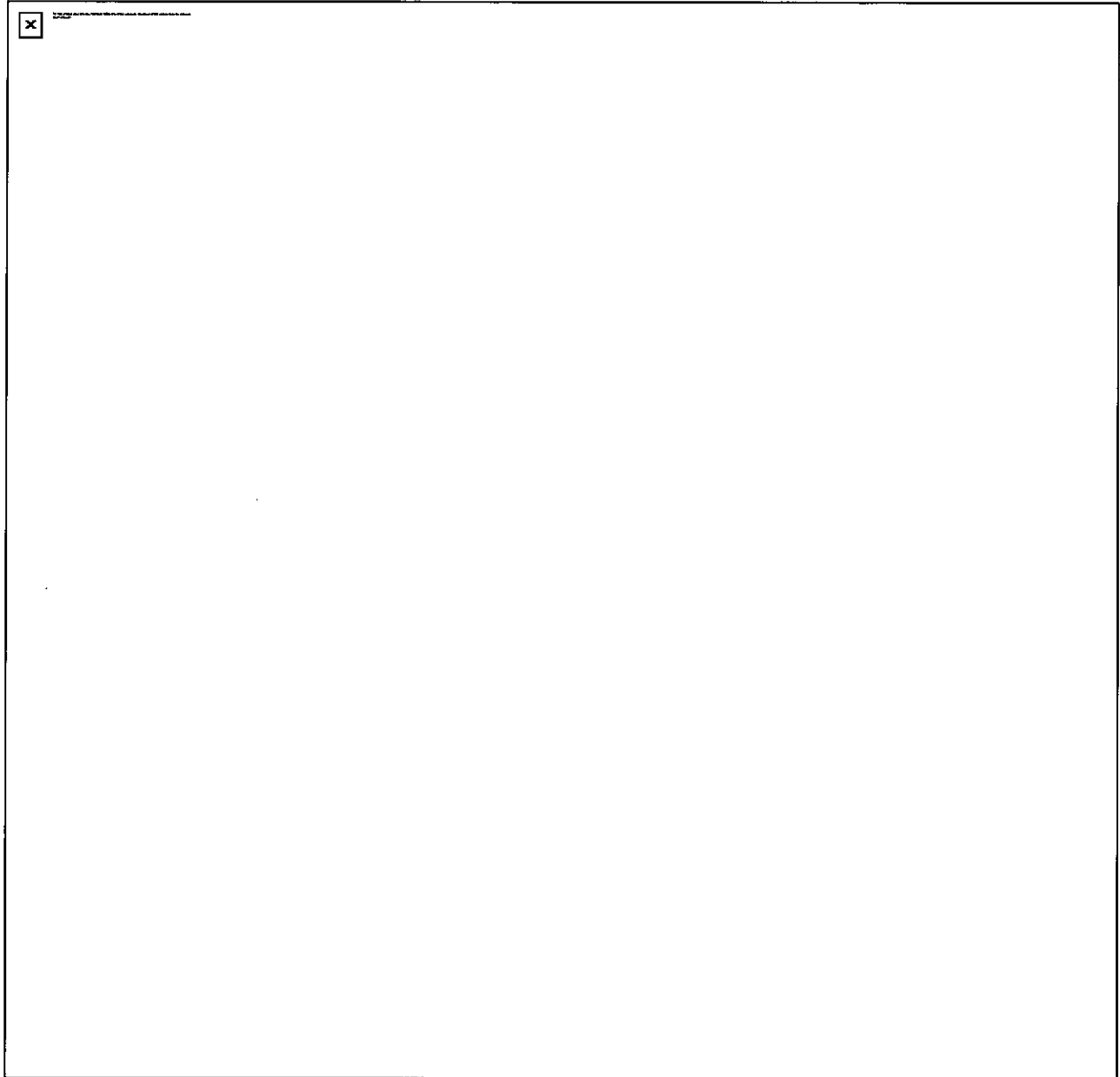
We invite you to join us on **January 27, 2022, at 2:00 PM EST** to learn about collaborative strategies to combat

Campaign, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and a survivor of trafficking. The discussion will address the following topics:

- Collaborative strategies to identify, respond to, and report potential trafficking incidents on campus
- Key vulnerabilities to human trafficking for college students and the impact of online platforms
- Resources available to help with human trafficking prevention and awareness on campus

To join us on January 27, [REGISTER HERE](#). We welcome you to share this webinar with other campus law enforcement and public safety officials, as well as student leaders in your community.

We appreciate your commitment to helping us combat human trafficking in the U.S. and hope you can join us for this important discussion.



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**Join DHS Blue Campaign January
11, 2022 for #WearBlueDay**

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As the articles in this issue reflect, research focus is trending increasingly towards the overlap between disinformation, conspiracy theories and radicalization to violence, especially as the pandemic has provided opportunity for harmful narratives to thrive and spread in the online space with people spending exponentially more time at home and on the Internet. While overall, researchers note that violence has decreased since the onset of COVID-19 due to lockdowns and stay-at-home-orders, the threat remains elevated and complex as recruitment efforts have increased, particularly among young people. Research has also expanded on behavioral changes and trends between offenders, as well as the impact of risk factors, such as criminal history, to threat assessment and management approaches.

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DHS Statement on the Importance of Seeking Safety and Support Regardless of Immigration Status Following Recent Severe Weather

Release date: December 21, 2021

WASHINGTON — The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is working with its federal, state, local, and non-governmental partners to support the needs of the areas affected by the devastating severe weather and tornadoes in Kentucky and throughout the South and Midwest. DHS Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator Deanne Criswell traveled to Kentucky on Sunday, December 12, 2021, and Wednesday, December 15, 2021, to meet with local and commonwealth officials and survey the damaged areas.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) remind the public that sites that provide emergency response and relief are considered protected areas for purposes of ICE and CBP enforcement actions. To the fullest extent possible, ICE and CBP do not conduct enforcement activities at protected areas such as along evacuation routes, sites used for sheltering or the distribution of emergency supplies, food or water, or registration sites for disaster-related assistance or

On behalf of the [Blue Campaign](#), I wanted to invite you to join us on National Human Trafficking Awareness Day (January 11) for [#WearBlueDay](#). [#WearBlueDay](#) is one of the campaign's largest initiatives to raise public awareness of human trafficking by encouraging individuals and offices to participate using personal and professional social media accounts.

Have you participated in [#WearBlueDay](#) in the past? If not, no worries! Here's how to show your support:

- **Wear a piece of blue clothing** on Tuesday, January 11, and encourage your colleagues, friends, and family to do the same. It can be a hat, shirt, dress, suit, tie, and/or scarf – anything blue! Post a photo on social media (Facebook, Twitter, and/or Instagram) wearing blue with the hashtag [#WearBlueDay](#).
 - *Note:* If you gather in-person for a [#WearBlueDay](#) photo, follow local guidelines to keep each other safe.
- **Share Blue Campaign's [#WearBlueDay](#) promotion posts** on social media leading up to January 11 from your component or office's channels, or your personal pages, to encourage others to participate.
- **Tag [@DHSBlueCampaign](#) on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram** so we can see how you're participating.

Participation across DHS employees, offices, and Components will highlight our Department's commitment to combatting this crime. Visit the [#WearBlueDay webpage](#) for ready-to-use social media content to accompany your [#WearBlueDay](#) photos.

Please reach out to Blue Campaign if you have any questions.

National Threat Evaluation and Reporting (NTER) Program Quarterly Bulletin

The National Threat Evaluation and Reporting (NTER) Program is proud to distribute its 2nd Quarterly Bulletin, for Q1 of FY22.

This Quarterly Bulletin will provide you with up-to-date research studies, articles, and resources to remain well-informed of trends in threat assessment and management. In addition, this Bulletin provides

the reunification of families and loved ones.

At the request of FEMA or local and state authorities, ICE and CBP may help conduct search and rescue, air traffic de-confliction, and other public safety missions. ICE and CBP provide emergency assistance to individuals regardless of their immigration status and are not also conducting immigration enforcement in these roles. DHS officials do not and will not pose as individuals providing emergency-related information as part of any immigration enforcement activities.

DHS encourages all eligible individuals to apply for and seek out assistance. Please go to <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/get-assistance/forms> for instructions on how to apply for FEMA disaster assistance.

DHS is aware that some disaster survivors may fear applying for FEMA assistance due to their immigration status. FEMA does not collect information regarding immigration status or that of any member of an applicant's household and does not proactively provide personal information to ICE or CBP for immigration enforcement. However, in rare circumstances, based on a specific request, ICE or CBP could request this information if a person poses a current threat to national security or public safety based upon an articulable risk of death, violence, or physical harm to any person. Please see, [FACT SHEET: Citizenship Status and Eligibility for Disaster Assistance FAQ | FEMA.gov](#)

If individuals believe that the emergency event may affect their U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) application, petition, or immigration status, they should contact USCIS or go to <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/special-situations> for more information.

DHS is committed to ensuring that every individual who seeks shelter, aid, or other assistance as a result of the severe weather is able to do so regardless of their immigration status. DHS carries out its mission without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity, national origin, or political associations, and in compliance with law and policy.

Translations of this statement will soon be available in multiple languages [here](#)

updates on the NTER Program and highlights the important work of our partners in the field.

We are grateful to have your continued support. If you would like to suggest topics for a future edition or provide any feedback, we would love to hear from you. We look forward to continuing this collaborative effort and enhancing the threat assessment and management field in 2022.

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NTER's Master Trainer Program (MTP) is now accepting applications for future cohorts. For more information and to apply, please e-mail NTER.MTP@hq.dhs.gov.

NTER continues to provide ad-hoc training and technical assistance on Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) programs to Federal, State, Local, Tribal, Territorial and Private Sector partners. You can find more information about technical assistance and training resources [here](#).

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