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December 2020 Nashville VBIED Attack: Incident Snapshot & Security Considerations

See attached for our TRIPwire Awareness Bulletin on Nashville.

We kept details on the incident minimal, focusing on the security considerations. Feel free to share if appropriate!

The Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) incident on Christmas Day in Nashville, TN highlights potential threats posed by terrorists and other violent extremists who may attempt to commit disruptive or violent acts targeting critical infrastructure. The cascading effects of this single incident affected a variety of critical infrastructure sectors and we encourage all of our partners to remain vigilant, especially as we continue through the 2020 holiday season. However, there are no ongoing or specific threats related to this incident.

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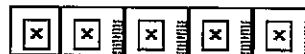
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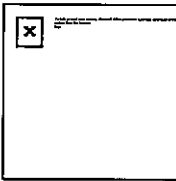
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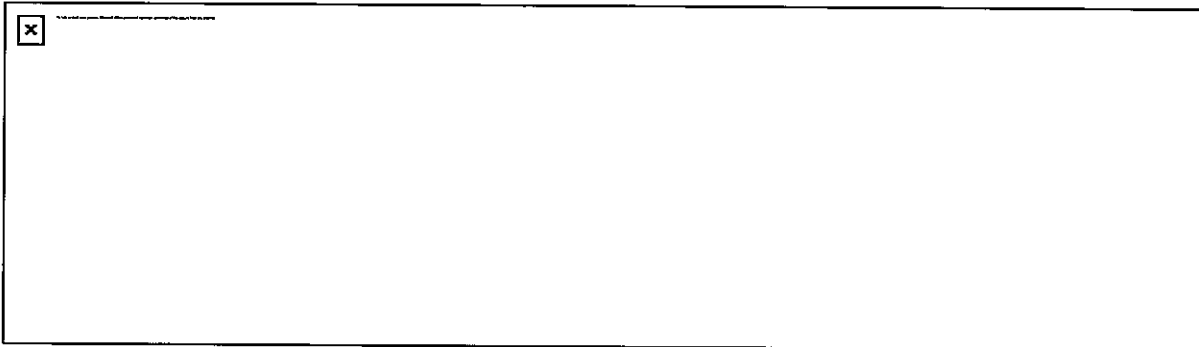
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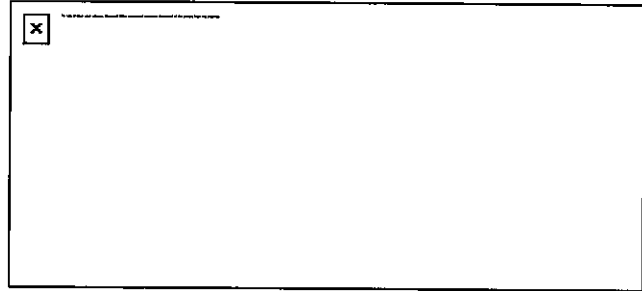
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Financial Preparedness in Case of Emergency

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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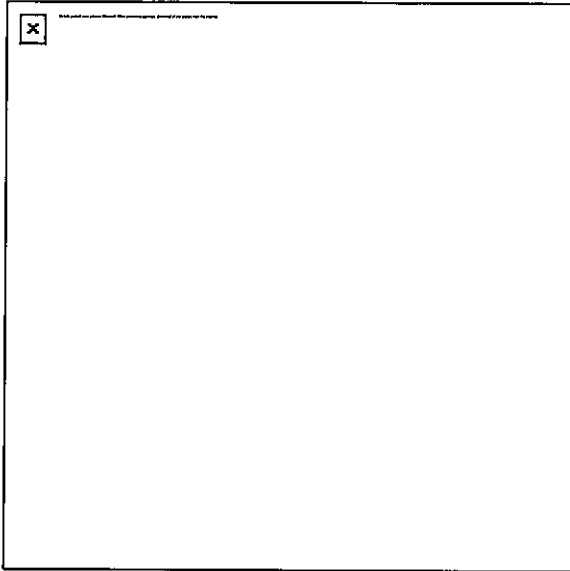
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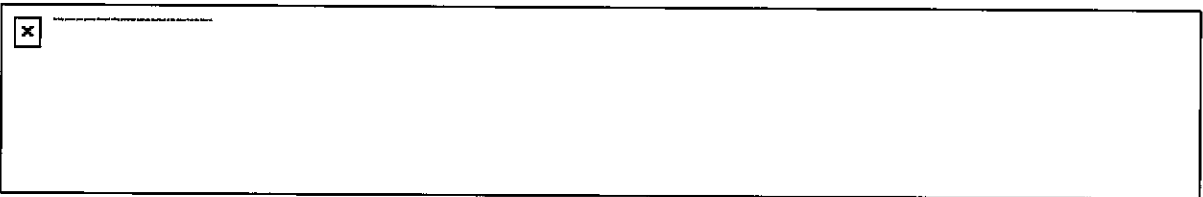


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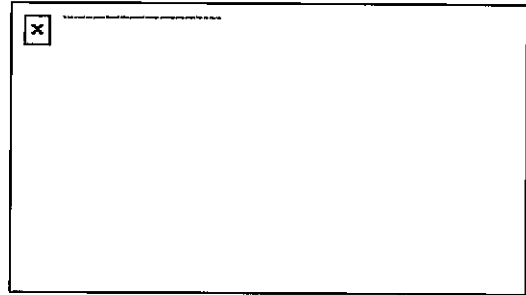
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New and Noteworthy: Federal Officials Warn of Heightened Threat From Domestic Extremists

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

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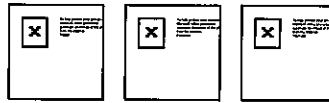
[2020-2021 Supplemental Threat Assessment](#) | [2020 Terrorism Threat Assessment](#)
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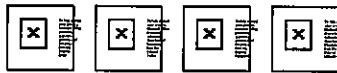


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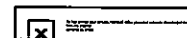
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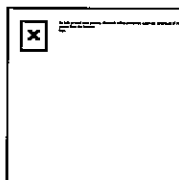
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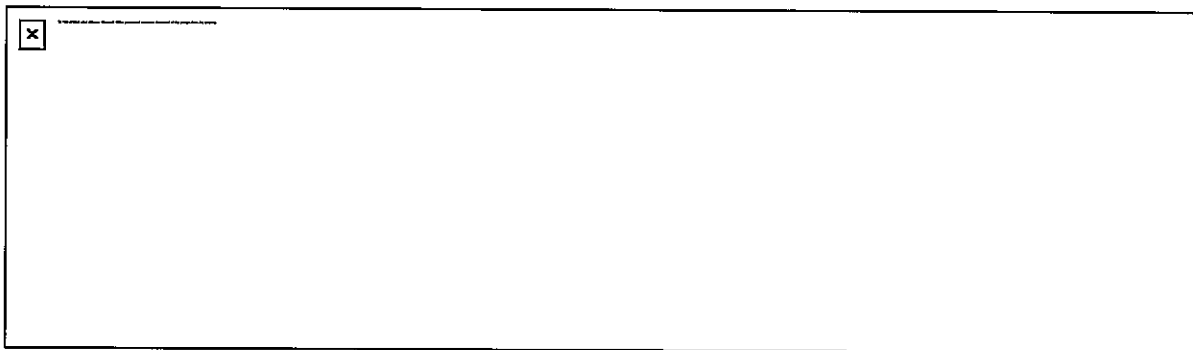
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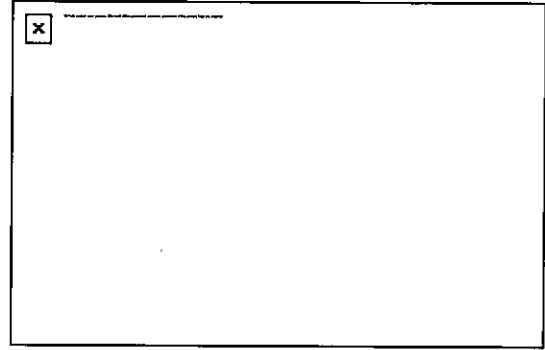


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COVID-19 Vaccination Myths Circulating Online

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.

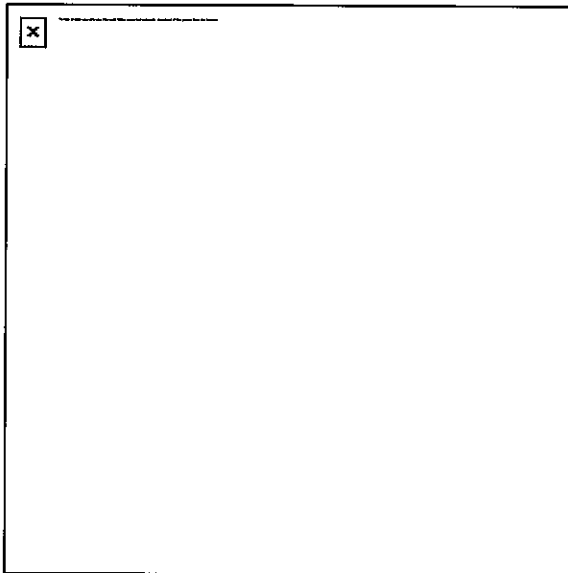


Learn more about myths regarding the COVID-19 vaccine

Additional Resources

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

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[Conspiracy Theories, Radicalisation and](#)

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

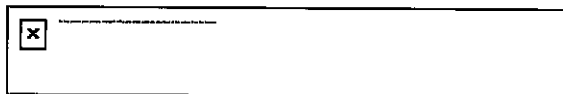
[Fragmentation to Lone-Actor Attacks](#)

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](#)

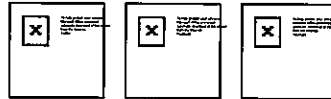
[CISA: Industrial Control Systems – Recommended Practices](#)

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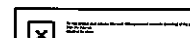


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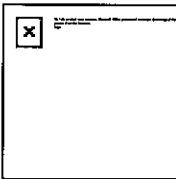
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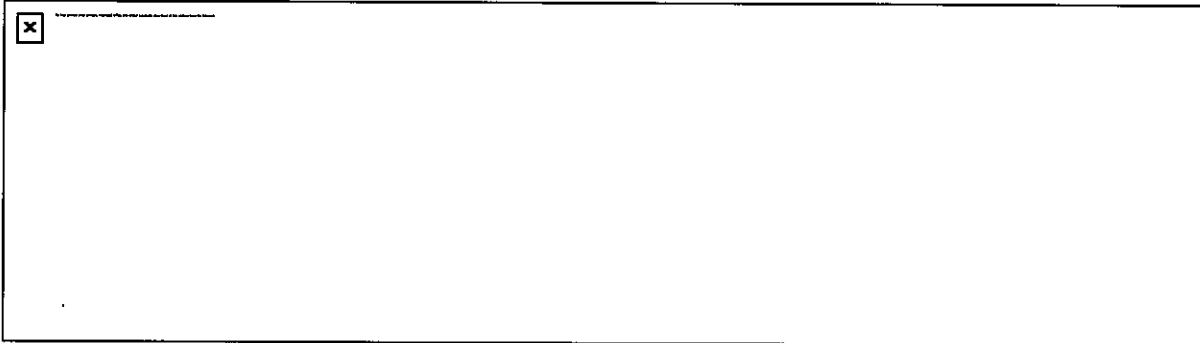
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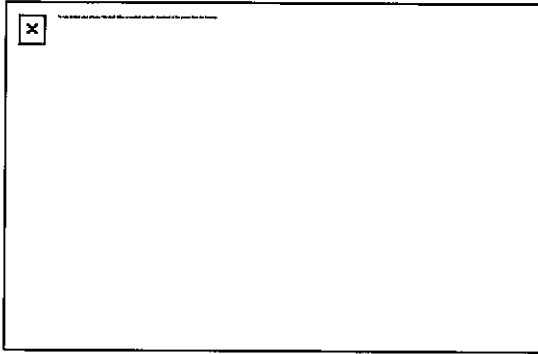
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Virtual Houses of Worship Security Seminars



NJOHSP is collaborating with the US Department of Homeland Security, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to host two virtual Houses of Worship Security Seminar programs from 6 to 8 p.m. on March 18 and March 25. The program features presentations

from federal, state, and local security and public safety officials. Discussions include emergency planning, grant guidance for nonprofit organizations, cybersecurity considerations, and security assessments for religious facilities. Religious leaders and houses of worship safety and security committee members of all faiths and denominations are welcome to attend. To RSVP, please register at one of the following links:

- **March 18:** https://fema.connectsolutions.com/njohspow3_18/event/registration.html
- **March 25:** https://fema.connectsolutions.com/njohspow3_25/event/registration.html

For additional information on the Houses of Worship seminars, email Training@njohsp.gov

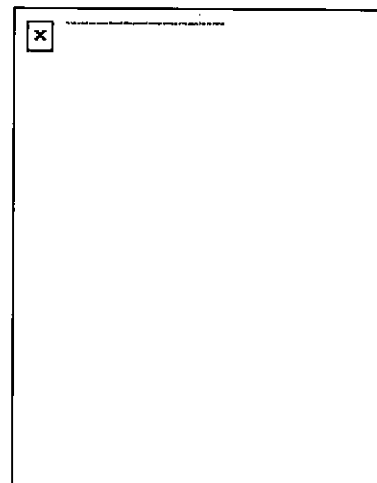
Additional Resources

[Interfaith](#) | [Grants](#) | [Security Guidelines for Houses of Worship](#)

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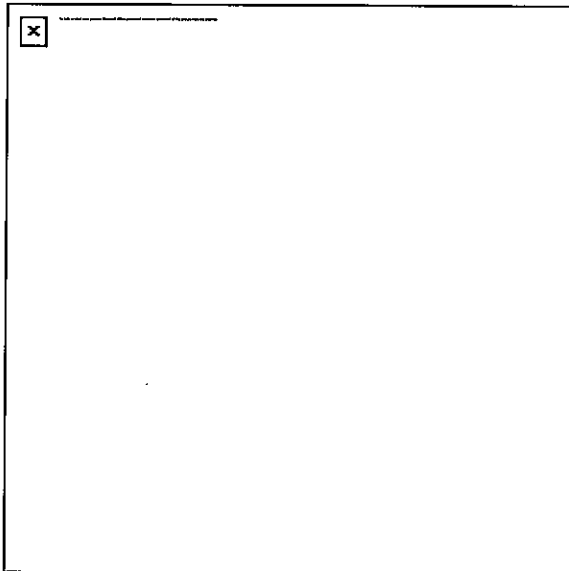


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- **February 24:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NBZQPRN>
- **February 25:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N6JXXKQ>
- **March 9:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QF6VRVV>
- **March 10:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QG69CYK>

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[The Evolution of the Boogaloo Movement](#)

via Combating Terrorism Center

[The Caliphate's Legacy and Fringe](#)

[Extremists](#)

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Summer Internships

NJOHSP is accepting applications for its summer [internship](#) program. With opportunities across the organization's various divisions, students will learn and contribute toward a myriad of important homeland security and preparedness efforts that assist communities in New Jersey. This year's



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program will be conducted in an entirely remote environment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The application period closes on March 5.

Learn more and apply

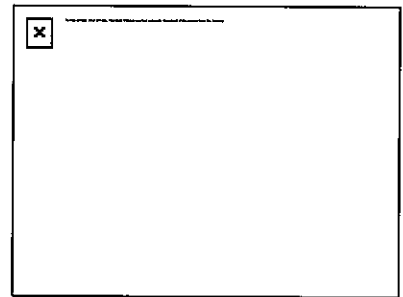
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Federal prosecutors announced on February 15 that a Middletown, Delaware, man admitted damaging a Planned Parenthood facility when he threw an incendiary device at it. Samuel Gulick, 19, pleaded guilty to intentional damage to a facility that provides reproductive health services and possession of an unregistered destructive device under the National Firearms Act. Gulick was captured on video

surveillance at the clinic in Newark, Delaware, at around 2:15 a.m. on January 3, 2020. He first spray-painted the phrase “Deus Vult” (Latin for “God wills it”) in red letters while standing on the front porch. Gulick then lit and threw a Molotov cocktail at the front window of the building and left the scene after it exploded. The fire self-extinguished after one minute but caused damage to the window and porch. Law enforcement identified Gulick after seeing the license plate of his car on the surveillance video. They also discovered the same “Deus Vult” phrase and anti-abortion sentiments in posts on a social media page registered to him. Gulick can receive up to 10 years in prison, with a sentencing hearing scheduled for June 2.



Planned Parenthood clinic in Newark, Delaware

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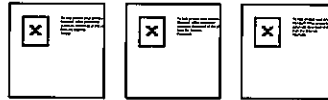
[Anti-Abortion Extremists](#) | [2020 Terrorism Threat Assessment](#) | [Suspicious Activity Reporting](#)

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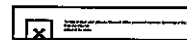
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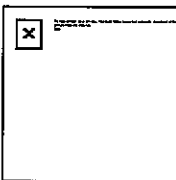
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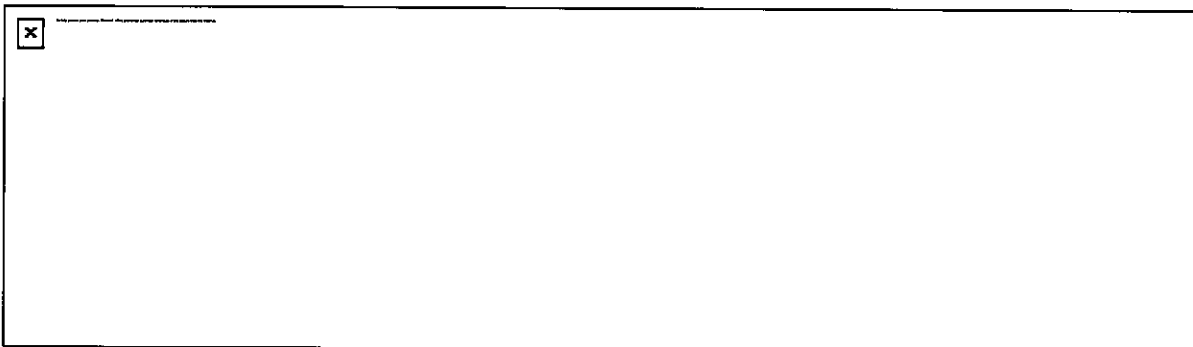
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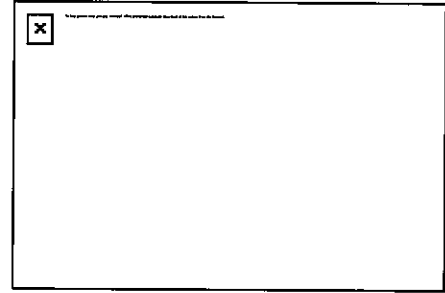
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Beware of Scams During Tax Season

It is tax season, and threat actors are targeting taxpayers with the intention of filing fraudulent tax returns and stealing refunds. Relying heavily on social engineering tactics, these threat actors attempt to obtain important tax-related data, including W-2 information and personally identifiable information (PII), using phony email, phone, and text messages.

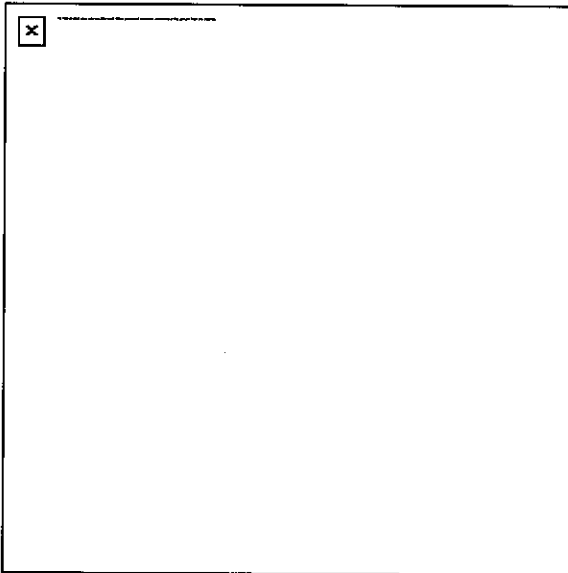


The New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell shares details on common tax scams and recommendations in its latest [Garden State Cyber Threat Highlight](#)

Additional Resources

[Cybersecurity Best Practices](#) | [Don't Take the Bait! Phishing, Other Social Engineering Attacks](#)
[Spotting a Spoofing](#) | [Compromised PII: Facilitating Malicious Targeting, Fraudulent Activity](#)
[Tax Scams and Identify Theft: What You Need to Know](#) | [FTC IdentityTheft.gov](#)

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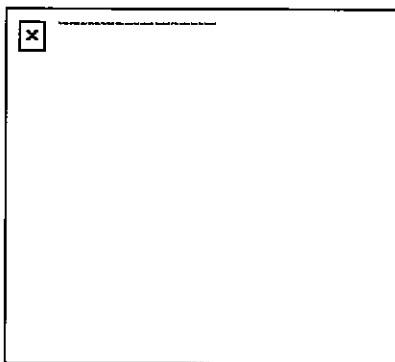
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- **March 10:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QG69CYK>

Email Training@njohsp.gov for further details on the S.A.V.E. program

New and Noteworthy: United Nations Chief Warns Hate-Based Movements Becoming Transnational Threat



*United Nations Secretary-General
António Guterres*

While addressing the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva on February 22, Secretary-General António Guterres pressed the world to increase the fight against racially and ethnically motivated terrorism. Specifically in relation to white supremacy and neo-Nazism, Guterres stated, “The danger of these hate-drive movements is growing by the day.” He noted that domestic terror threats are becoming more than just internal security challenges to several countries – they are crossing borders and “becoming a transnational threat.” Guterres said individuals and groups are “engaged in a feeding frenzy of hate” and using methods to

fundraise, recruit, communicate, and train with those holding similar beliefs both in their home countries and abroad. He also cautioned that these individuals and groups are receiving encouragement from “people in positions of responsibility in ways that were considered unimaginable not long ago.” Guterres called for coordinated action on a global level to combat these threats.

Additional Resources

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

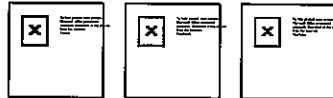
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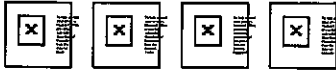


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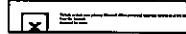
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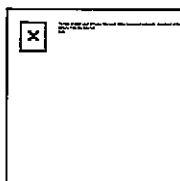
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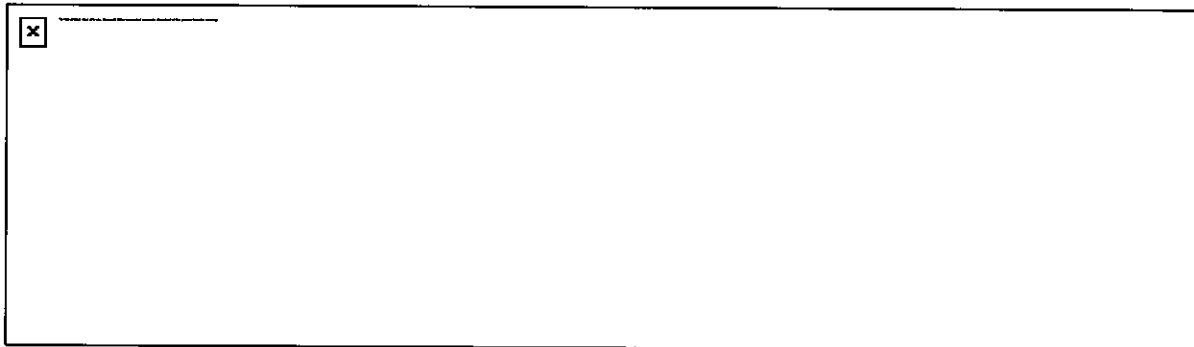
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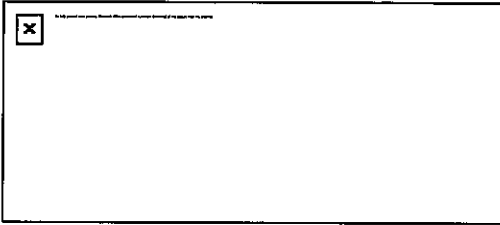
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Is Seeing Believing? A Look Into Deepfakes



Deepfakes are synthetic images, videos, or audio files created using artificial intelligence algorithms with the intention of appearing authentic to spread disinformation, malware, and other cybersecurity

threats. Threat actors may use deepfakes of well-known organizations and figures, including celebrities, politicians, or CEOs, in email campaigns or social media posts that trick users into clicking on malicious links or divulging sensitive personal information.

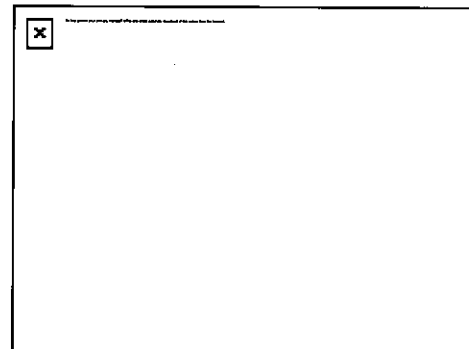
Learn more about deepfakes from the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC)

Additional Resources

[Databricks: Creating, Weaponizing, and Detecting Deep Fakes](#)

Beware of Impersonation Scams

National Consumer Protection Week, which occurred the first week of March, aims to promote consumer rights, privacy protection, and awareness of related scams. The public should remain alert for impersonation scams, where threat actors research and lure targets using personalized social engineering tactics. Current events



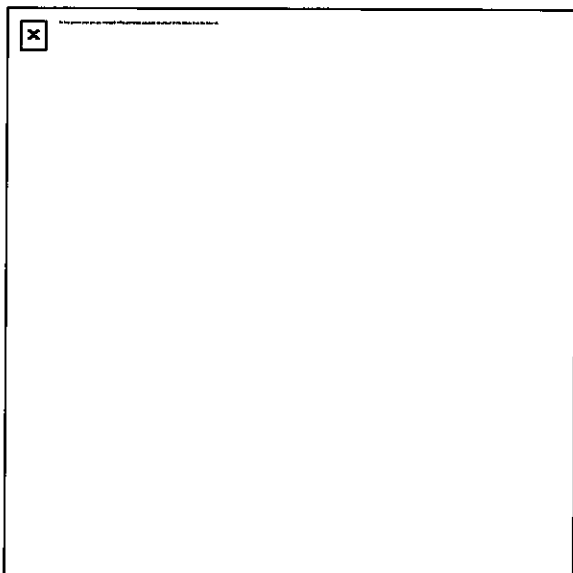
such as tax season, COVID-19 vaccine distribution, and stimulus relief are used to persuade victims into sharing information, transferring money, or installing malware.

The NJCCIC provides recommendations to avoid becoming a victim of impersonation scams in its Garden State Cyber Threat Highlight

Additional Resources

[Reduce Your Digital Footprint](#) | [Back Up Devices](#) | [Use Complex Passwords](#) | [Enable MFA](#)

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[‘This is Our House!’ A Preliminary
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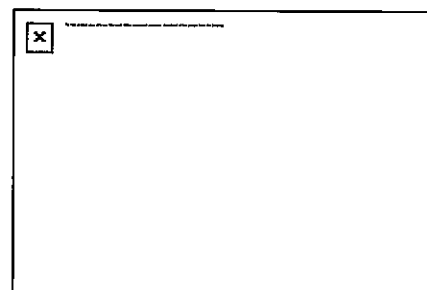
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[Al-Qaeda Is Being Hollowed to Its Core](#)

via War on the Rocks

***New and Noteworthy:* FBI Director Warns of Growing Domestic Terrorism Threat in Congressional Testimony**

The riot that saw thousands storm the US Capitol in January was an act of domestic terrorism, FBI Director Christopher Wray stated during his first testimony before Congress since the insurrection. In a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on March 2, Wray warned of the growing threat of violence presented by white supremacists, militias, and other extremists in the United States. “January 6 was not an isolated event. The problem of domestic terrorism has been metastasizing across the country for a long time now, and it’s not going away anytime soon,” Wray said. He emphasized the deliberate nature of the incident by stating, “Some of those people clearly came to Washington, we now know, with the plans and intentions to engage in the worst kind of violence we would consider domestic terrorism.” He also told lawmakers there was no evidence supporting claims that Antifa planned or carried out the attack. The FBI has noted it shared intelligence throughout 2020 indicating there could be an increase in violence



from domestic extremists, including in relation to the Presidential election. Wray told lawmakers the FBI is currently conducting approximately 2,000 domestic terrorism investigations and continues to pursue those involved in the Capitol riot.

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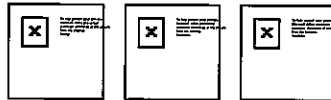
[2020-2021 Supplemental Threat Assessment](#) | [FBI: Examining the Attack on the US Capitol](#)

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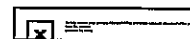


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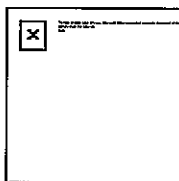
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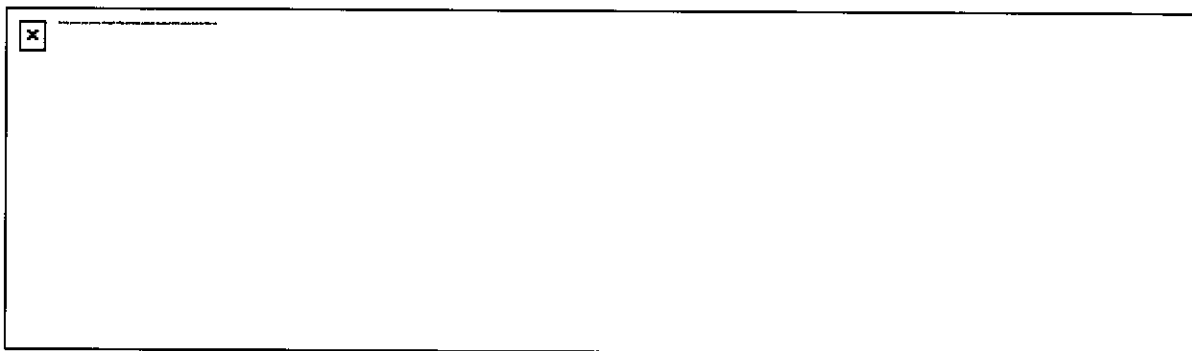
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NJOHSP Accepting Federal Grant Applications

NJOHSP is accepting applications for the US Department of Homeland Security Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) for Fiscal Year 2021. This federal grant opportunity supports security enhancements for eligible nonprofit organizations in New Jersey deemed at the greatest risk of being targets of terrorist attacks. The NSGP provides funding

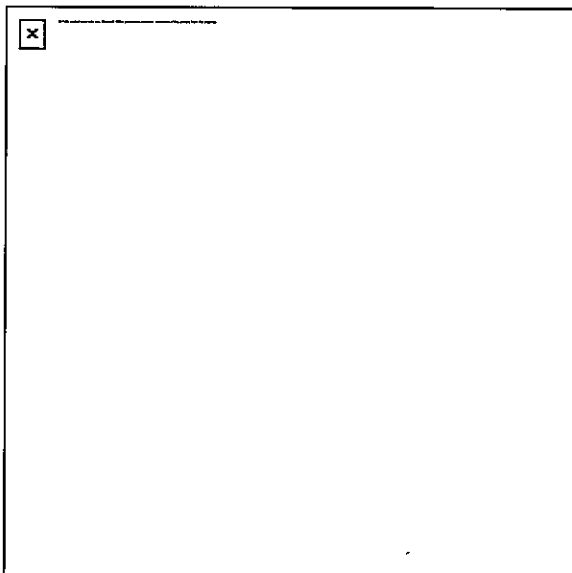
to purchase and install select security equipment on property owned or leased by the organization. Applicants may also pursue investments in training, exercise, and planning that strengthens preparedness measures, as well as hire security personnel pending certain restrictions and requirements. There is no cost associated with the grant application process. The application period closes on April 11.

Visit NJOHSP's [NSGP webpage](#) for further details on the program and application process

Additional Resources

[Nonprofit Security Grant Program FAQs](#) | [NSGP Applicant Workshop](#) | [NJOHSP Grants](#)
[Nonprofit Security Grant Program Webinar Series Information and Invitation](#)

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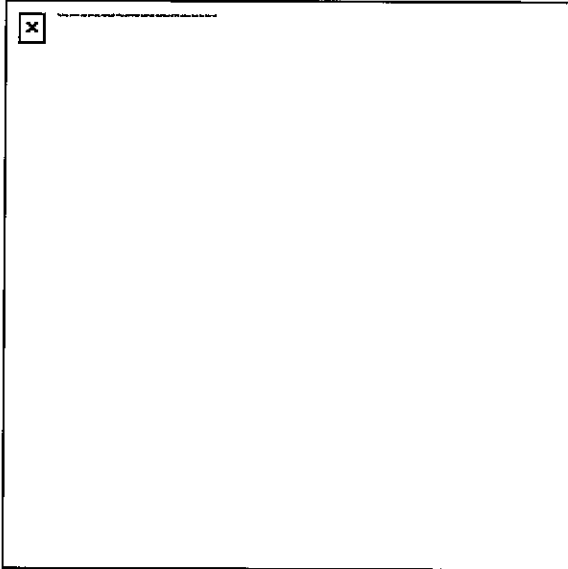
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[Selfie and Siege: Women's Social Media Footprint and the US Capitol Hill Siege](#)

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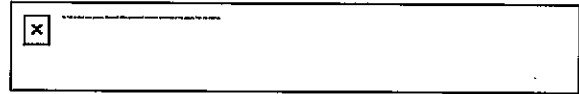
[Emerging Terrorist Financing Threats and Trends](#)

Career Opportunities



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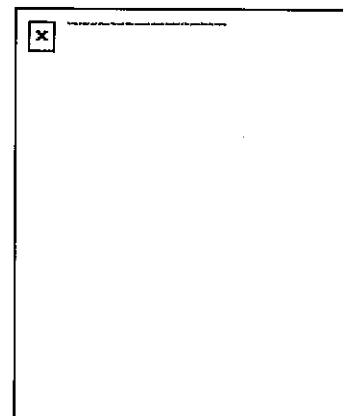
NJCCIC Membership

Membership with the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC) provides information to help develop good cyber hygiene and defend against cyber attacks. Joining comes at no cost, and members receive alerts and advisories, bulletins, training notifications, and updates on the latest cyber activity and best practices.

Sign up for an [NJCCIC membership](#) today

New and Noteworthy: Suspect in Atlanta Spa Shootings Faces Murder, Aggravated Assault Charges

The accused gunman in a spree of shootings at three Atlanta-area spas was charged with eight counts of murder and one count of aggravated assault on March 17. Robert Aaron Long, 21, of Woodstock, Georgia, allegedly attacked the locations separated by about 30 miles total within an hour the prior evening. Four people were fatally shot and another wounded at the first massage parlor northwest of Atlanta, while an additional four people were later killed at the second and third sites across the street from each other within the city. Long's parents called police after viewing surveillance footage on social media, and he was taken into



custody when authorities spotted his vehicle traveling about 150 miles southwest of Atlanta hours after the attacks. Long said he was headed to Florida to commit similar violence against a business tied to the pornography industry, authorities said, and he had a 9 mm firearm in his car that was legally purchased earlier that day. Of the eight people killed, six were women of Asian descent. At a time when violence against Asian American communities nationwide is on the rise, authorities have not ruled out race as a motivating factor. However, they stated that Long claimed the attacks were due to a “sex addiction” and he viewed the spas as a “temptation” he “wanted to eliminate.” Police said he had been a customer at two of the targeted spas.

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

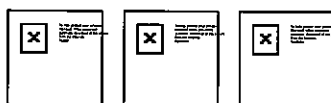
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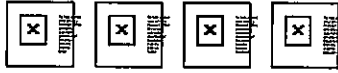


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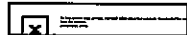
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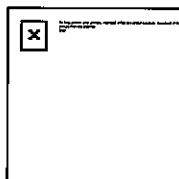
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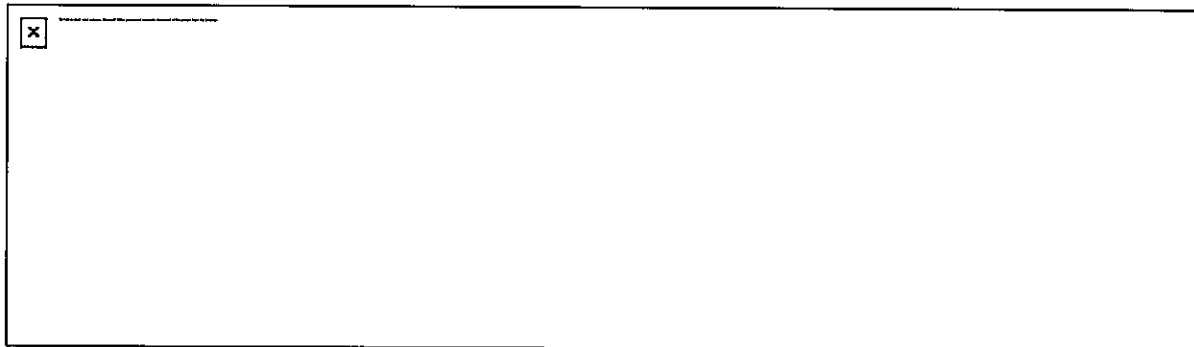
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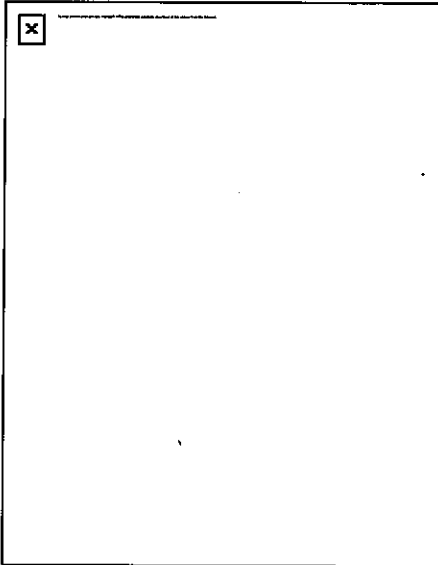
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New Jersey Predictive Threat Analysis



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.

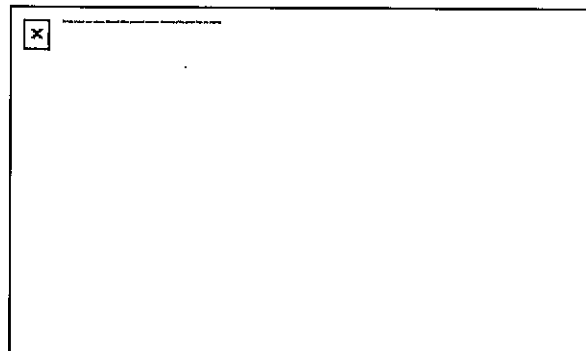
Read NJOHSP's New Jersey Predictive Threat Analysis

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



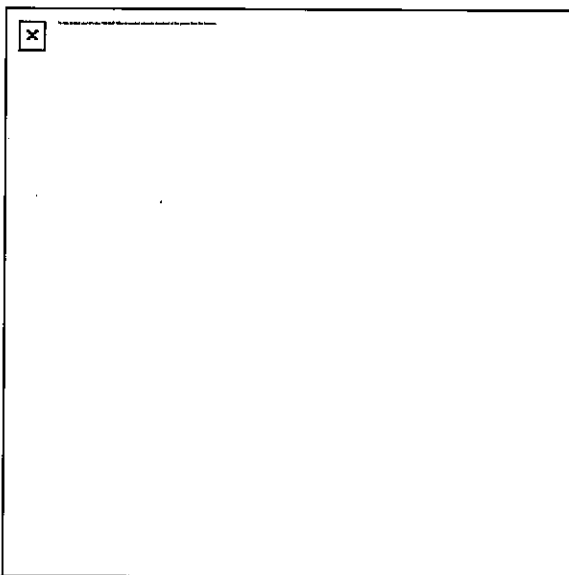
involved in vaccine development. These domains collected personal data on visitors for use in future cyber attacks. Organizations and individuals are advised to remain vigilant and report incidents to the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC).

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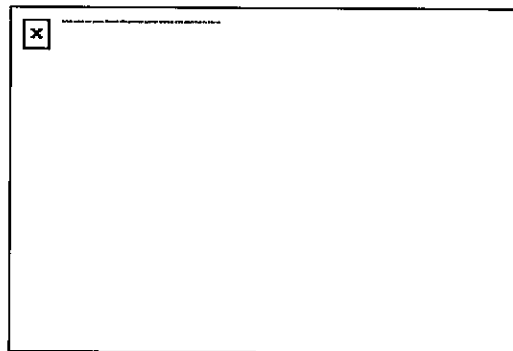
[Conspiracy Stand Down: How Extremist Theories Like QAnon Threaten the Military and What to Do About It](#)
via War on the Rocks

[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.

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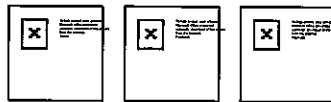
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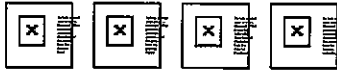


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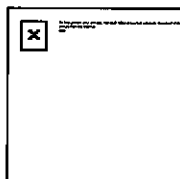
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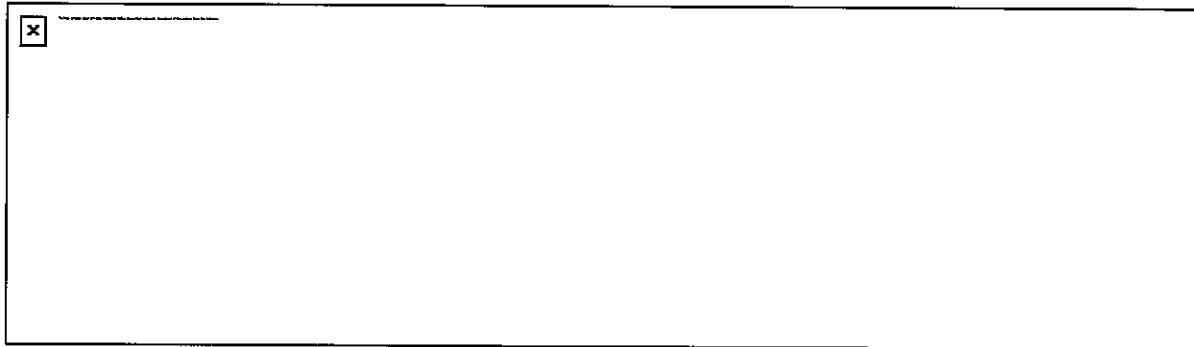
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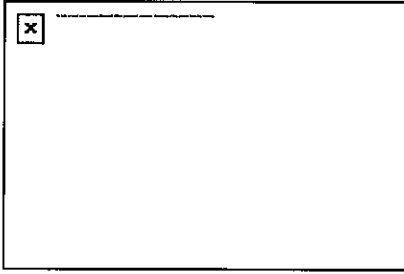
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HVEs Focus on Military Targets, Joining FTOs Overseas



ISIS flag

On March 31, James Bradley, a.k.a. Abdullah, and his wife, Arwa Muthana, were arrested in Newark (Essex County) after attempting to board a cargo ship traveling to Yemen to fight for ISIS. The couple also conspired against military targets in the event their travel was unsuccessful, similar to other plots by homegrown violent extremists (HVEs)

apprehended last year. Since 2020, several HVEs have been arrested for attempting to join a foreign terrorist organization overseas and/or attack military personnel in the United States.

Learn more in NJOHSP's newest Intelligence Note

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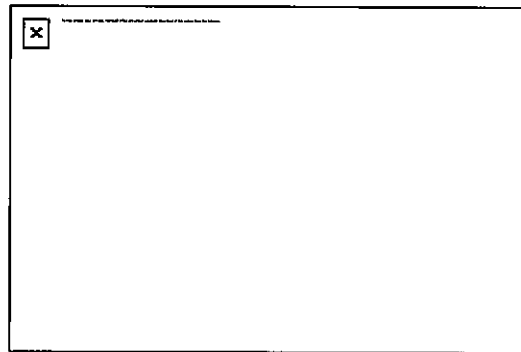
[2020-2021 Supplemental Threat Assessment](#) | [Attack on Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi](#)

Ransomware Attacks Against Education Sector Increase

Ransomware attacks against the education sector are on the rise, with K-12 institutions impacted the most.

According to recent reporting by the FBI, threat actors are utilizing the PYSA variant to exfiltrate data and encrypt systems. Ransomware may remain dormant on networks for months while threat actors

conduct reconnaissance prior to seizing control. Organizations are advised to report incidents to the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC).



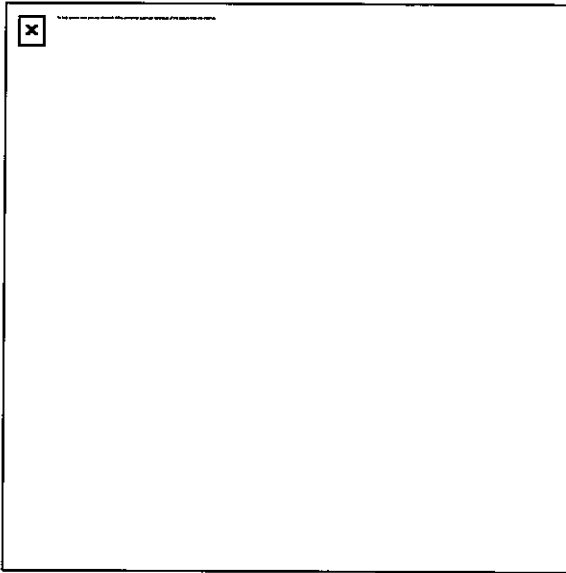
The NJCCIC's latest Garden State Cyber Threat Highlight provides additional information and recommendations

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[Ransomware: The Current Threat Landscape](#) | [Ransomware: Risk Mitigation Strategies](#)

[Cybersecurity Best Practices](#) | [NJCCIC Membership](#)

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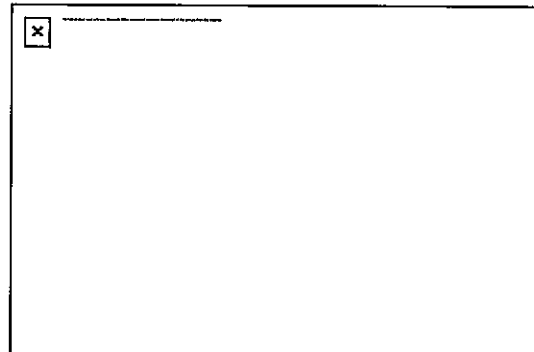
[Have the Taliban Changed?](#)

via Combating Terrorism Center

New and Noteworthy: Navy Medic Who Shot Two Sailors Is Killed at Maryland Military Base

Military police killed a US Navy medic at a base in Maryland after he shot and wounded two sailors at a nearby warehouse on April 6. Fantahun Girma Woldesenbet, 38, opened fire on Hospital Corpsman First Class Carlos Portugal, 36, and Hospitalman Casey Nutt, 26, at a facility rented by

the Naval Medical Research Center's Biological Defense Research Directorate at Fort Detrick to store research supplies and equipment. The gunman and victims were coworkers at the research directorate; Woldesenbet was a lab technician. After the shooting, Woldesenbet fled in his vehicle a few miles away to Fort Detrick, an Army base where all three men were assigned. Military police stopped and fatally shot Woldesenbet within a few minutes of him passing through a security gate and brandishing a firearm. Police said he used a rifle in the shooting. Nutt has since been released from the hospital, while Portugal is in critical condition. A motive



for the attack remains under investigation.

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

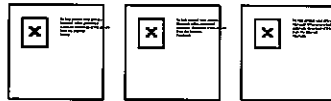
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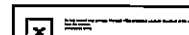
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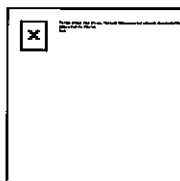
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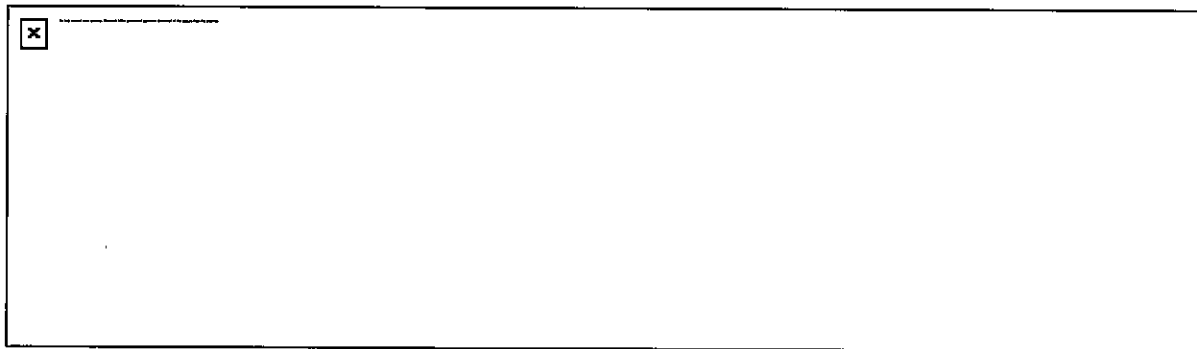
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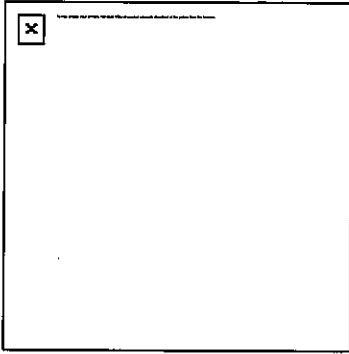
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NJOHSP, NJ ROIC Launch New Jersey Shield Program



NJOHSP and the New Jersey Regional Operations and Intelligence Center (NJ ROIC) held a virtual event on April 14 to announce the launch of the New Jersey Shield program. Focused on strengthening information sharing and collaboration among public- and private-sector managers of security, emergency preparedness, and business continuity, this no-cost

program provides participants access to an online platform that centralizes counterterrorism, cybersecurity, and emergency preparedness information and resources. This includes NJOHSP and NJ ROIC analytical products and publications, partner agency intelligence products, advisories and alerts, training resources and upcoming classes, a resource library, and access to partner programs globally.

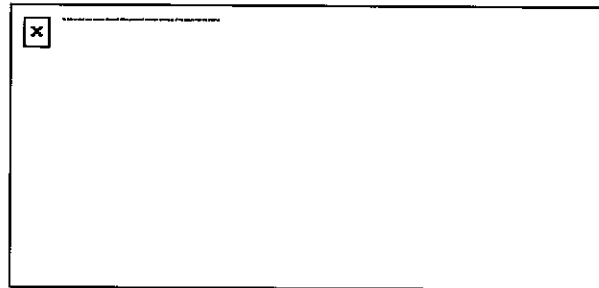
Visit the [New Jersey Shield website](#) to learn more about the program

Additional Resources

[New Jersey Shield Program Launched to Foster Information Sharing, Collaboration](#)

Contact Forms Abused in Recent Malware Campaigns

Automated scripts are being used to fill out contact forms on websites in an attempt to install IcedID, a form of malware that has been used to distribute ransomware. These scripts add links in the form submission that, when



clicked, prompt users to log in to their Google accounts to view malicious documents. Contact forms allow threat actors to use legitimate URLs in order to appear less suspicious. Users should avoid clicking on links included in unverified emails and refrain from entering credentials on websites navigated to via links included in emails.

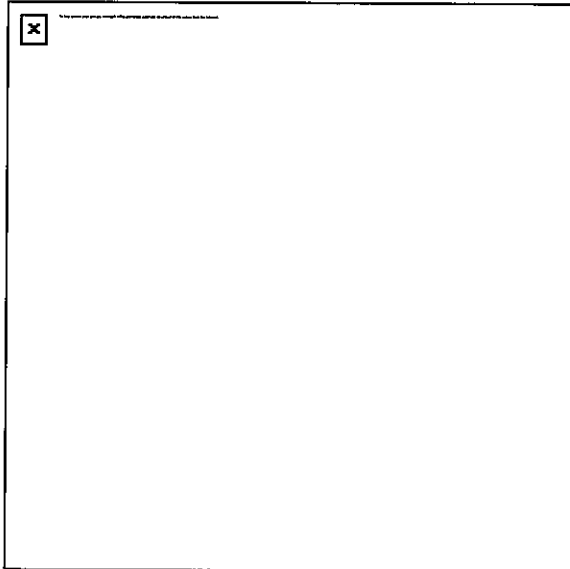
The New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC) provides more information and recommendations in its latest [Garden State Cyber Threat Highlight](#)

Additional Resources

[Microsoft: Investigating Unique 'Form' of Email Delivery for IcedID Malware](#)

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[The Father, the Son and the Racist Spirit:
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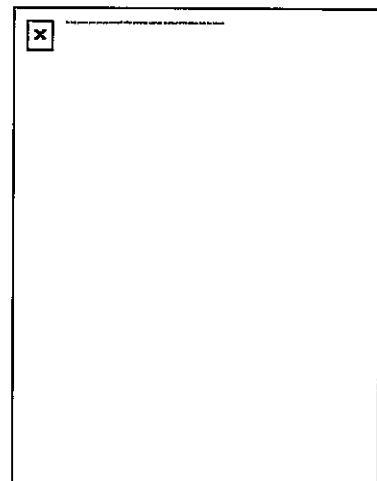
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[Al-Qaeda After Ayman al-Zawahiri](#)

via Lawfare

New and Noteworthy: US Intelligence Community Highlights 'Diverse Array of Threats' in Annual Report

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence released the 2021 Annual Threat Assessment of the US Intelligence Community on April 13, highlighting threats the United States faces in the coming year. The report comprises the findings of the nation's 18 intelligence agencies. It details a "diverse array of threats" to the country amid challenges stemming from the intersection of a competition for power among nations, changes in technology and the environment, and issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea will continue to threaten US



interests, influence, and security, according to the assessment. It also discusses transnational concerns, including the pandemic, climate change and environmental degradation, emerging technologies, and cyber threats. Foreign terrorist threats remain a concern to US and allied interests and operations overseas, though the capability of groups such as al-Qa'ida and ISIS to directly conduct attacks within the United States has diminished. Homegrown violent extremists and domestic violent extremists present the greatest immediate threats, the report states.

Additional Resources

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

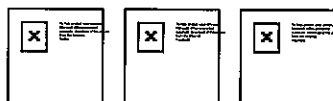
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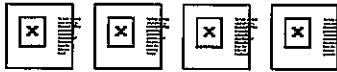


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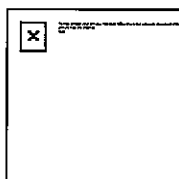
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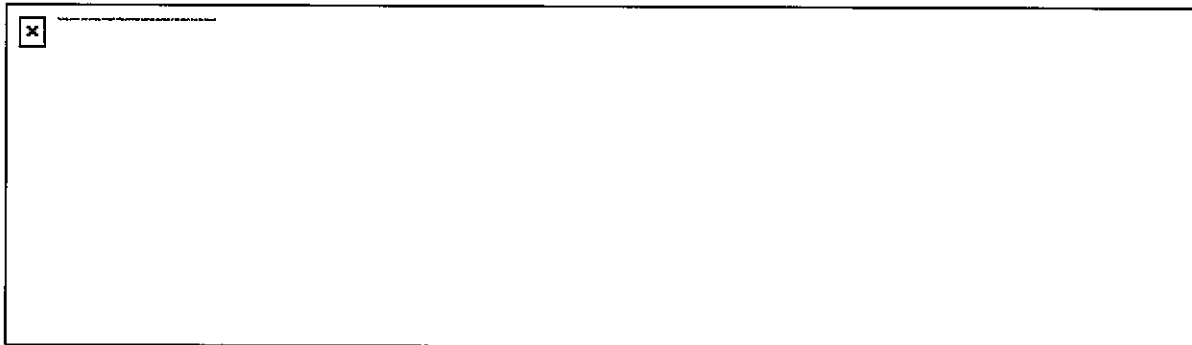
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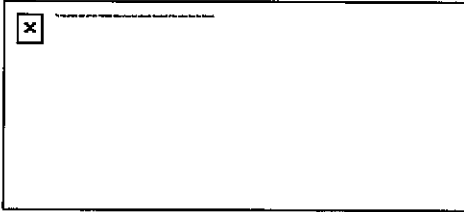
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HVEs Directed to Target Law Enforcement at Protests



Al-Qa'ida's flag

Foreign terrorist organizations, such as al-Qa'ida and ISIS, continue encouraging their followers to target law enforcement during protests when officers are engaged in crowd control and anti-looting patrols. While protests can attract homegrown violent extremists

(HVEs) to conduct opportunistic attacks, their previous attempts to target law enforcement have also included luring plots and sporadic attacks using easily obtainable weapons.

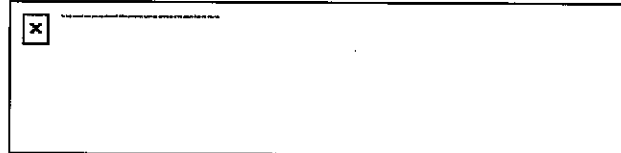
Read more in NJOHSP's latest Intelligence Note

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New Jersey Predictive Threat Analysis | HVEs to Continue Targeting Uniformed Officers

Pulse Connect Secure Vulnerabilities Exploited

Multiple Pulse Connect Secure products continue to be targeted and exploited.



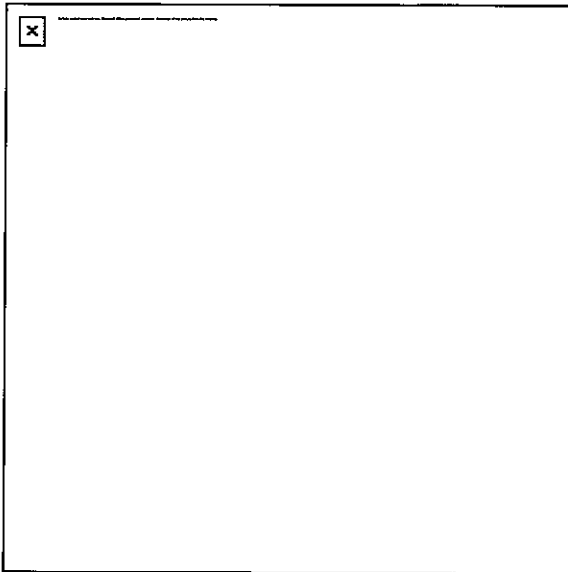
Several vulnerabilities are being leveraged

with significant risk to private and public organizations, including a newly discovered vulnerability and three from 2019 and 2020. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued Alert AA21-110A and Emergency Directive (ED) 21-03 directing all federal departments and agencies to run the Pulse Connect Secure Integrity Tool to determine whether any files have been maliciously modified or added. Although ED 21-03 applies to Federal Civilian Executive Branch departments and agencies, CISA and the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC) recommend that all impacted companies follow the guidance set forth in ED 21-03.

The NJCCIC's latest Garden State Cyber Threat Highlight provides additional information and recommendations

Additional Resources

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[The Ethics of Regulating Extremism Online: Five Elements for Content Moderation](#)

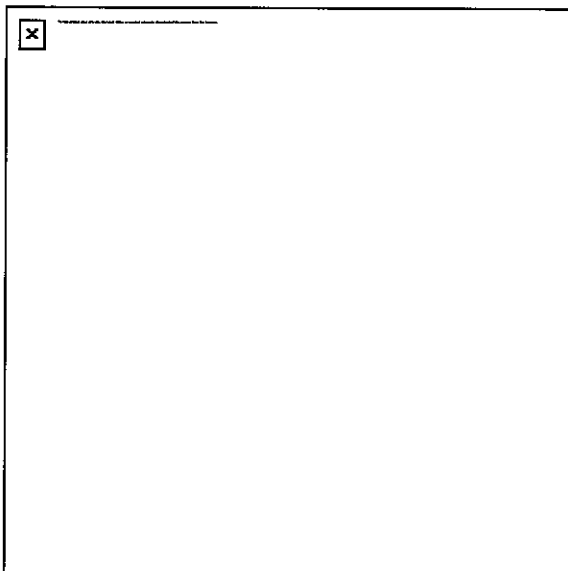
[Frameworks](#)

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[Revitalizing Alliances to Counter Terrorism](#)

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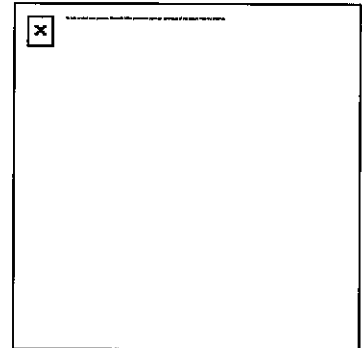
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New and Noteworthy: Brooklyn Man Receives Life Sentence in Bombing of New York City Subway Station

A Brooklyn, New York, man who carried out a bombing attack in a subway station on behalf of ISIS was sentenced to life in prison on April 22. Akayed Ullah, 31, detonated a pipe bomb strapped to his chest under the Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York City on December 11, 2017. Law enforcement took Ullah into custody after finding him on the ground shortly after the



explosion, as well as remnants of the device around the scene. He suffered serious burns, while there were only minor injuries to some people near the blast. He admitted to authorities that the attack was conducted on behalf of ISIS and he sought to “terrorize as many people as possible,” according to prosecutors. Investigators found that Ullah, who began radicalizing around 2014 out of anger at US foreign policy in the Middle East, drew inspiration from pro-ISIS propaganda. He also built the bomb in his apartment after researching how to do so for about a year prior to the attack. A jury convicted Ullah in November 2018 of provision of material support and resources to a designated foreign terrorist organization, using and attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction, bombing and attempting to bomb a place of public use, destruction of property by means of fire or explosives, and use of a destructive device in furtherance of a crime of violence. He is subject to life of supervised release in addition to his prison term.

Additional Resources

[Homegrown Violent Extremists](#) | [New York City Subway Attack](#) | [Report Suspicious Activity](#)

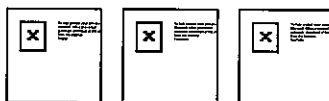
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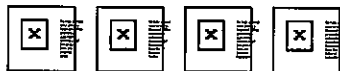


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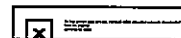
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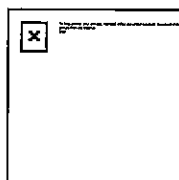
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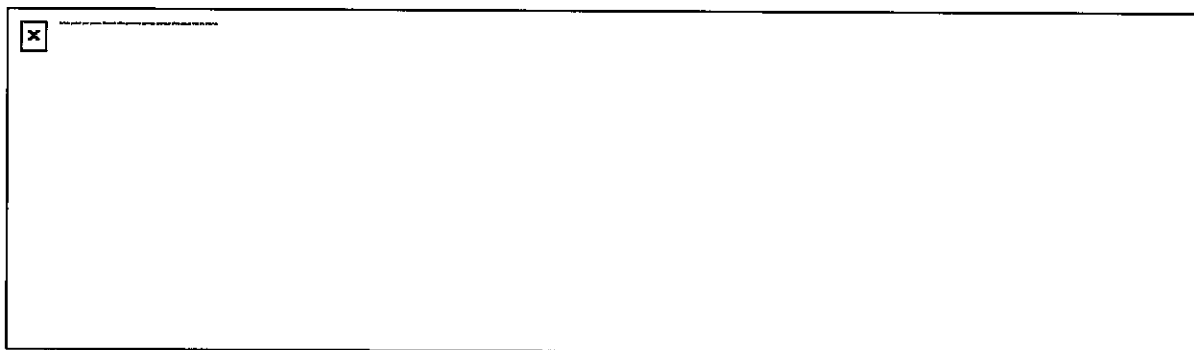
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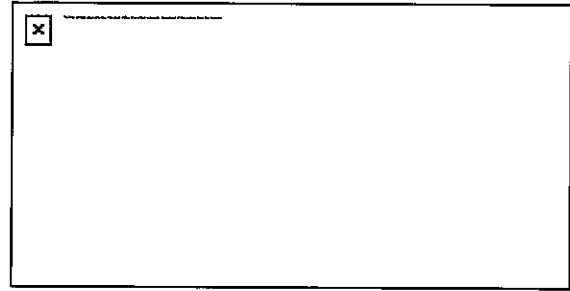
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Qlocker Ransomware Targets QNAP Devices

A recent spike in Qlocker ransomware incidents has resulted in losses exceeding \$250,000. Threat actors are targeting small- to medium-sized businesses, and the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC)



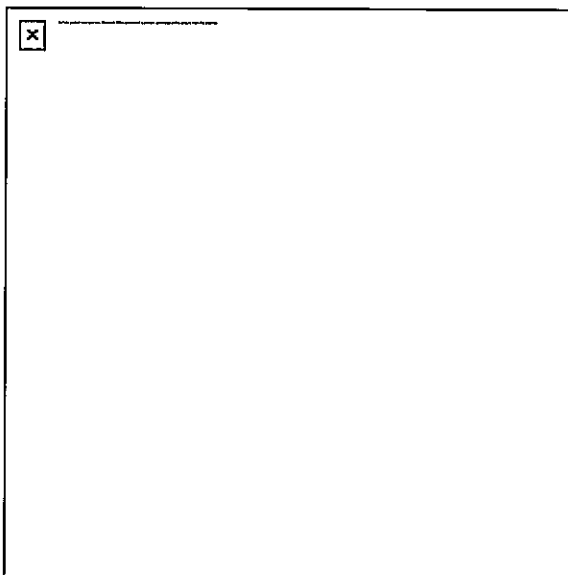
has received several incident reports in the last week regarding attacks impacting New Jersey entities. QNAP, a company that provides network attached storage solutions, strongly urges all users of its devices to take action as soon as possible. The NJCCIC recommends updating QNAP devices to the latest versions and avoiding exposure of these devices on public networks. Users are also encouraged to use complex passwords, enable multifactor authentication (MFA), and ensure data is backed up offline.

Additional details are provided in the NJCCIC's latest Garden State Cyber Threat Highlight

Additional Resources

[Ransomware: The Current Threat Landscape](#) | [Ransomware: Risk Mitigation Strategies](#)
[MFA: A Critical Step for Account Security](#) | [NJCCIC Membership](#) | [Report a Cyber Incident](#)

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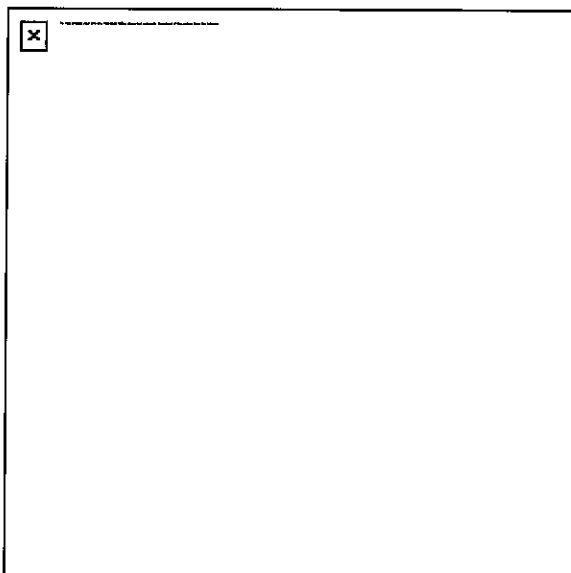
[A Caliph Without a Caliphate: The](#)

[Biography of ISIS's New Leader](#)

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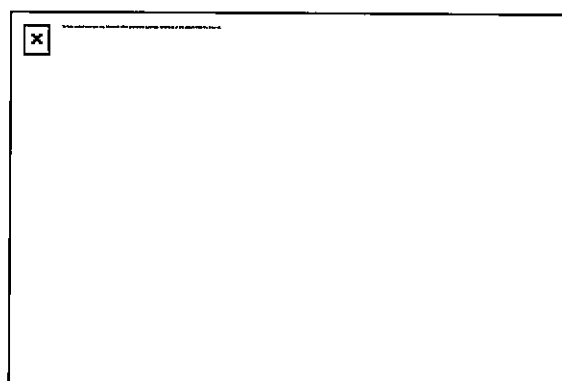
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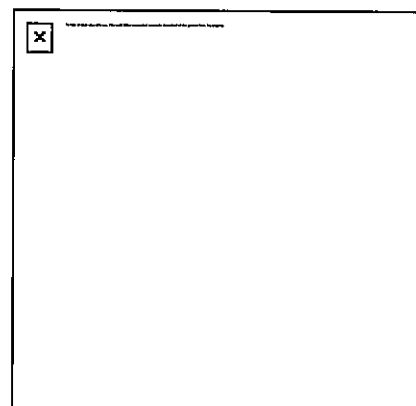


To celebrate NJOHSP's 15th anniversary, former Directors shared their thoughts on the milestone and their experiences while leading the organization.

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New and Noteworthy: ADL Records More Than 2,000 Anti-Semitic Incidents in US for Second Straight Year

A total of 2,024 anti-Semitic incidents occurred in the United States in 2020, according to an Anti-Defamation League (ADL) report released on April 27. This annual audit shows a 4 percent decrease compared to the number of incidents reported in 2019 (2,107); however, last year's figure is the third-highest total since the ADL began tracking this data in 1979. The incidents are categorized as harassment (1,242 in 2020), vandalism (751), and assault (31). Of the 47 states and District of Columbia where data was gathered, New Jersey followed only New York (336) with the highest number of reported anti-Semitic incidents in 2020 at 295, a 14 percent drop from 345 in 2019.



The ADL noted a reduction in incidents at schools and college campuses across the country due to a shift toward remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the intentional disruption of videoconferences, known as “Zoombombing,” occurred with anti-Semitic motivation 196 times—114 of which targeted Jewish institutions such as schools. The full report, “Audit of Antisemitic Incidents: Year in Review 2020,” can be viewed on the ADL’s website.

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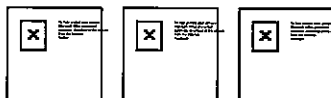
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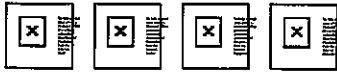


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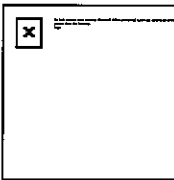
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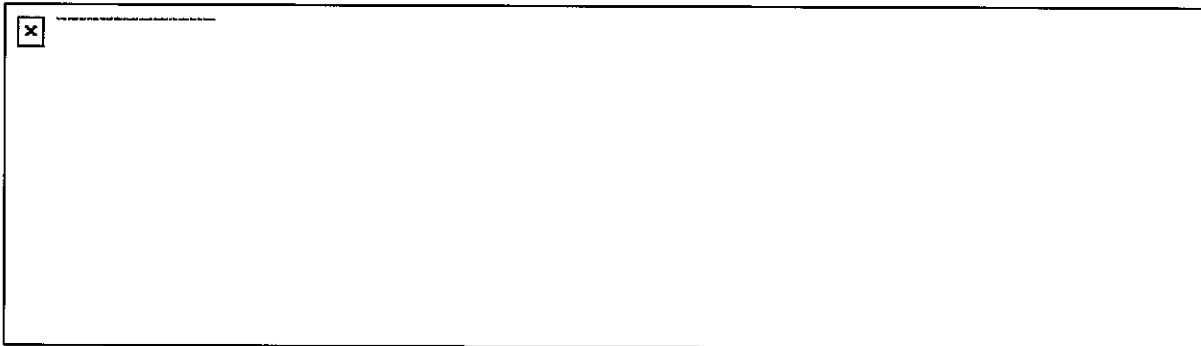
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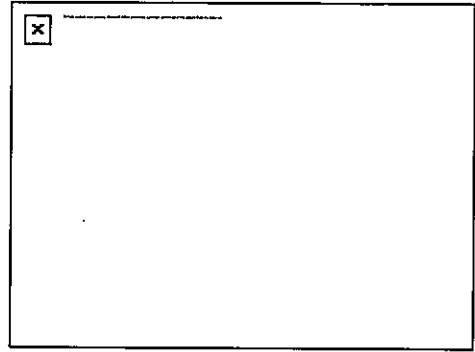
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Terrorist Groups May Exploit Withdrawal of US Troops

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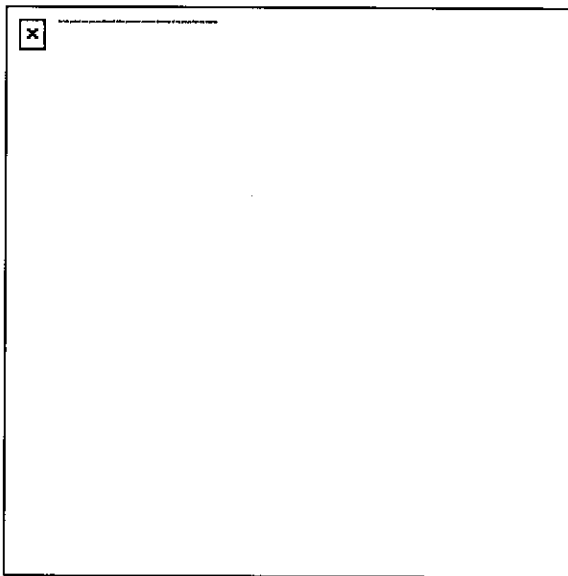


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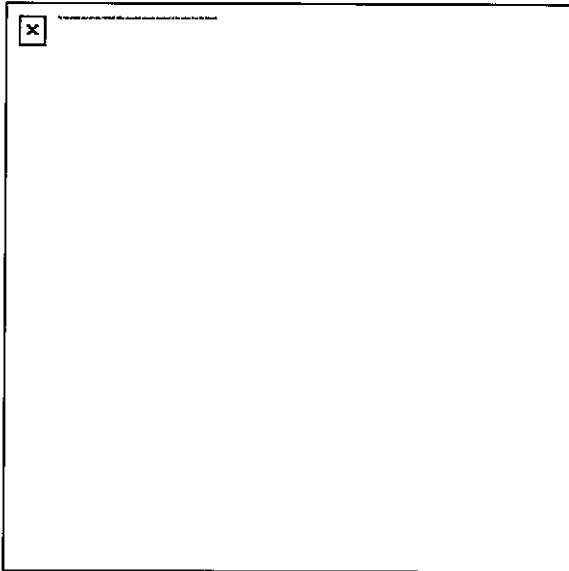
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[The Cloud Caliphate: Archiving the Islamic
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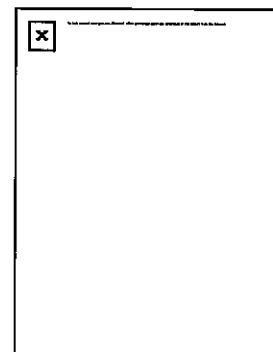
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A 23-year-old Holland, Ohio, man admitted on May 18 that he tried to assist ISIS and plan an attack on a Toledo-area synagogue. Law enforcement began investigating Damon Joseph, also known as Abdullah Ali Yusuf, in 2018 after he posted photographs of weapons and messages supportive of ISIS on social media, including an image that originated from the terrorist organization's media wing. In

September of that year, he communicated online with undercover FBI agents about his support of the group and propaganda he produced for use in recruitment efforts. Joseph later expressed an interest in participating in an attack on behalf of ISIS, and he met with an undercover agent to discuss conducting an attack on a synagogue. He identified possible targets, talked about weapons, and noted he wanted to kill a rabbi at a particular synagogue. Joseph was arrested on December 7, 2018, when he met with the agent to take possession of semi-automatic rifles, which had been rendered inoperable. Joseph, who pleaded guilty to attempting to provide



material support to ISIS and attempting to commit a hate crime, faces a maximum of life in prison at his sentencing scheduled for September 14.

Additional Resources

[Homegrown Violent Extremists](#) | [Homegrown Violent Extremists in the US, 2018](#)

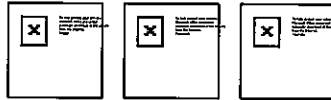
[Active Shooter Response](#) | [Infrastructure Protection Resource Sheet: Religious Facilities](#)

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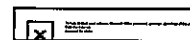
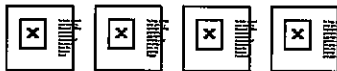


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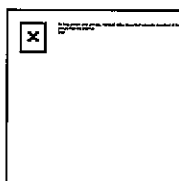
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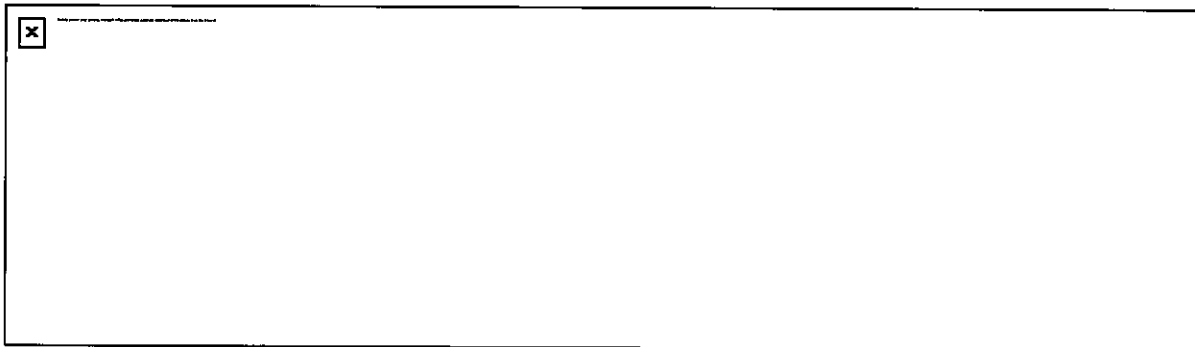
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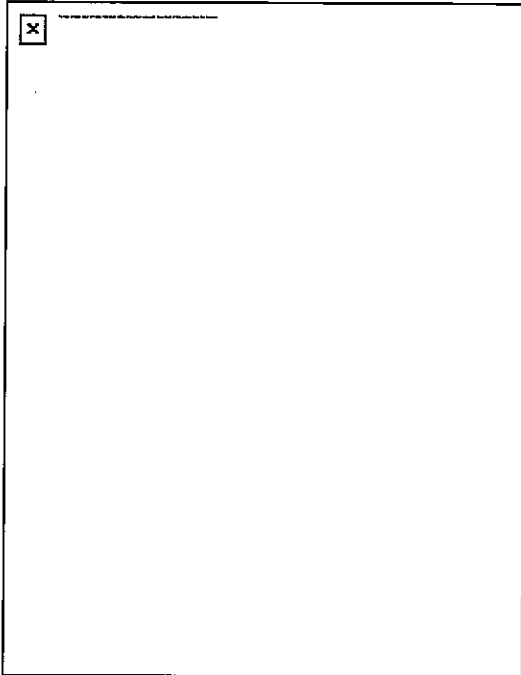
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Changes in Extremist Operations Due to COVID-19



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.

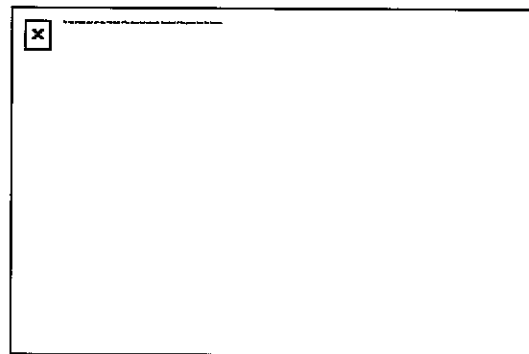
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Additional Resources

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



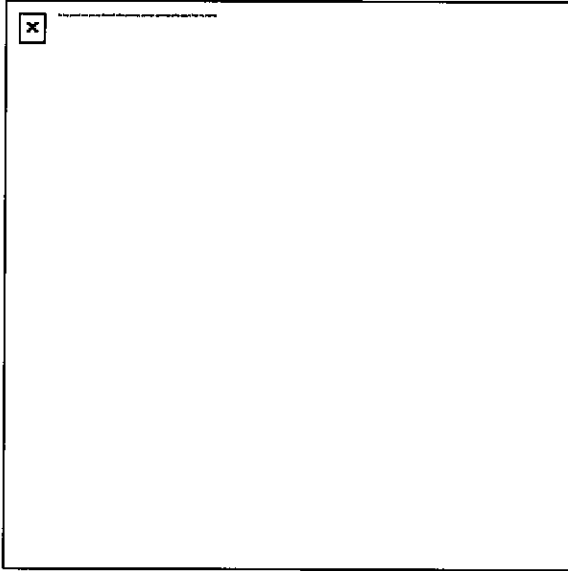
(PII) as part of these campaigns. The stolen data is then used to commit identity theft and unemployment insurance fraud. Users should maintain awareness of the latest social engineering tactics and be able to identify the common red flags associated with them.

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

Additional Resources

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

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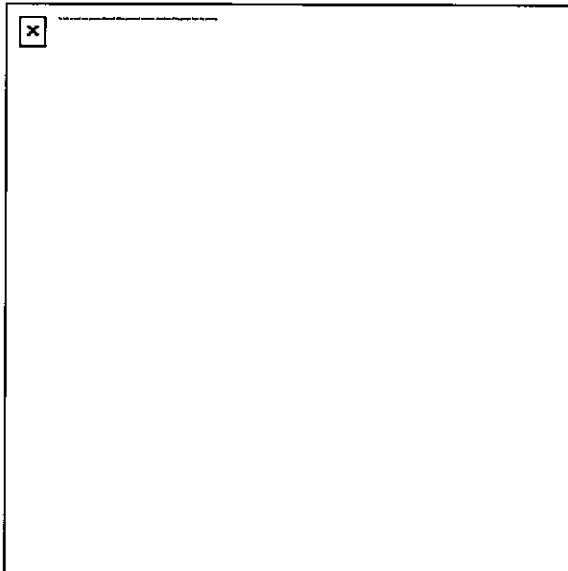
[The Threat Is the Network: The Multi-Node Structure of Neo-Fascist Accelerationism](#)

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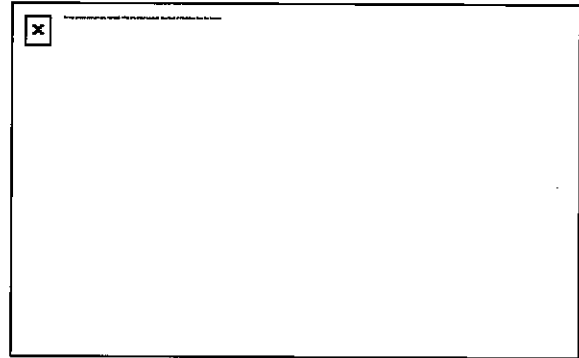


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New and Noteworthy: Public Transit Employee Kills 9 Coworkers in Mass Shooting at California Rail Yard

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.

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

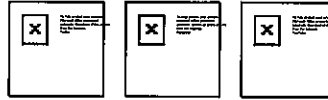
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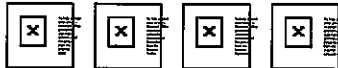


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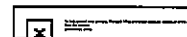
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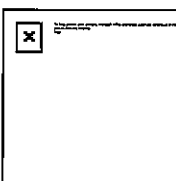
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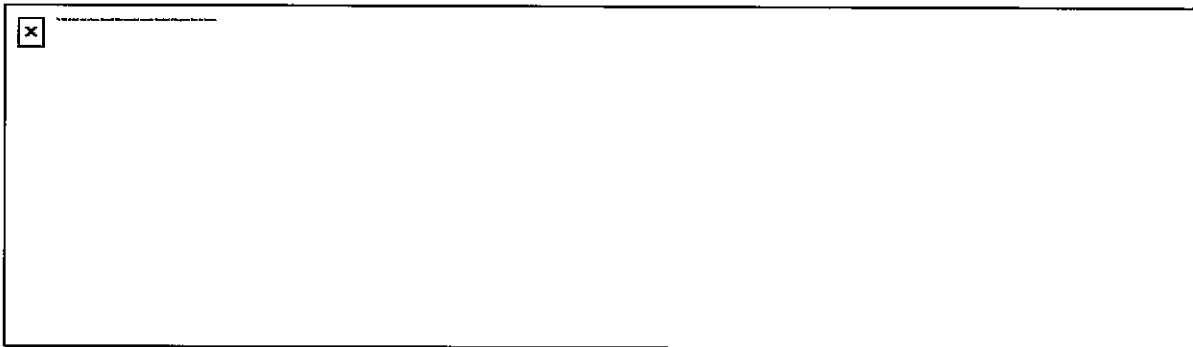
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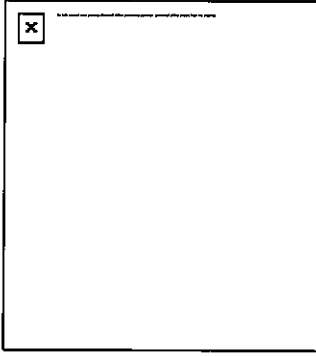
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Laurie Doran Named Acting Director of NJOHSP

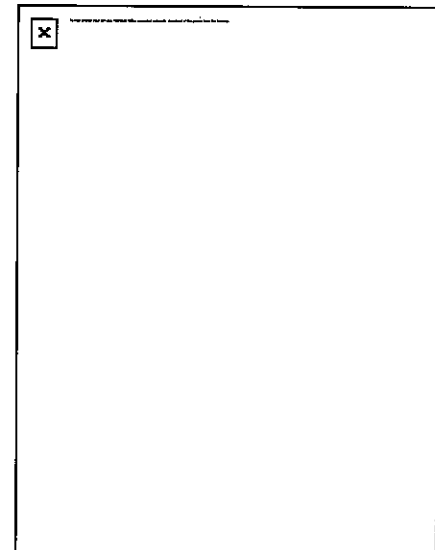


Governor Phil Murphy announced on June 4 the appointment of Laurie Doran as Acting Director of NJOHSP. Acting Director Doran succeeds former Director Jared Maples, who joined the National Hockey League as Executive Vice President and Chief Security Officer. “Jared has been an incredible leader, mentor,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

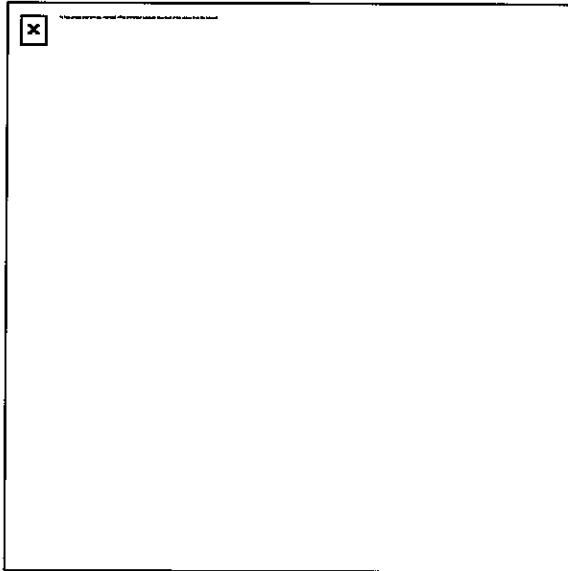
The US government’s renewed focus on the origins of COVID-19 will likely not alter the behavior of actors leveraging the pandemic to discredit the United States, including nation-states and various extremist groups. China will likely challenge US motives and credibility and spread disinformation, while 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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[Deconstructing the Extreme Right](#)

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[Teen Terrorism Inspired by Social Media Is on the Rise. Here's What We Need to Do.](#)

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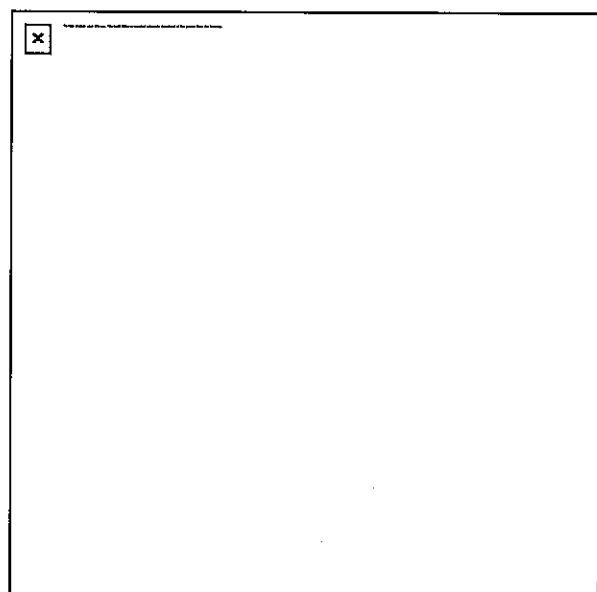
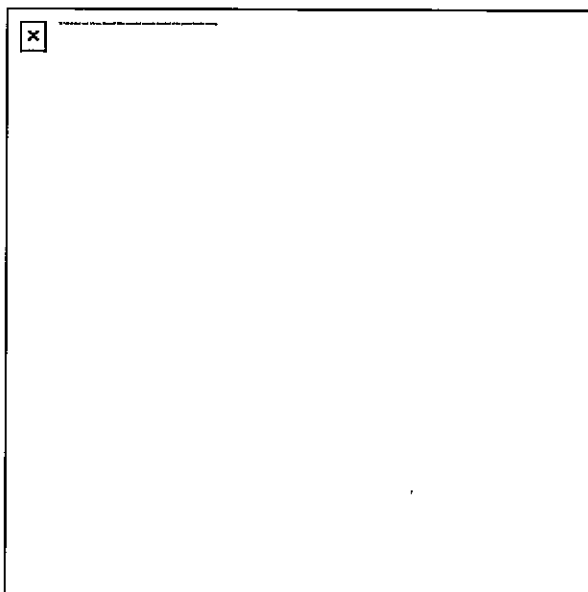
[No Child's Play: IS Propaganda Videos and the Recruitment of Children](#)

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[Turner Diaries: Defining a Movement](#)

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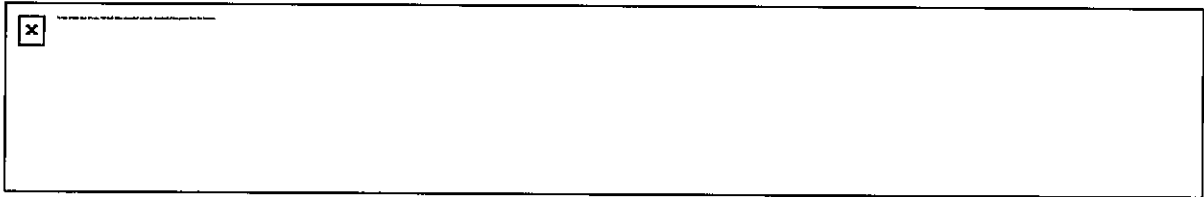


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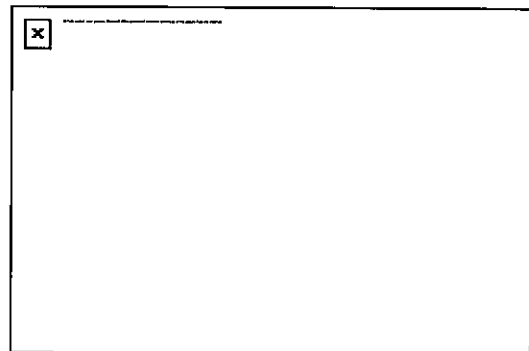
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New and Noteworthy: Customer, Employee Information Not Compromised in MTA Cyber Attack in April

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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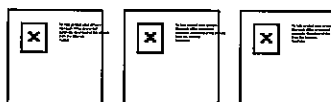
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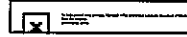
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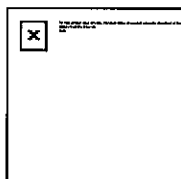
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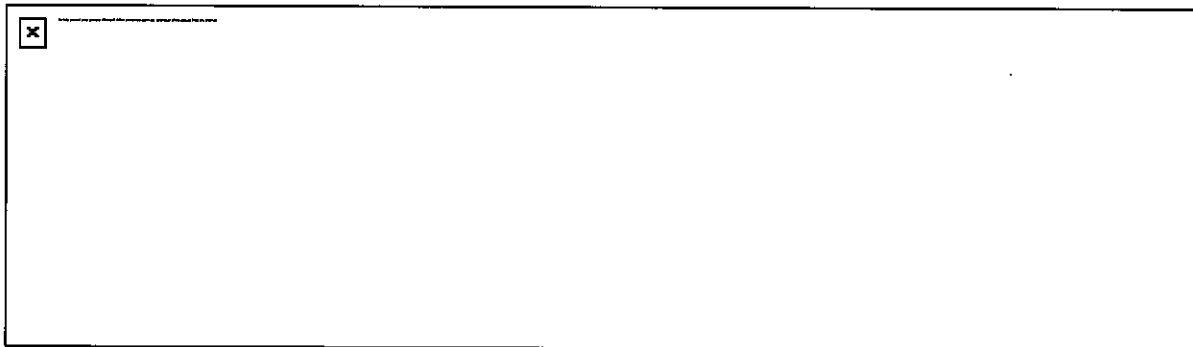
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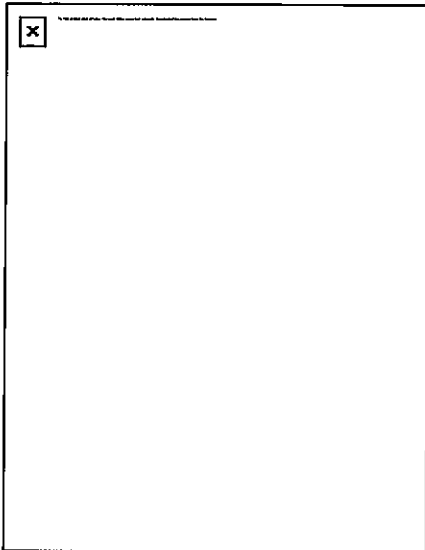
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Domestic Extremists Shift Focus to US Government



Domestic extremists have capitalized on wide-ranging anti-government sentiment to further their respective movements based on the US government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Presidential election, and nationwide civil unrest. Prior to 2021, domestic extremists focused on perceived threats, such as those stemming from religious groups, counter-protest organizations, election fraud conspiracies, and government overreach. However, over the past year, the specific targets of anarchist, anti-

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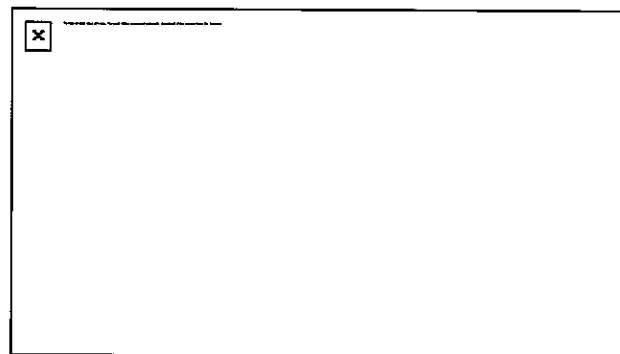
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Additional Resources

[2020-2021 Supplemental Threat Assessment](#) | [Extremist Operational Changes From COVID-19 Focus on Virus Origins Unlikely to Halt Disinformation](#) | [New Jersey Predictive Threat Analysis](#)

Maintaining Infrastructure Resilience Amid Pandemic

As the State of New Jersey reopens from the COVID-19 pandemic, it remains critical for infrastructure organizations to adhere to strong physical security and cybersecurity policies and practices while engaging with public-sector partners. Infrastructure



companies should implement a workforce resilience program that includes a communications plan providing operational situational awareness to authorized essential on-site workers and remote personnel, as well as customers, contractors, and vendors. Practicing good cyber hygiene will support that communications plan and further assist in maintaining critical functions to

ensure seamless day-to-day operations, provide updates to customers, and avoid impacts to supply chains. NJOHSP offers no-cost virtual training opportunities to help organizations protect and secure critical business functions, as well as urges continued vigilance in reporting suspicious activity in and around facilities or complexes to local authorities or NJOHSP's Counterterrorism Watch Desk at 1-866-4-SAFE-NJ or tips@njohsp.gov.

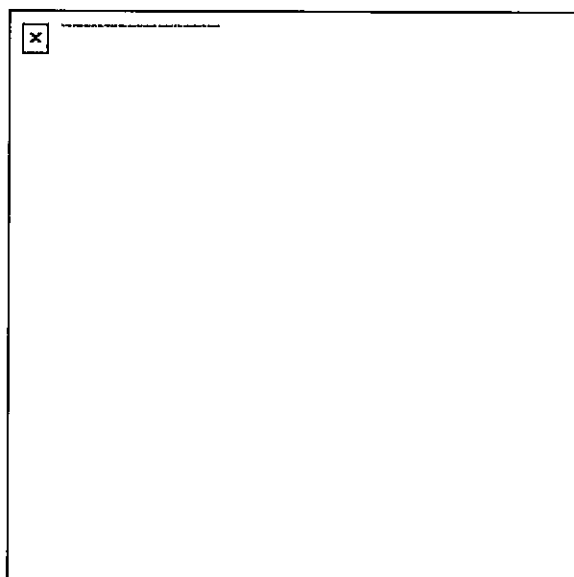
Contact the Infrastructure Security Bureau at InfrastructureSecurity@njohsp.gov for more information on training opportunities and assistance with risk vulnerability mitigation

Additional Resources

[Cybersecurity Mitigation Guides](#) | [Suspicious Activity Reporting](#)

[CISA: Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](#)

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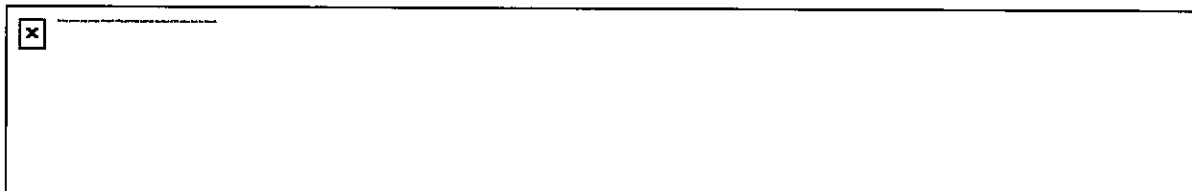
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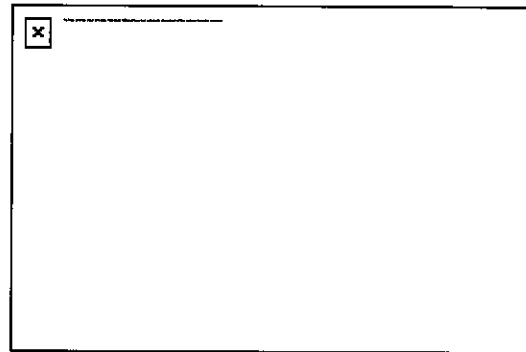
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New and Noteworthy: Canadian Family Targeted Because of Islamic Faith in Deadly Vehicle Ramming

A Muslim family of four was killed and the 9-year-old son of two of those victims was seriously injured when a driver hit them with his pickup truck in an attack that Canadian authorities said was motivated by hate. Nathaniel Veltman is accused of striking the family as they waited at an intersection in



London, Ontario, on June 6. A man, his wife, their daughter, and the man's mother died, while the couple's son suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries. Police said evidence shows the incident was premeditated and the family was targeted due to its faith. Veltman was arrested without incident at a shopping center parking lot about 4 miles away while wearing a body armor-type vest, according to police. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called the incident "a terrorist attack," and authorities are considering potential terrorism charges. Veltman is already charged with four counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted murder.

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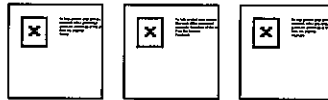
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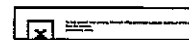
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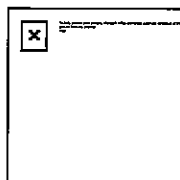
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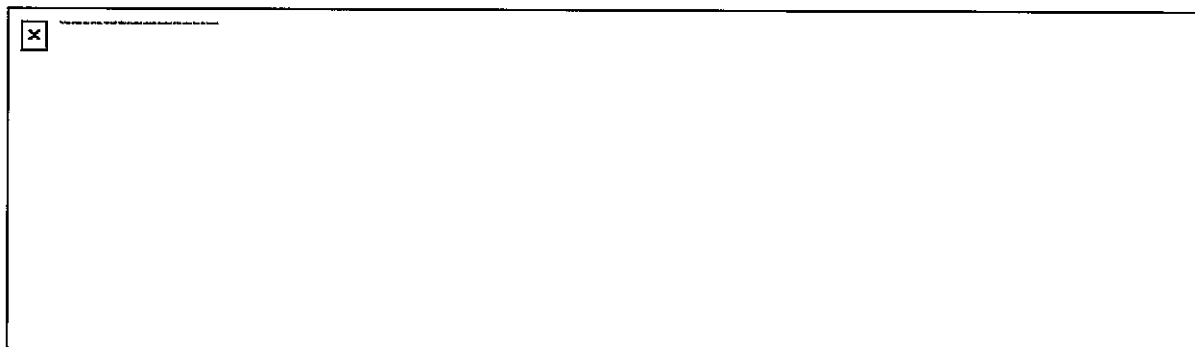
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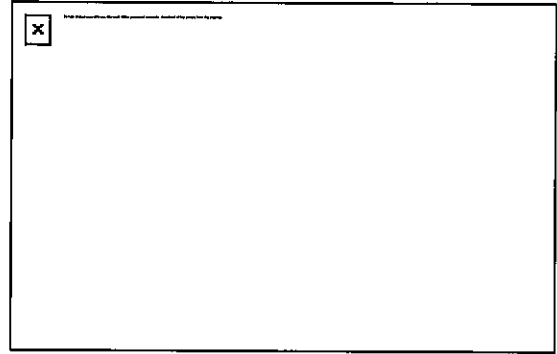
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Make Pets Part of Emergency Preparedness Plans

Pets are important members of their families and need to be included in plans developed to prepare for emergencies. Being proactive will reduce stress and worry when decisions need to be made. Before disaster strikes, be aware of safe places that you and your pets can go if asked to evacuate,



such as pet-friendly hotels. Consider microchipping pets, and make sure contact information for you and an emergency contact is kept up to date. Build an emergency supply kit that includes items like food and water, medication and other veterinarian-recommended medical supplies, a leash and collar with ID tag, pet registration information and other relevant documents in a waterproof container, grooming and sanitation products, favorite toys and treats, and a photo of you and your pet together in case of separation. Keep a lighter kit if evacuated to supplement a larger one to use while sheltering in place, and review and replace items as needed. Additionally, stay informed about current conditions, and bring pets indoors at the first sign of a storm or other disaster. Local emergency management, animal shelter, and animal control offices can be contacted for further information on caring for pets during emergencies.

Additional Resources

[#IntelUnclass Podcast: Preparing for the Unknown – The Public and Private Perspective](#)
[Ready.gov: Prepare Your Pets for Disasters](#) | [Ready.gov: Preparing Makes Sense for Pet Owners](#)

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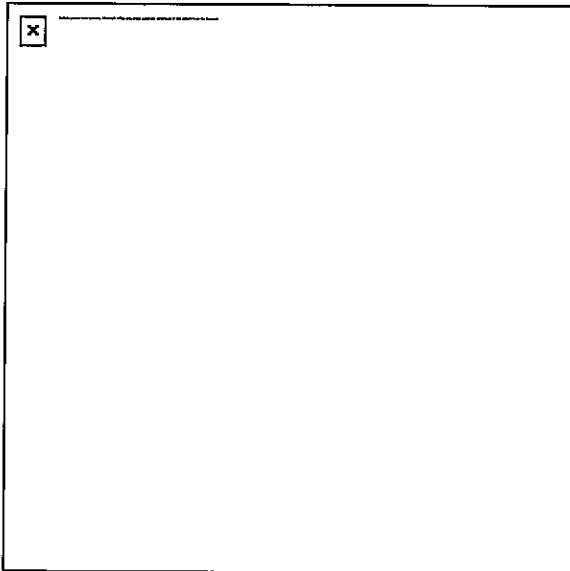
[The Darker Side of Social: QAnon](#)

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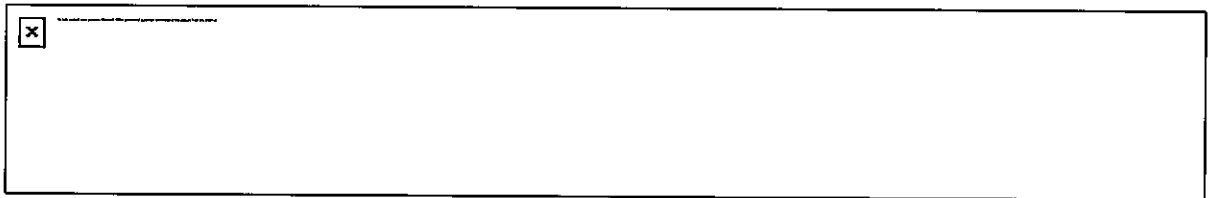


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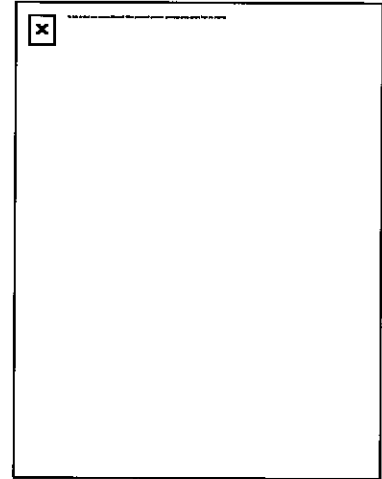
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New and Noteworthy: Attorney General Details National Strategy to Combat Domestic Terrorism

US Attorney General Merrick Garland announced measures the Justice Department will take in coordination with federal partners to curb the country's growing domestic terrorist threat. He unveiled the first "National Strategy for Countering Domestic Terrorism," which the Biden administration released on June 15 detailing steps to address the national security threat and improve response efforts from the federal government.

"Attacks by domestic terrorists are not just attacks on their immediate victims. They are attacks on all of us collectively, aimed at rending the fabric of our democratic society and driving us apart," Garland said. Upon taking office, President Joe Biden directed his administration to assess the domestic terrorism landscape in the United States, and that examination from law enforcement and intelligence agencies was used to guide the development of the national strategy. It is organized around four pillars: 1) Understand and share domestic terrorism-related information, 2) Prevent domestic terrorism recruitment and mobilization to violence, 3) Disrupt and deter domestic terrorism activity, and 4) Confront long-term contributors to domestic terrorism. Garland emphasized that the implementation of this strategy is focused on combating violence and not ideology or First Amendment-protected activities. The [strategy](#) and Garland's full [remarks](#) are available online.



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[Domestic Extremists Shift Focus Toward US Government](#)

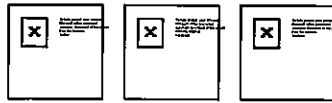
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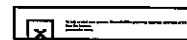
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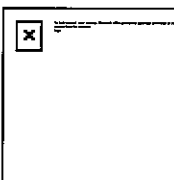
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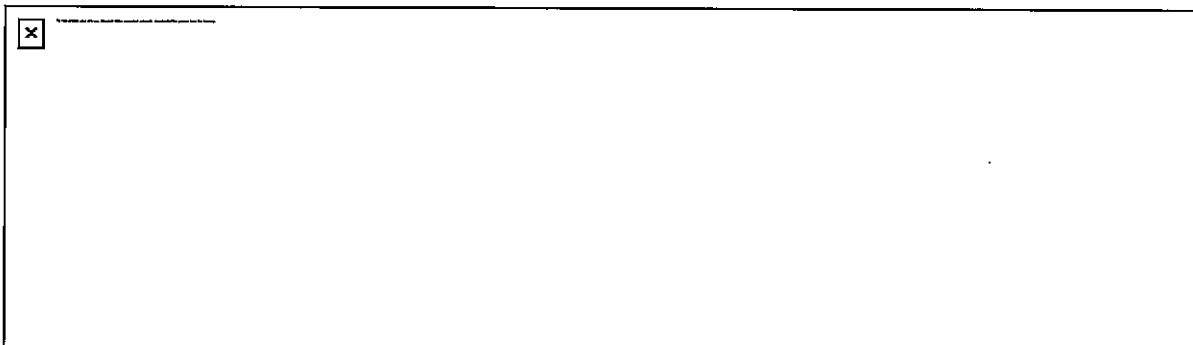
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Non-Kinetic Warfare Challenging US Global Stance

Nation-state adversaries are leveraging non-kinetic warfare strategies that include disinformation campaigns, cyber attacks, and economic espionage against federal, state, and local governments to gain strategic and economic

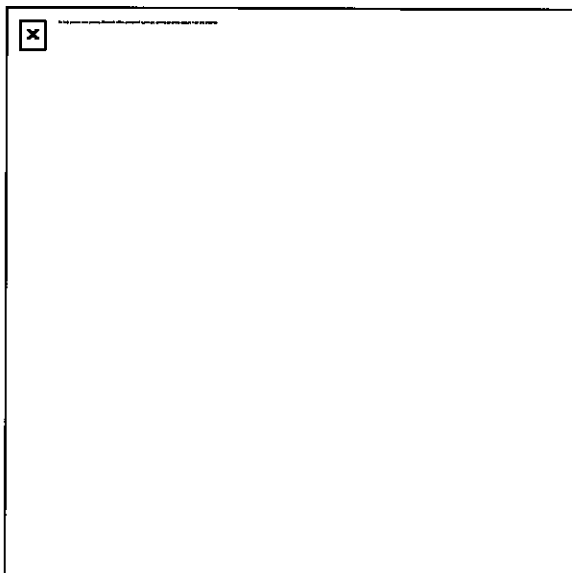
advantages over the United States. These tactics, particularly from the People's Republic of China and Russia, will challenge the United States' global bearing as it manages its post-pandemic recovery and addresses political tensions and domestic unrest.

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[Foreign Adversaries Leverage US Capitol Unrest](#) | [China Spreading COVID-19 Misinformation](#)
[Psychological Operations Leveraged Against US, Allies Amid COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
[2020-2021 Supplemental Threat Assessment](#) | [New Jersey Predictive Threat Analysis](#)

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[of Social Media Research Tools \(2021\)](#)

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[Terrorism and New Technology](#)

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[Extremism Unmasked](#)

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New and Noteworthy: Neo-Nazi From New Jersey Pleads Guilty to Gun Charges in Raid at Florida Home

A New Jersey native with a history of espousing anti-Semitic and racist sentiments agreed to a plea deal with federal prosecutors on weapons charges that followed a raid of his Florida residence. Paul Miller, a 32-year-old white supremacist vlogger on various online platforms, faces up to 30 years in prison after pleading guilty on June 22 to charges of possession of an unregistered firearm and ammunition and possession of a weapon as a felon. He was

convicted in 2007 on aggravated assault and drug possession charges. On March 2, the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force raided the Fort Lauderdale home of Miller, whose extremist beliefs included threats targeting the Jewish and Black communities. He was also preparing for “a coming civil war,” according to prosecutors. Court documents stated more than 800 rounds of ammunition and an unregistered short-barreled rifle assembled from parts purchased at gun shows were found in the search. Miller claimed to law enforcement that he was scared people were trying to kill him and he did not realize he was doing anything illegal. His sentencing is



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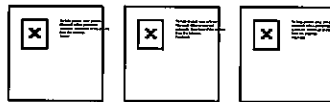
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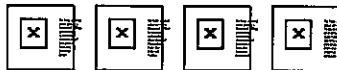


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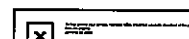
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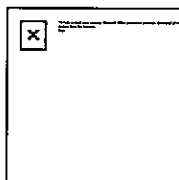
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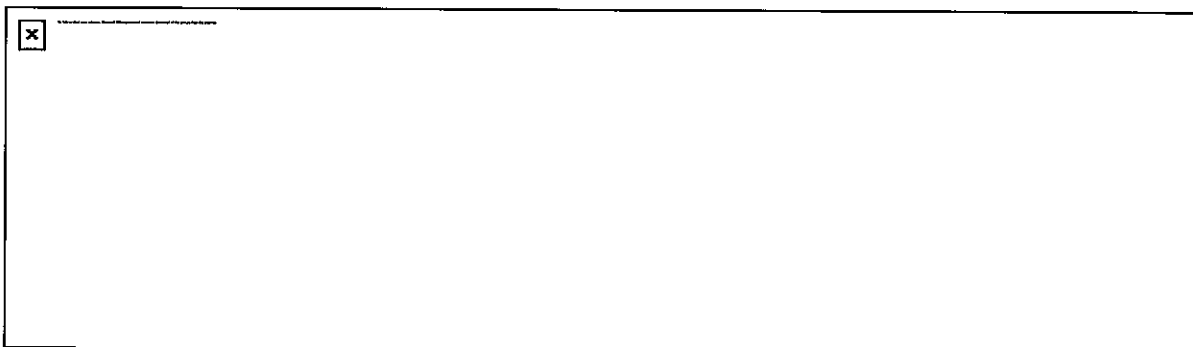
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FTO Propaganda Exaggerates US Domestic Issues

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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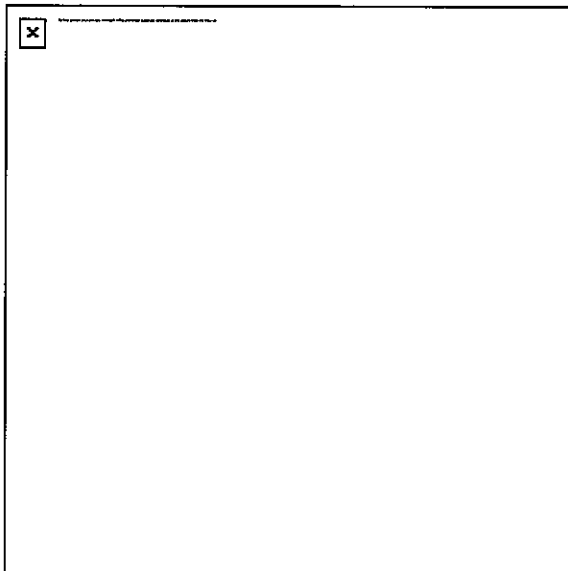
Additional Resources

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

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

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

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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.



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

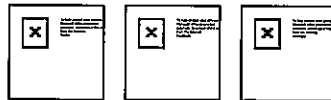
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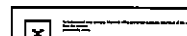
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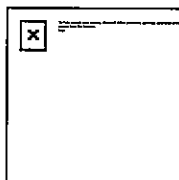
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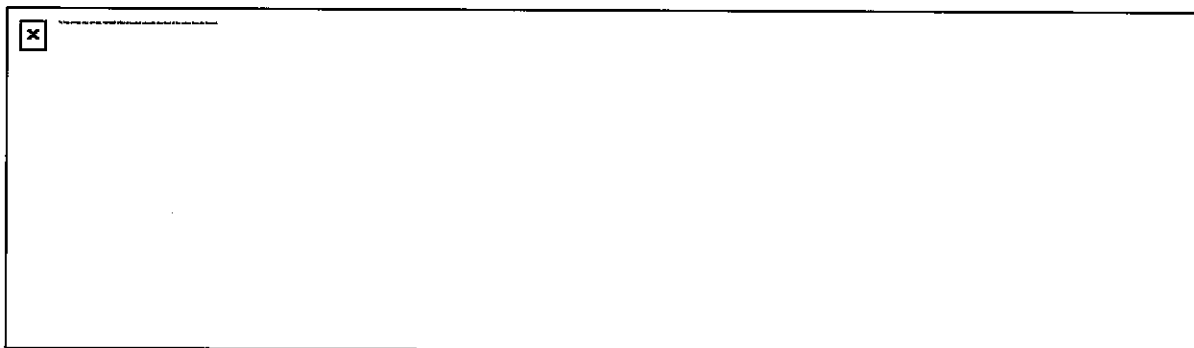
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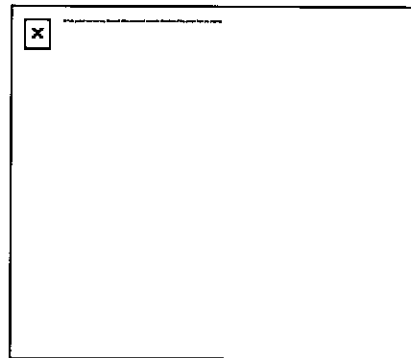
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New Jersey Residents Receiving Fake MVC Texts

New Jersey residents are being targeted with fake text messages purporting to be from the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC). The New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC) has received several reports related to this SMS phishing (smishing) campaign. The messages contain language such as, "Please update your Driver License to date, this was instructed by the Motor Vehicle Commission of the New Jersey, please click here [link] to get started now." When clicked, malicious links direct users to a spoofed website impersonating New Jersey's MyMVC site. The NJCCIC recommends users navigate directly to websites using known, legitimate URLs and refrain from clicking links delivered in text messages.

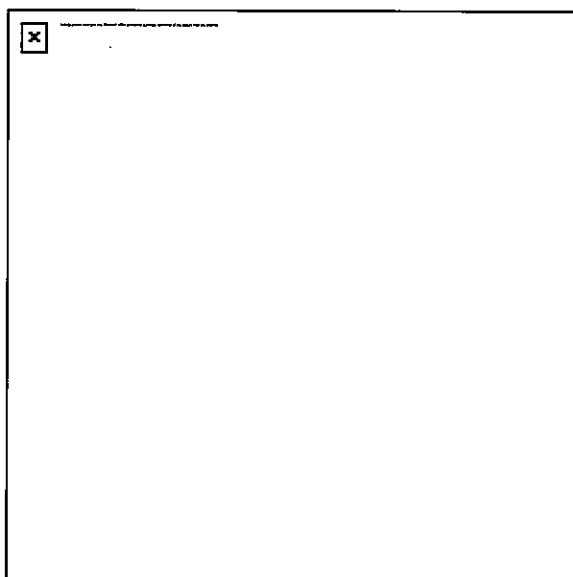


More information regarding these scams and how to report them can be found on the NJCCIC's website

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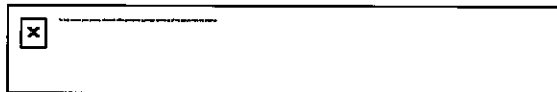
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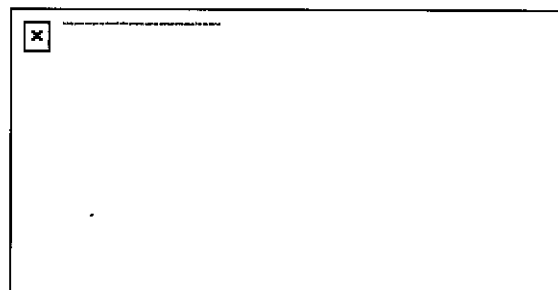
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new website in collaboration with the US Department of Homeland Security and other federal partners to address the threat of ransomware. The website, StopRansomware.gov, is designed to serve as "a one-stop hub for ransomware resources for individuals, businesses, and other organizations." The Justice Department noted that this effort to consolidate ransomware mitigation resources from all federal government agencies is the first of its kind. Previously, guidance, alerts, and updates were spread across multiple websites. Individuals and organizations can now find important information and instructions to report an incident on one

platform. Participating agencies include the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, US Secret Service, FBI, National Institute of Standards and Technology, US Department of the Treasury, and US Department of Health and Human Services.

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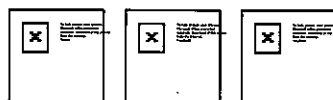
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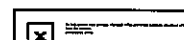
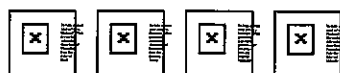


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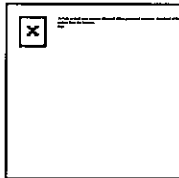
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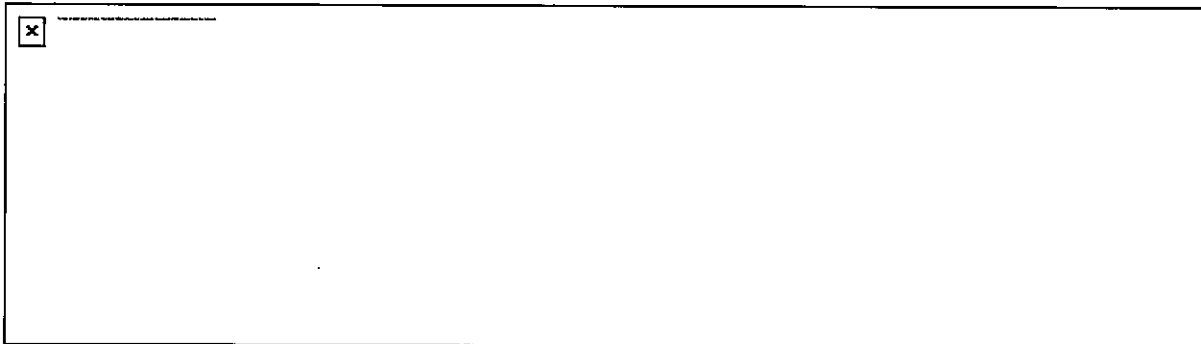
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Beware of Fake American Rescue Plan Act Sign-Up Sites

Threat actors are exploiting the child tax credit payments issued through the American Rescue Plan Act by setting up credential harvesting websites. The IRS automatically disburses the stimulus payments; however, DomainTools researchers have discovered more than 40 websites claiming to

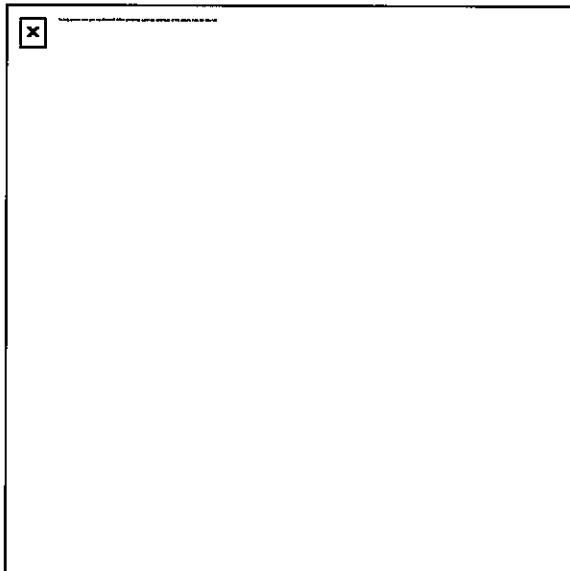
provide sign-up services. The New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC) encourages users to refrain from clicking on links in SMS/text messages and emails and navigate directly to the IRS informational page for details on the child tax credit payments.

More information on these scams is available on the NJCCIC's website

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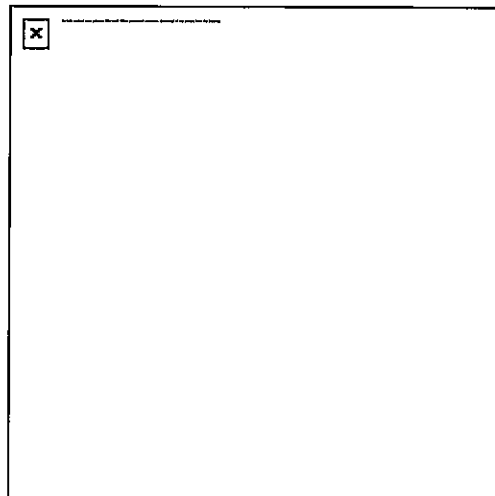
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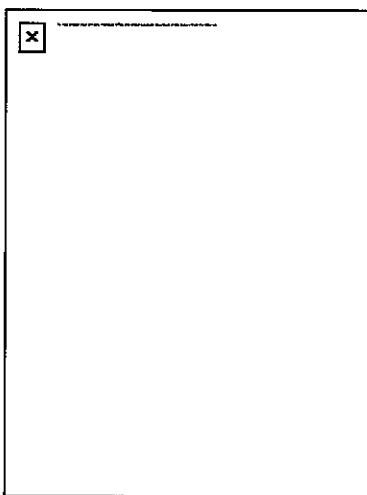
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New and Noteworthy: Proud Boys Leader Admits Role in Church Banner Burning, Firearms Offense



The leader of a far-right extremist group, the Proud Boys, pleaded guilty in Superior Court of the District of Columbia on July 19 to charges in separate cases that involved destruction of church property and a firearms offense. Henry "Enrique" Tarrio, 37, of Miami, could receive up to 180 days in prison and a \$1,000 fine on each single count of destruction of property and attempted possession of a large-capacity ammunition feeding device. On December 20, a group of individuals affiliated with the Proud Boys, including Tarrio, stole a banner with the message, "#BLACKLIVESMATTER," from the property of Asbury United Methodist Church in Washington, DC. The group took the banner, which included the logo and web address of the city's oldest Black Methodist church, to an intersection and burned it. Tarrio posted a photograph of himself holding a lighter at the scene to his account on a social media platform known for containing far-right content. He also admitted burning the banner on social media and to news outlets. Tarrio was arrested on a warrant related to that incident when he returned to

Washington, DC, on January 4. Police found two high-capacity firearm magazines displaying the Proud Boys' insignia during a search of his bag. He told detectives he planned to transfer the magazines to a customer. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for August 23, until which time Tarrio must abide by a court order to stay away from Washington, DC.

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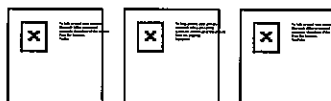
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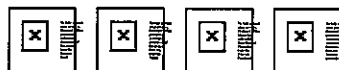


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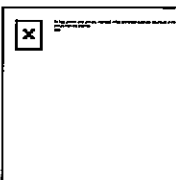
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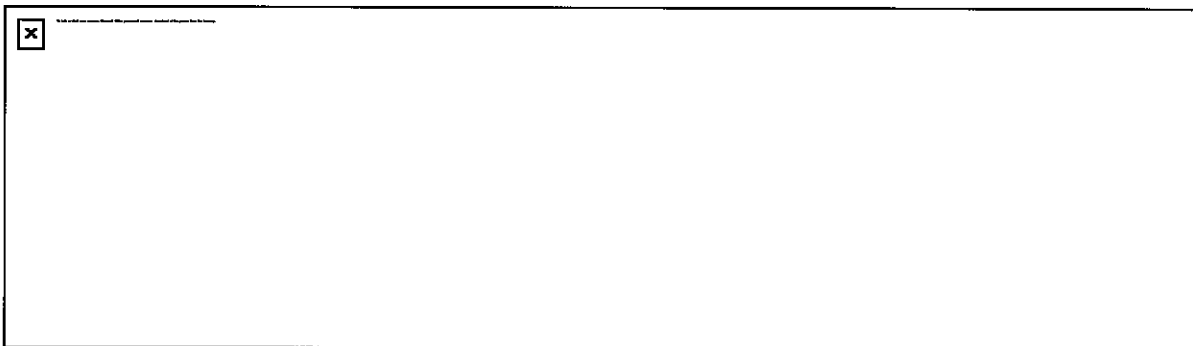
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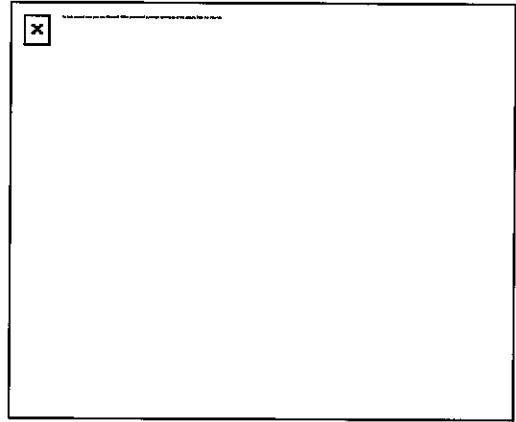
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Make Tornado Safety Part of Emergency Planning

Recent severe weather activity across parts of New Jersey emphasizes the importance of being prepared for a myriad of hazards and disasters, including damaging storms. In particular, tornadoes can destroy buildings, flip vehicles, and send deadly debris flying through the air. While the Midwest and Southeast face a greater risk of experiencing tornadoes than



other parts of the United States, they can occur anywhere and at any time, bringing intense winds potentially reaching more than 200 miles per hour. Planning for a tornado at home, work, and even while driving can help mitigate the impact of these dangers and ensure the safety of your family and friends. Key steps include paying attention to weather reports and official advisories for tornado warnings and watches; identifying a safe location, such as a basement or small indoor room on the lowest level of a building, to seek shelter; keeping a properly stocked emergency kit readily available; and including pets in all emergency preparations.

Check out additional tips to stay safe before, during, and after a tornado

Additional Resources

[#IntelUnclass Podcast: Preparing for the Unknown: The Public and Private Perspective](#)

[New Jersey Office of Emergency Management: Tornadoes](#)

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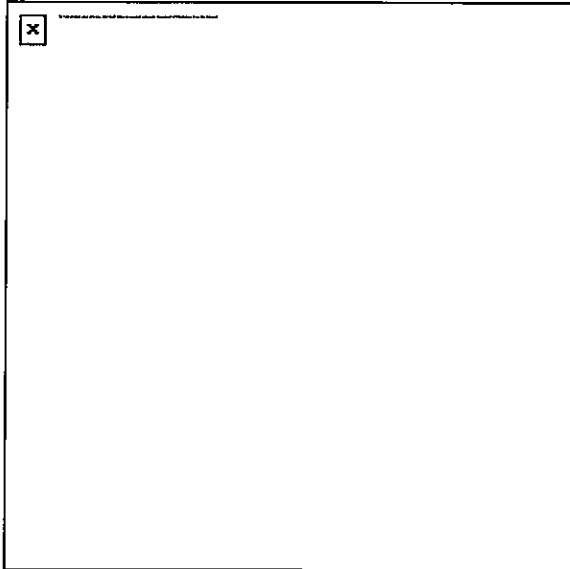
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[QAnon Is Not Dead: New Research Into Telegram Shows the Movement Is Alive and Well](#)

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[The Radical Right Is Targeting](#)



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NJOHSP Internships

NJOHSP is accepting applications for its fall internship program. With opportunities across the organization's various divisions, students will learn and contribute toward a myriad of important homeland security and emergency preparedness efforts that assist communities in New Jersey. At this time, the program will operate in a remote capacity. The application period closes on August 6.

***Learn more about the fall internship
program and how to apply***

***New and Noteworthy: White Supremacist, Far-Right
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Neurodivergent Groups

via Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right

Technology and Terrorist Financing

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A program serving several tech companies' efforts to combat the presence of terrorism-related content on their platforms is set to target white

supremacist and far-right militia material. The Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT)—jointly launched by Facebook, Microsoft, Twitter, and YouTube in 2017—will expand its database to identify and moderate content from groups such as neo-Nazi organizations, the Three Percenters, and the Proud Boys. The database was previously designed to include material from a United Nations-designated list of sanctioned groups, resulting in a heavy focus on Islamist extremist organizations like al-Qa'ida and ISIS, as well as some specific far-right incidents. Over the next few months, it will begin to incorporate publications and links, including those related to attacker manifestos, flagged through the United Nations' Tech Against Terrorism Initiative in partnership with the Five Eyes international intelligence sharing group. The GIFCT is an independent organization, and 14 companies can access its database.

Additional Resources

[Online Platforms Provide Refuge for White Supremacist Extremists](#)

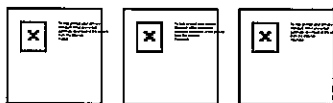
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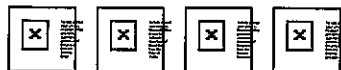
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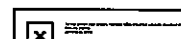
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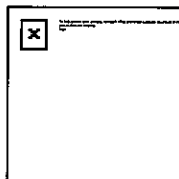
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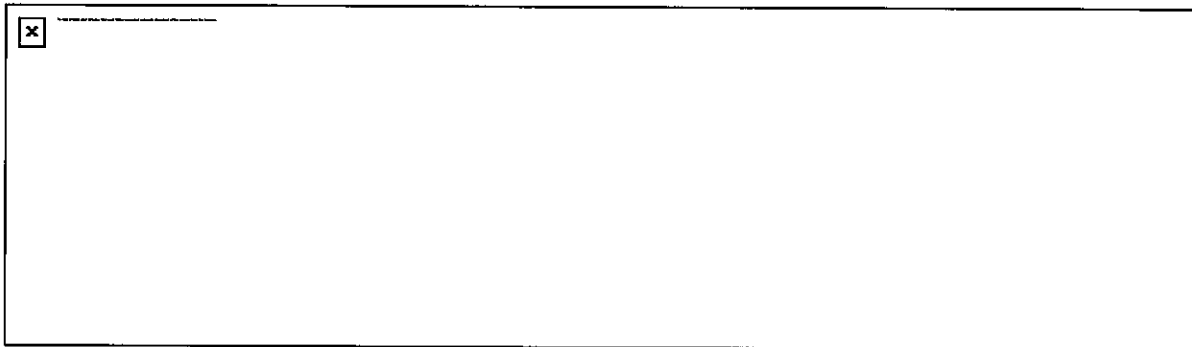
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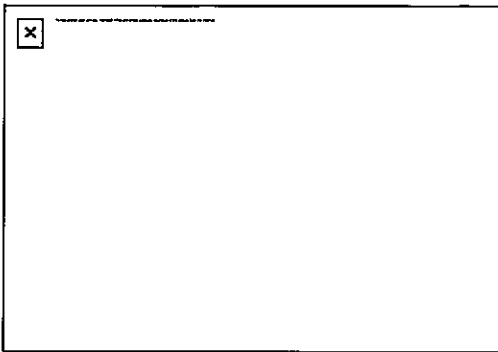
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First Responders Tour Vessel at Port of NY/NJ



ACL Shipping Lines coordinated with NJOHSP and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to provide vessel orientation tours to first responders responsible for emergency services in the Port of New York and New Jersey. Law enforcement, fire service, marine, and emergency medical

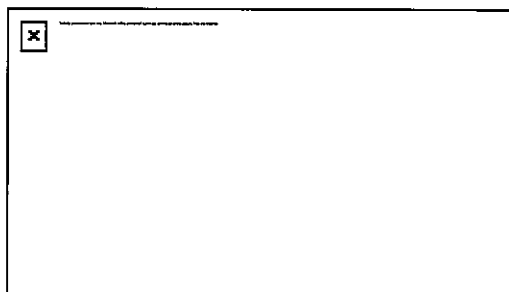
service/rescue units toured the multipurpose vessel on July 30. They saw the cargo holds, engineering section, and pilot house, as well as learned about the fire suppression systems and high-angle rescue techniques needed to support the largest port on the East Coast. New York and New Jersey began erasing jurisdictional lines around the port to ensure continuity of emergency services and interoperable rescue and communications equipment. The New York City police and fire departments, New Jersey State Police, and New Jersey Fire Boat Task Force Marine units work seamlessly at emergencies to ensure intermodal supply chain resiliency.

Additional Resources

[NJOHSP Training Programs](#)

Fake MVC Emails Target State Employees, Public

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission is being impersonated in a new phishing campaign targeting State employees and the public. Using tactics similar to those in [recent SMS text scams](#), the emails claim recipients need to update their personal information

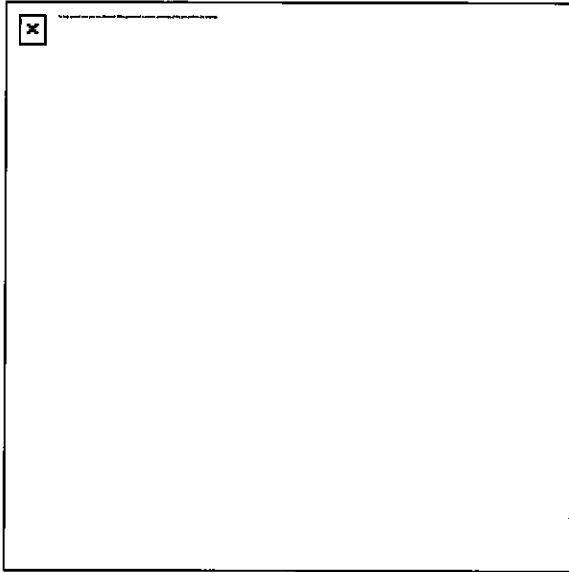


with the Social Security Administration or risk having their license suspended. Users should refrain from clicking on links in unexpected emails and are encouraged to [report](#) suspicious activity to the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC).

Further details are available on the [NJCCIC website](#)

Additional Resources

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Analyst Reads

[Trends in Terrorist and Violent Extremist](#)

[Use of the Internet, Q1-Q2 2021](#)

via Homeland Security Today

[IntelBrief: The More Things Change, the](#)

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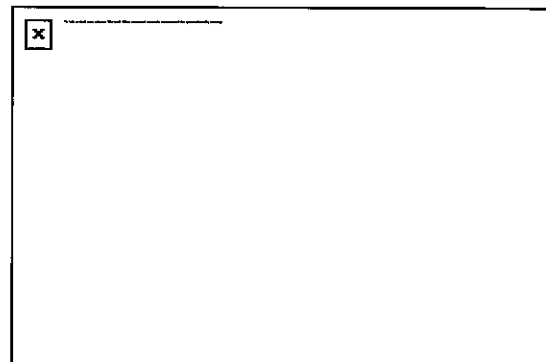
[Recruitment Vehicle for Neo-Nazis](#)

[Targeting Young Gamers](#)

via Gizmodo

New and Noteworthy: Pentagon Police Officer Fatally Stabbed in Ambush Attack at Bus Station Platform

A 27-year-old Georgia man exiting a bus in Arlington, Virginia, immediately stabbed and killed a Pentagon Police Division officer on August 4. Austin William Lanz ambushed 37-year-old George Gonzalez, who joined the Pentagon Force Protection Agency in July 2018, in a knife attack “without provocation” that morning at the Pentagon Transit Center, according to the FBI. A struggle ensued between Gonzalez and Lanz, who fatally shot himself with the service weapon belonging to Gonzalez as other Pentagon police officers engaged with him. One civilian



bystander was wounded and has been released from the hospital. The US military headquarters was temporarily placed on lockdown. Lanz was out on bond following an arrest in April in Cobb County, Georgia, where he was charged with burglary and criminal trespassing for allegedly breaking into a neighbor's home. He was also accused of attacking two deputies while being processed at the county jail for that incident. Authorities continue to investigate to determine a motive in the attack near the Pentagon.

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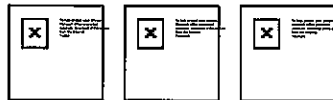
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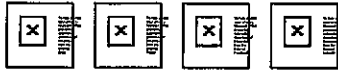


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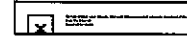
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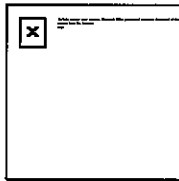
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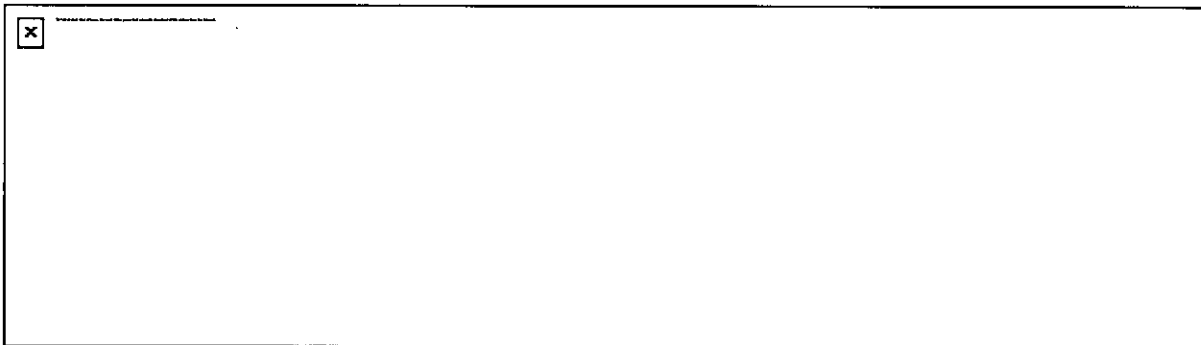
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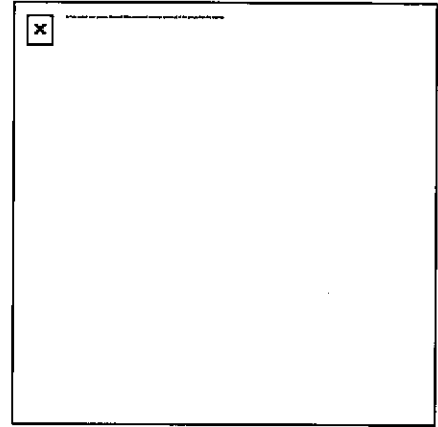
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Strengthening Security, Resilience Across New Jersey

Homeland security starts with hometown security, and NJOHSP offers communities throughout the State information on how to strengthen their security and resilience through its Hometown Security Initiative. This collaborative effort discusses tools and resources available to small businesses, local organizations, and other community members. Participants can engage with federal, state, and local partners to enhance information sharing and build preparedness capabilities.



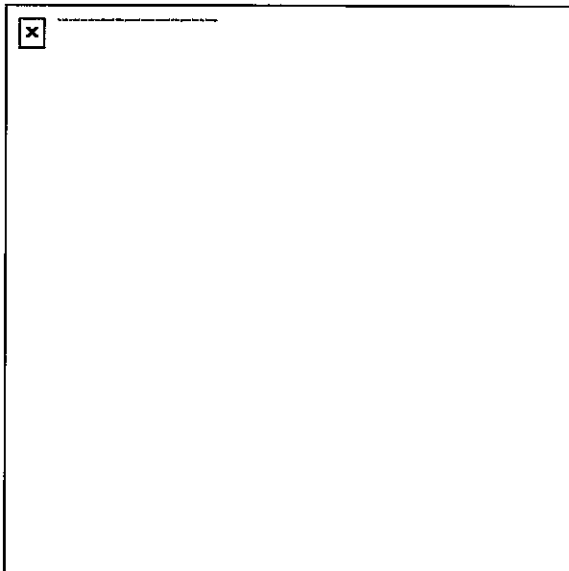
Contact the Risk Management Bureau at riskmanagement@njohsp.gov to schedule a Hometown Security program for your community

Additional Resources

[Security Starts Here: Hometown Security Fact Sheet](#) | [Active Shooter Response](#)

[#IntelUnclass Podcast: NJOHSP's Hometown Security Initiative](#)

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[Extremism in the West](#)

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[Al-Qaeda Tells Parties in America's](#)

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[Terror Guides](#)

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[A Systematic Review of Post-2017 Research](#)

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New and Noteworthy: Man Surrenders to Authorities After Bomb Threat From Vehicle Near US Capitol

A North Carolina man claiming he had a bomb outside the US Capitol surrendered to authorities after nearly five hours of communicating with negotiators on August 19. Floyd Ray Roseberry, 49, was taken into custody without incident, according to US Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger.



He was charged the next day at the US District Court in Washington, DC, via teleconference with threatening to use a weapon of mass destruction and attempted use of an explosive device. Roseberry is accused of driving his pickup truck onto the sidewalk in front of the Library of Congress around 9:15 a.m. Authorities responded to the scene following reports of a suspicious vehicle. Roseberry said he had explosives and displayed what appeared to be a detonator to an officer, Manger stated. The Jefferson and Madison buildings at the Library of Congress, the Cannon House Office Building, and the Supreme Court were evacuated. Roseberry livestreamed the incident on Facebook, where videos showed him holding a purported explosive device.

Media reports stated that in the livestreamed and other videos, he spoke about a “revolution,” called for President Joe Biden and other Democrats to step down, showed support for former President Donald Trump, and expressed frustration over the situation in Afghanistan. A search of the truck did not turn up a bomb; however, a US Capitol Police statement noted that authorities discovered possible bomb-making materials. A motive has not been identified.

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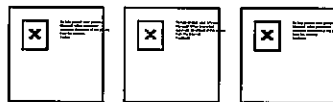
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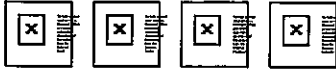


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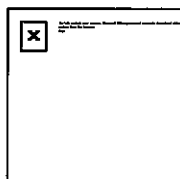
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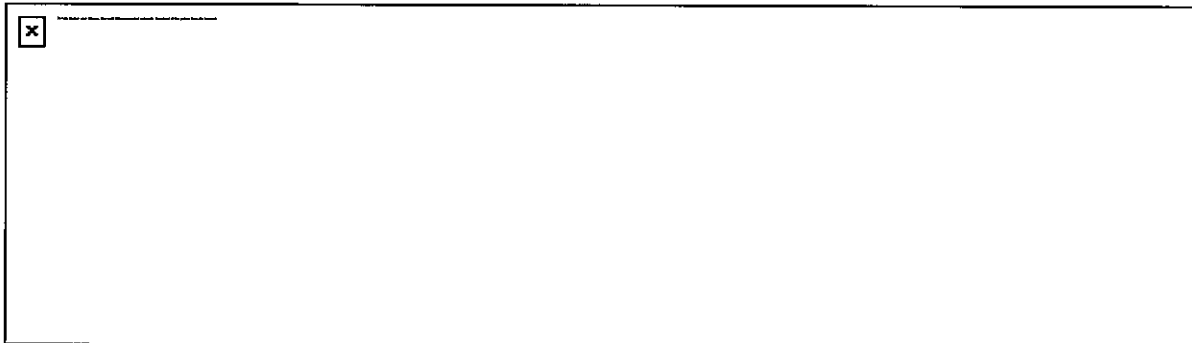
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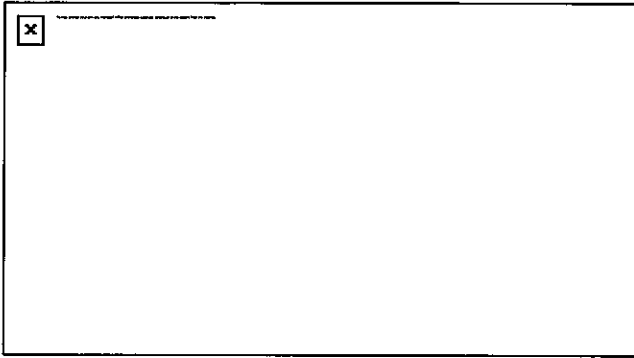
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School Safety Focus of New NJOHSP PSA Video



As schools go back into session, NJOHSP has released a new public service announcement (PSA) designed to educate students and staff on how to report suspicious activity that may be related to terrorism. The video is aimed specifically

for middle and high school-aged children to help identify school threats. It shows how youth and other community members play a key role in recognizing and reporting alarming behaviors to prevent incidents. The PSA stresses the importance of the “See Something, Say Something” message. To report terrorism-related suspicious activity, contact local authorities or the NJOHSP Counterterrorism Watch Desk at 1-866-4-SAFE-NJ or tips@njohsp.gov.

Click [here](#) to view the school-based PSA

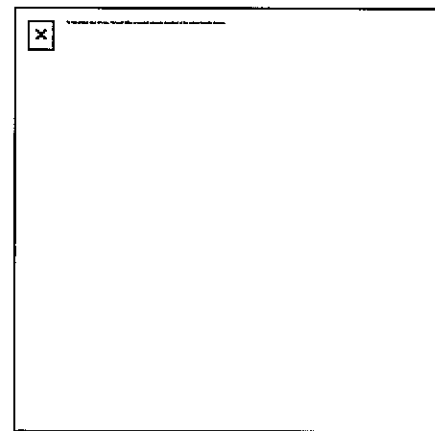
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[School Safety and Security Resources](#) | [NJOHSP PSA: ‘See Something, Say Something’](#)
[‘See Something, Say Something’ Posters](#) | [Recognize and Report Signs of Suspicious Activity](#)
[New Jersey Department of Education Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning](#)

Prepare to Protect During National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month is observed each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies. This year’s theme, “Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love,” emphasizes how preparedness is key to keeping yourself, family members, and friends safe. The first week of this year’s National Preparedness Month encourages all

community members to make a plan. Determining how family and friends communicate before, during, and after an incident—as well as integrating updated COVID-19 guidance into these



decisions—helps ensure everyone can act quickly and stay connected should disaster strike.

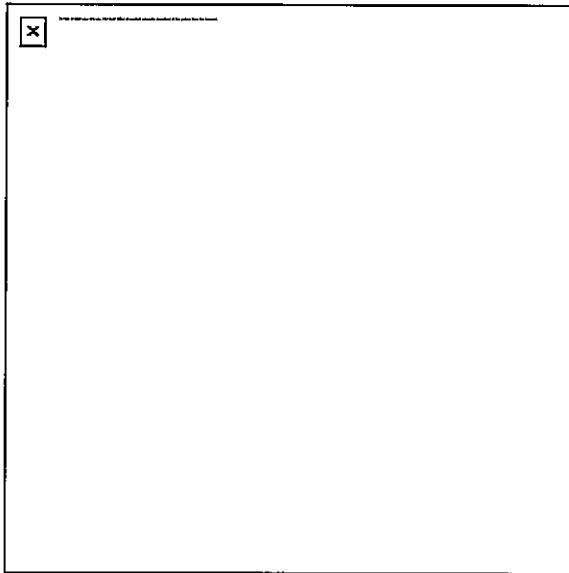
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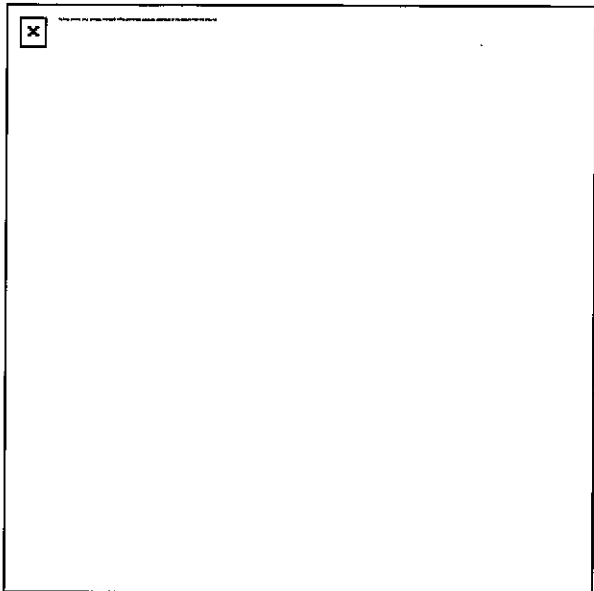
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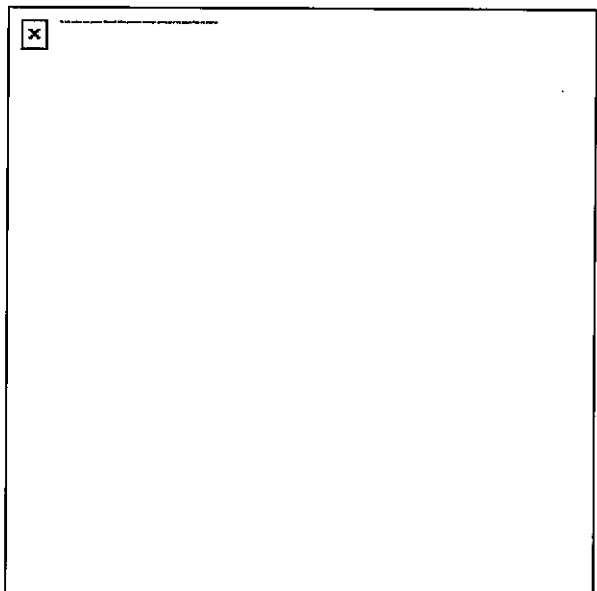
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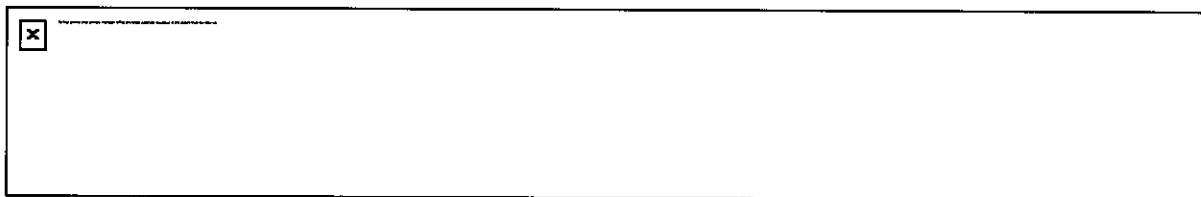
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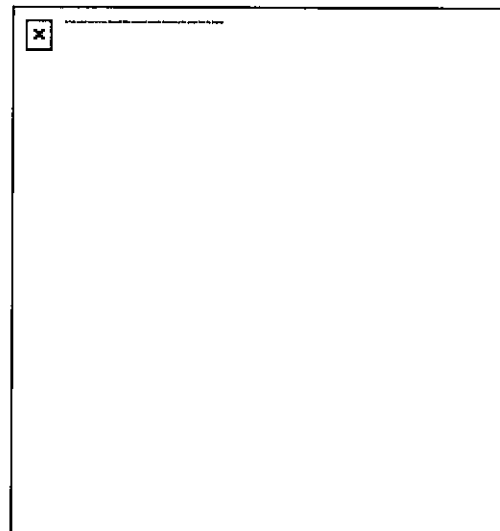
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New and Noteworthy: Neo-Nazi Group Leader Gets 3 Years for Threatening Journalists, Jewish Advocates

A leader of neo-Nazi organization Atomwaffen Division received three years in prison on August 24 for his role in a campaign intended to intimidate journalists and activists working to expose anti-Semitism. Cameron Shea, 25, of Redmond, Washington, pleaded guilty in April to federal conspiracy and hate crime charges after working with three co-defendants to identify media members and groups or individuals informing the public about activity targeting the Jewish community. The four



Poster created by Atomwaffen Division members

individuals, who were arrested in February, communicated through an encrypted online chat group and specifically sought Jewish people or journalists of color. They created posters that featured Nazi symbols, masked figures with guns and Molotov cocktails, and threatening messages. Atomwaffen Division members delivered the posters to victims' homes in Tampa, Seattle, and Phoenix on the same night to accomplish what Shea called "a show of force" and to catch journalists off guard. Shea also mailed several posters, including one to an official at the Anti-Defamation League with the text, "Our Patience Has Its Limits... You have been visited by your local Nazis." Two of the co-defendants were previously sentenced, while the other awaits trial in September.

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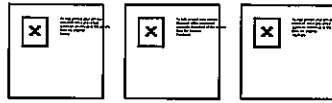
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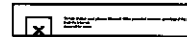
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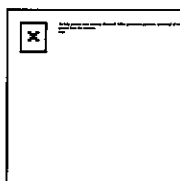
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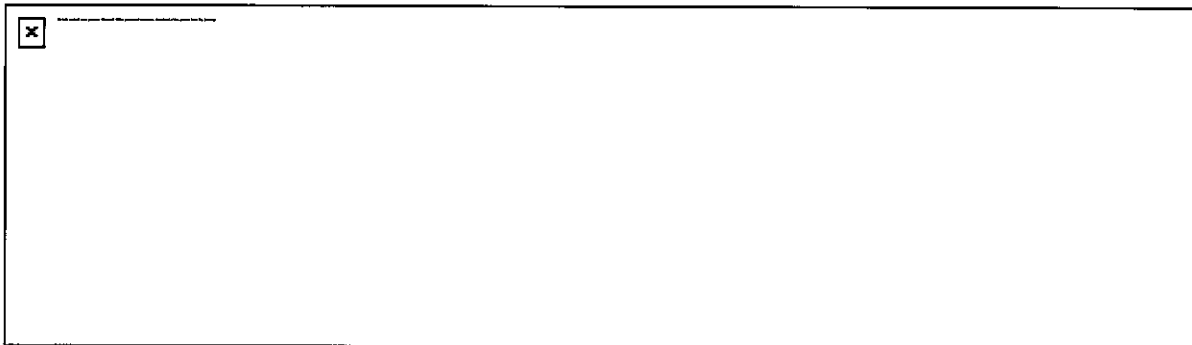
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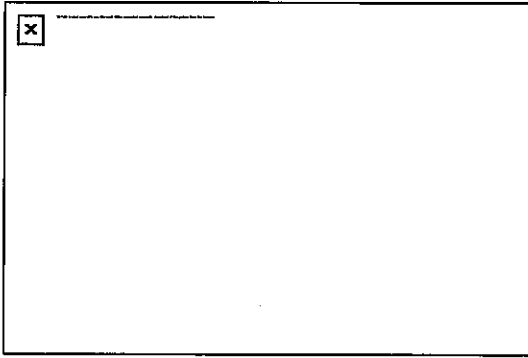
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Disaster Relief Donations Targeted by Cyber Criminals



Cyber criminals often seek to capitalize on natural disasters and humanitarian crises by exploiting well-intentioned individuals offering financial aid and other assistance. Threat actors use social media, emails, or texts to manipulate charitable donors with messages that purport to include

information on how and where to donate. In the aftermath of Hurricane Ida and the recent US military departure from Afghanistan, users are encouraged to verify the legitimacy of charities before donating and should avoid clicking on links or attachments delivered in emails.

More information is available on the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell's (NJCCIC) website

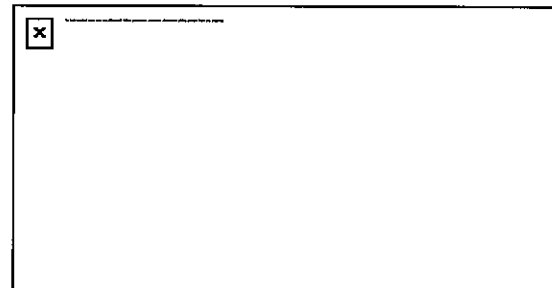
Additional Resources

[Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency: Hurricane-Related Scams](#)

[CharityWatch](#) | [Report a Cyber Incident](#) | [NJCCIC Membership](#)

Build an Emergency Kit to Prepare for All Needs

Maintaining a well-stocked emergency kit is a crucial step in preparing for disasters. The second week of National Preparedness Month encourages everyone to build a kit with supplies that can last for several days and address the needs of all the



people and pets living in your home. A few items to consider are food and water, medication, a first aid kit, flashlights, batteries, cash, and important family documents. Make sure to routinely check kits and update according to guidance from local, state, and federal officials. Additionally, plan for different scenarios, such as evacuating or sheltering in place, and have supplies ready in various locations, including home, work, and vehicles.

Learn more about this year's National Preparedness Month

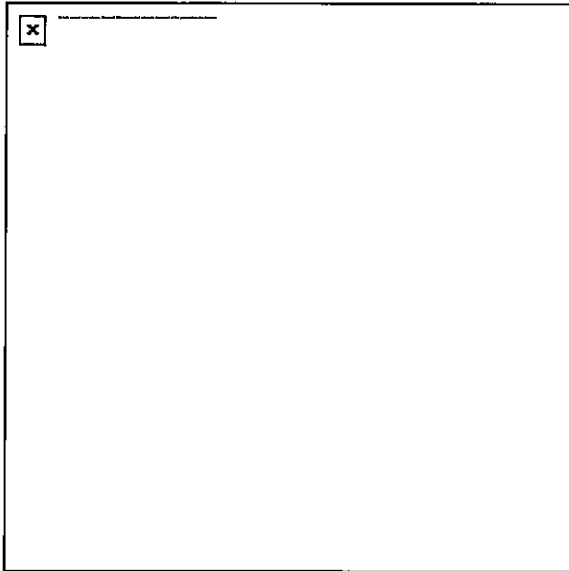
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[New Jersey Office of Emergency Management: Your Kit/Your Plan | Ready: Build a Kit](#)

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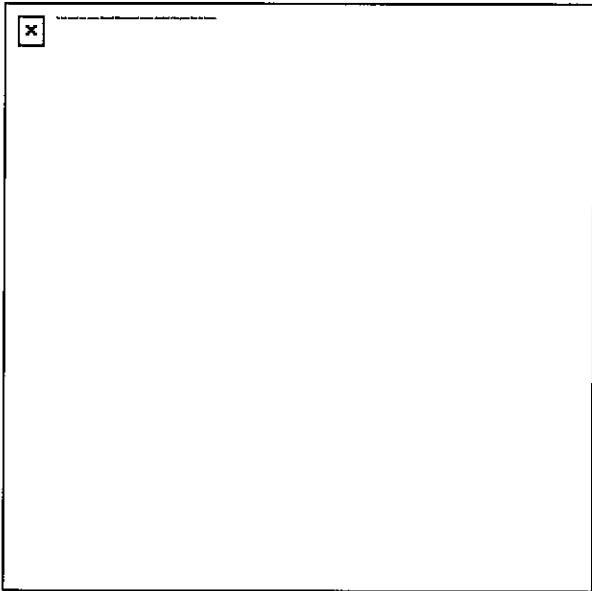
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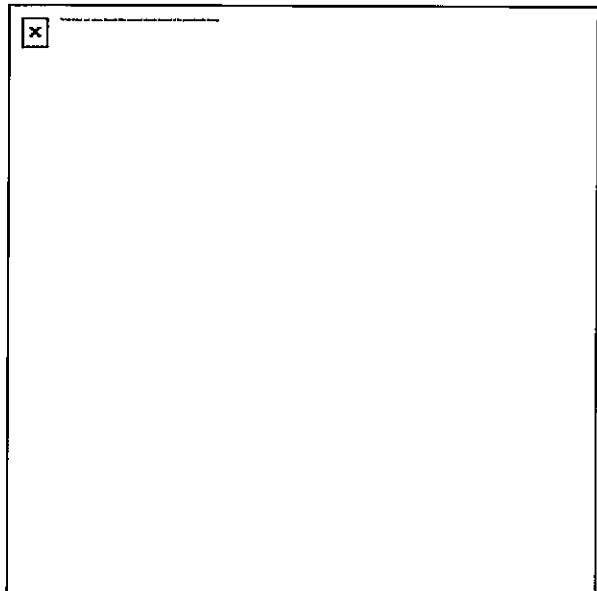
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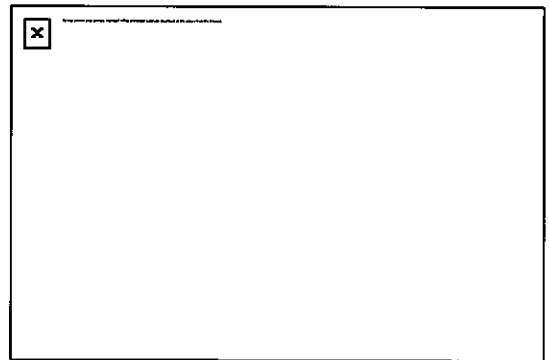


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New and Noteworthy: New Zealand Police Kill Extremist Who Stabbed 6 in Supermarket Attack

Police shot and killed a suspected Islamist extremist who was under surveillance when he stabbed six people at a supermarket in New Zealand on September 3. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern identified the attacker as a Sri Lankan man inspired by ISIS, and she deemed the incident a



terrorist attack. The injured victims were taken to hospitals in the Auckland area near where the attack occurred. Three were in critical condition, one was in serious condition, and the other two were in moderate condition. The attacker came to New Zealand in 2011 and was on the country's security forces' radar as a possible threat since 2016 due to his ideology. At about 2:40 p.m. local time, he entered the supermarket and used a knife taken off one of the shelves to conduct the attack. The surveillance team was in close proximity and acted immediately to end the attack within 60 seconds. Auckland is under lockdown due to a recent spike in COVID-19

cases, with only essential businesses like supermarkets being open. This is the first terrorist attack in New Zealand since 2019, when gunman Brenton Tarrant killed 51 people and injured 40 at two mosques in Christchurch.

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[ISIS](#) | [Homegrown Violent Extremists](#) | [New Zealand Mosque Attacks](#)

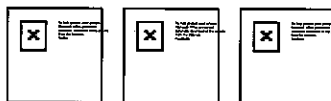
[Infrastructure Protection Resource Sheet: Retail Facilities – Shopping Centers and Malls](#)

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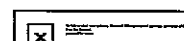
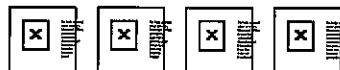


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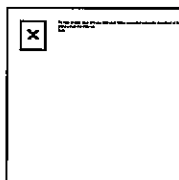
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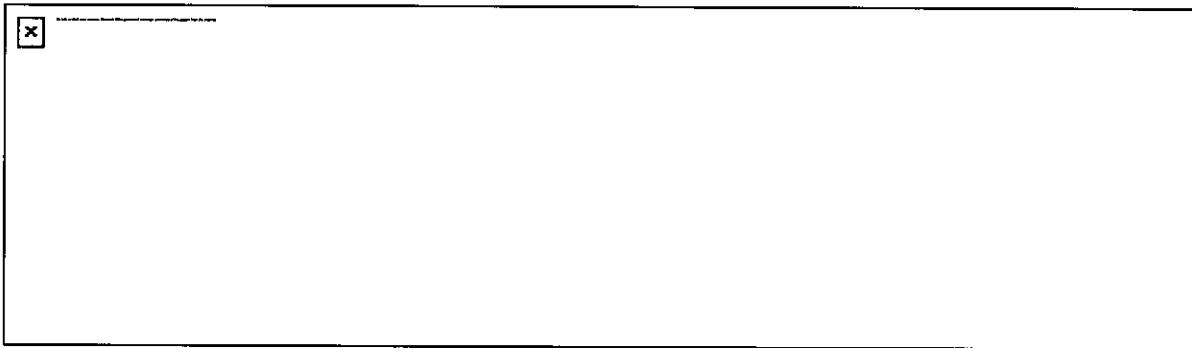
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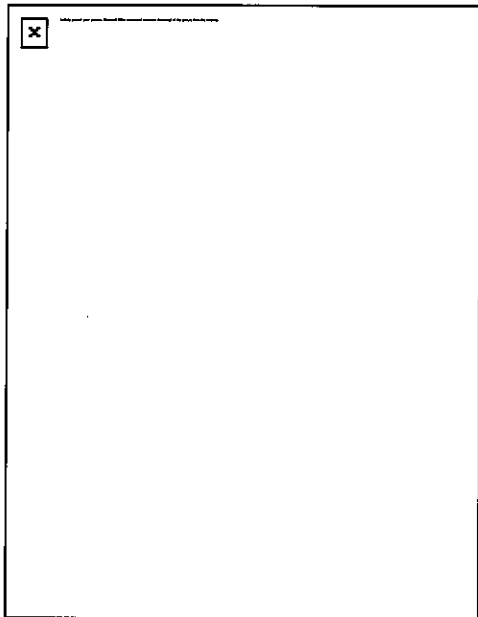
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October Houses of Worship Security Program Sessions



NJOHSP will collaborate with the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to host virtual sessions of the Houses of Worship Security Program on October 14 and October 21. These webinars offer faith-based communities important security and resilience information. Religious leaders, houses of worship safety and security committee members, security coordinators, and members of all faiths and denominations are welcome to participate. Topics of discussion include grant opportunities; resources from

DHS, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and an overview of site assessments. There will also be a Q&A. Register for one of the sessions, scheduled for 6-8 p.m., with the following links:

- **October 14:** https://fema.connectsolutions.com/njohsp_101421/event/registration.html
- **October 21:** https://fema.connectsolutions.com/njohsp_1021/event/registration.html

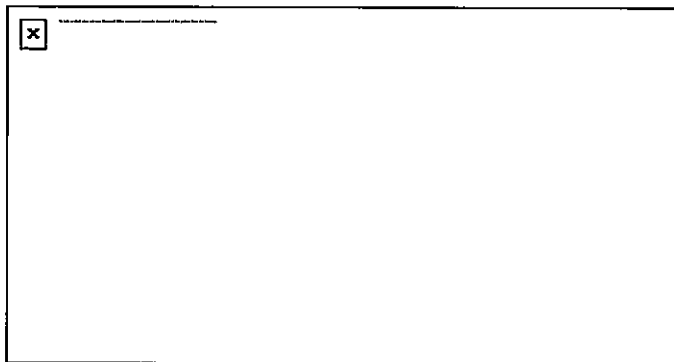
Email training@njohsp.gov for additional information

Additional Resources

[Security Guidelines for Houses of Worship](#) | [Grants](#) | [Interfaith](#)

Preparedness Actions to Take Now at Low or No Cost

Much like natural disasters do not wait for a convenient time to strike, preparing for them should not wait either. The third week of this year's National Preparedness Month stresses low- or no-cost preparedness actions



that can be taken now to lessen the impact of an emergency to you and your family. Signing up

for alerts and safeguarding important documents are two important examples of steps to take today to help protect your family and property.

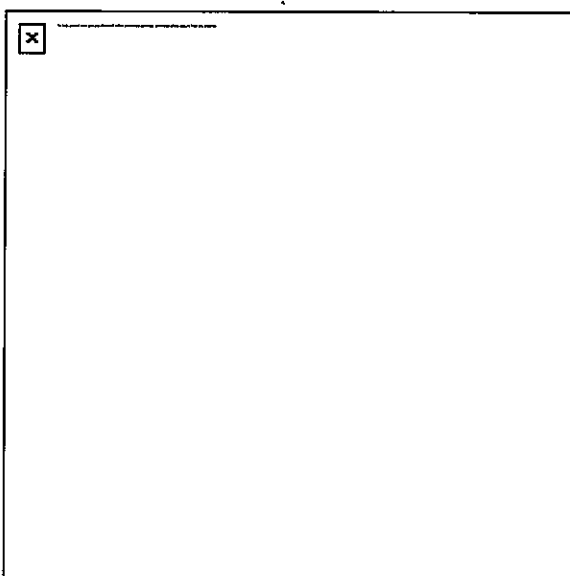
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[New Jersey Office of Emergency Management: Staying Informed](#) | [Ready: Emergency Alerts](#)

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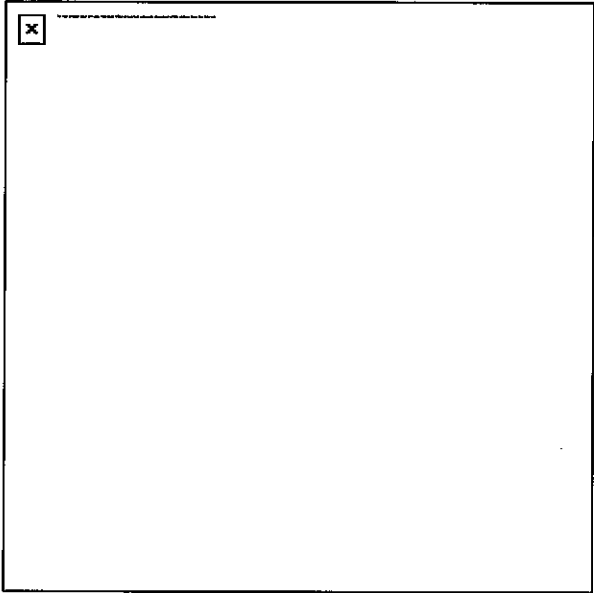
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[Why the Oklahoma Bombing Continues to](#)

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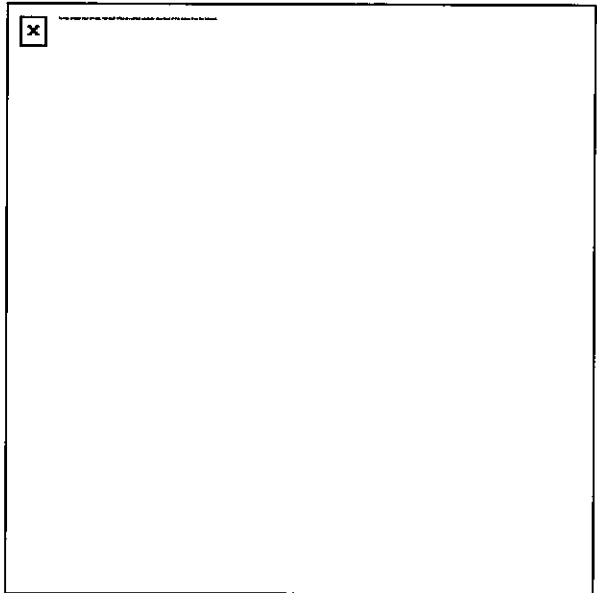
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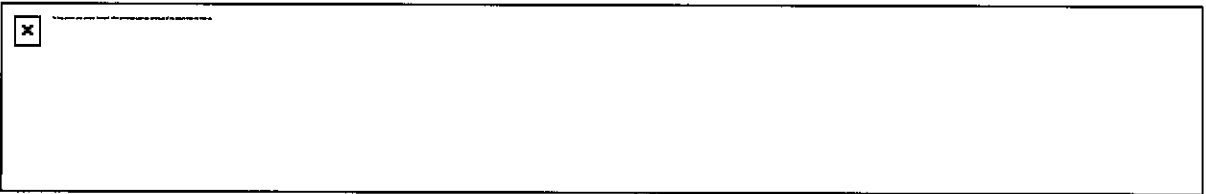
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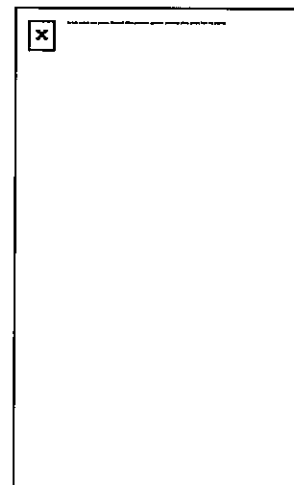
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New and Noteworthy: FBI Releases Video, Virtual Map Regarding Suspect in Capitol Hill Area Pipe Bomb Case

The FBI provided new information as it seeks to identify and apprehend the suspect accused of placing explosive devices near two political party headquarters in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington, DC, the night before the US Capitol riots on January 6. The Washington Field Office posted video footage of the suspect, as well as a virtual map showing the approximate route it is believed the suspect walked while putting a bomb at both the Republican National Committee and Democratic National Committee (DNC) buildings in the nation's capital between about 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. on January 5. The video footage includes a full view of the suspect sitting on a bench near the DNC Headquarters. The FBI is asking the public to review these new details and come forward with any tips should they recognize the suspect or remember anything unusual from the area that night. Information can be reported to the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI or tips.fbi.gov. A \$100,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the identification of the suspect.



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[Suspicious Activity Reporting | Recognize and Report Signs of Suspicious Activity](#)

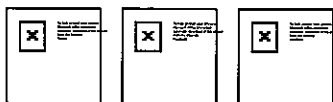
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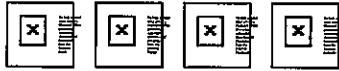
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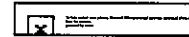
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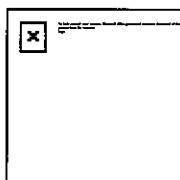
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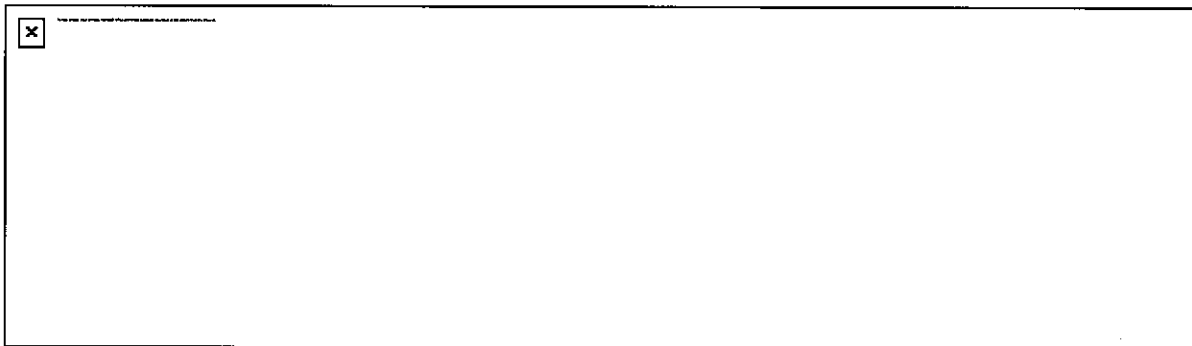
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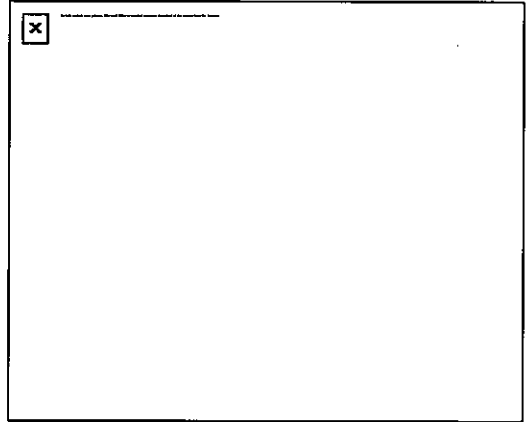
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Everyone Has a Role to Play on #SeeSayDay

Keeping communities across New Jersey and the United States safe is a shared responsibility. Each year, September 25 is designated National “If You See Something, Say Something” Awareness Day to emphasize the year-round effort to educate and empower the public on suspicious activity reporting. On #SeeSayDay, everyone is encouraged to learn



more about the vital role they play by staying informed about indicators of terrorism-related activity and how they can alert authorities when recognizing suspicious behaviors. More information on New Jersey’s “See Something, Say Something” campaign is available [online](#). Additionally, New Jersey residents and visitors can view NJOHSP’s “See Something, Say Something” [public service announcement](#) and share their experiences for #WhyISay on social media.

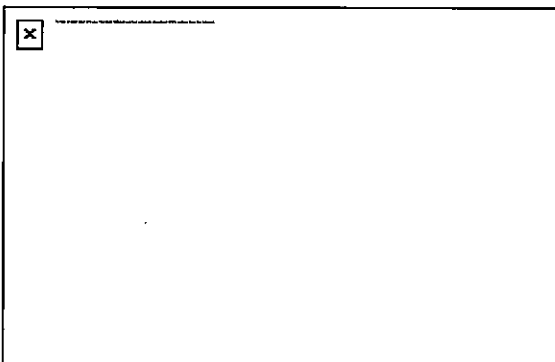
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Additional Resources

[Signs of Terrorism-Related Suspicious Activity](#) | [NJSARS Success Stories](#)

Saving Lives With Active Shooter Preparedness



Taking time to understand how to prepare for and respond to an active shooter situation can be vital in mitigating the impact and saving lives. As important as it is to do your part to prevent an incident, it is also necessary to know how to act during these types of situations if they occur,

as they typically evolve quickly and can be unpredictable. Visit NJOHSP’s website to view active shooter response training materials and resources for guidance on the measures you can

take to prepare for such incidents.

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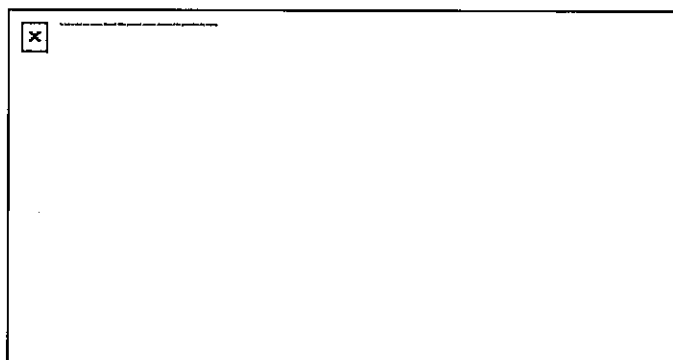
Additional Resources

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

[Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency: Active Shooter Preparedness](#)

Educate Youth About Preparing for Emergencies

Involving children in emergency preparedness activities is a good way to ensure they know what to do should disaster strike. The fourth and final week of this year's National Preparedness Month encourages



families to speak with their kids about how to respond to these events and what to do in case they are separated during an emergency. By keeping youth informed, they can play an active role in planning and help keep themselves, their loved ones, and communities safe.

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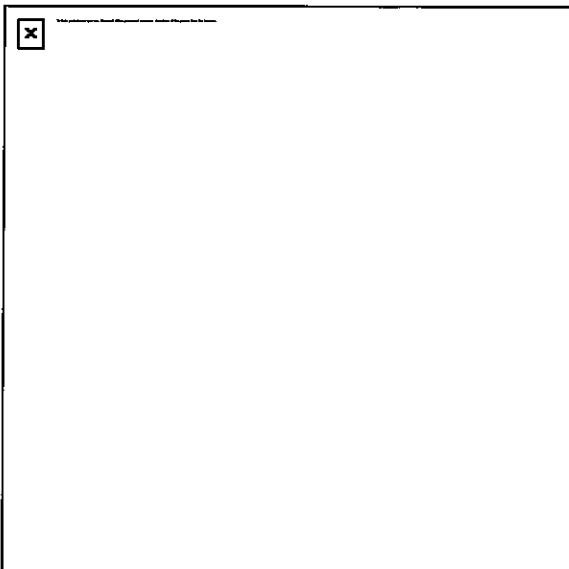
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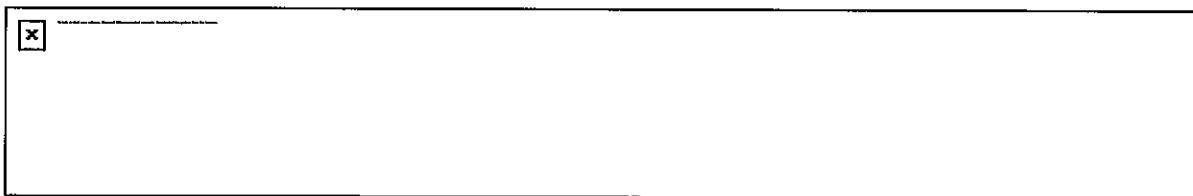
Al-Qaida: The Terror Group That Learned
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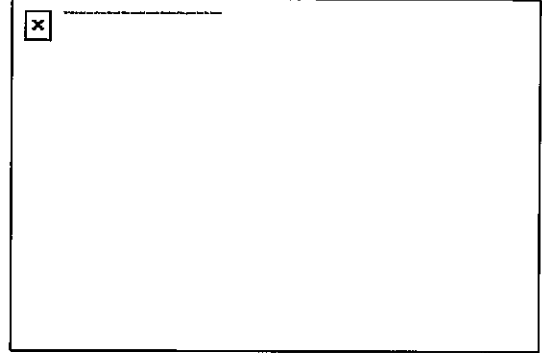
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***New and Noteworthy: California Man With Bayonet,
Machete in Truck Near DNC Headquarters Arrested***

US Capitol Police arrested a California man who they said had knives in his vehicle near the Democratic National Committee (DNC) Headquarters in Washington, DC, on September 13. Donald Craighead, 44, of Oceanside, was charged with possession of prohibited weapons, as the



bayonet and machete discovered in his pickup truck are illegal in the city. An officer initially saw the truck with a swastika and other white supremacist symbols painted on it at around midnight outside the building. The vehicle also had a picture of an American flag in place of where the license plate should be. The weapons were seen inside the truck upon pulling Craighead over, according to police. Craighead allegedly said he was “on patrol” and talked about white supremacist ideology and other related rhetoric. Law enforcement members were making preparations for a rally on September 18 supporting those arrested for their involvement in the riots at the US Capitol on January 6. It was not clear if Craighead was in the area for that rally, and media reports stated he was not interested in the DNC Headquarters.

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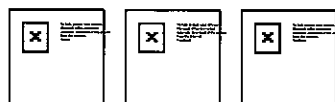
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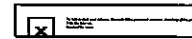
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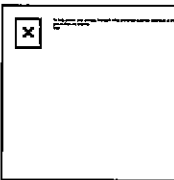
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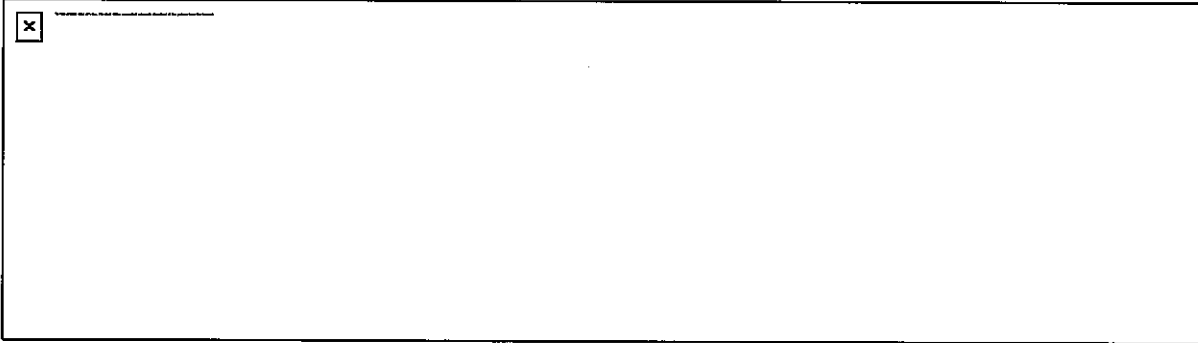
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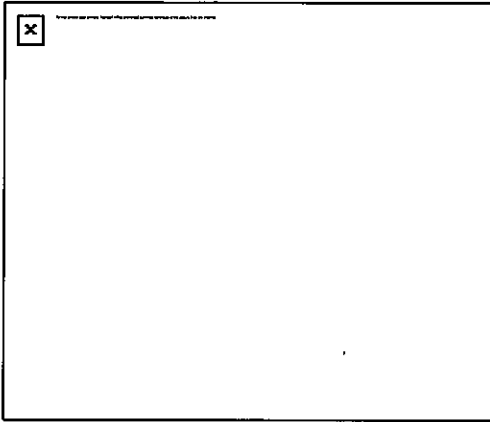
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NJ Security Grant Program Application Period Extended



The application period for the New Jersey Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NJ NSGP) has been extended through October 29. This funding opportunity provides eligible nonprofit organizations at the greatest risk of experiencing a terrorist attack with financial assistance to bolster their security posture. Grants such as this are a helpful resource for

organizations to navigate through potential economic barriers so they can employ prevention, protection, and resiliency measures for their facilities, those who frequent them, and surrounding communities. The NJ NSGP offers two funding streams for the hiring of security personnel (NJ NSGP – SP) and to purchase target hardening equipment (NJ NSGP – THE). Applicants are encouraged to read instructions carefully for this competitive grant program, ensure they are using the new Investment Justification tools ([NJ NSGP – SP](#) and [NJ NSGP – THE](#)), and check that their organization’s Vulnerability Risk Assessment is up to date.

Visit [NJOHSP’s website](#) for additional information on requirements, how to apply, and resources for the NJ NSGP

Additional Resources

[Notice of Available Funding for the NJ NSGP](#) | [Facility Self-Assessment Tool](#)

[Grants](#) | [US Department of Homeland Security: Find and Apply for Grants](#)

Online Romance Scams Seek Extortion Payments

Cyber criminals are turning to social media and dating apps in recent sextortion scams. Posing as a potential love interest, they contact their victims via direct message to request explicit images and/or videos, later threatening to release this content publicly unless an extortion payment is made. In other scams, these cyber criminals claim they have hacked into their victim's devices and obtained compromising screenshots,

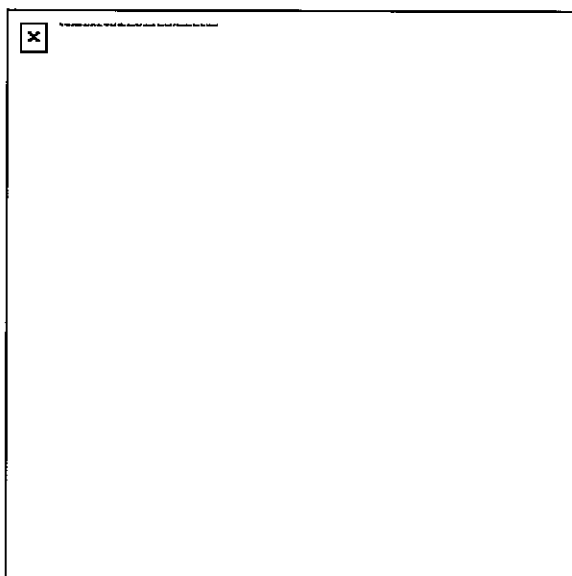
videos, or images while once again attempting to extort payments from their targets. The New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC) encourages users to learn about these scams, refrain from sending funds, and report incidents to the NJCCIC, Federal Trade Commission, and FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center.

More information is available in the NJCCIC's latest Garden State Cyber Threat Highlight

Additional Resources

[NJCCIC Membership](#) | [FBI: Romance Scams](#)

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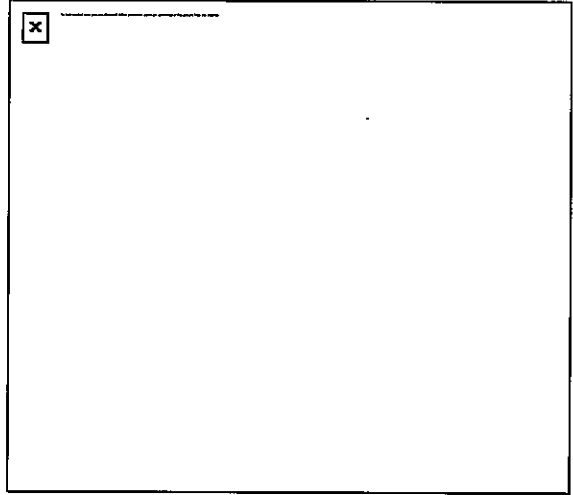
[Flourished in Post-9/11 Focus on Islam](#)

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New and Noteworthy: Officials Warn Afghanistan Unrest Could Inspire Extremists in United States

The Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan has the potential to motivate extremists in the United States, according to testimony from national security officials before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on September 21. National Counterterrorism Center Director Christine Abizaid stated that the terrorism threat to the country is less "acute" than it was 20 years ago and foreign terrorist organizations like al-Qa'ida and ISIS that pose

danger to Afghanistan are mainly regional threats at the moment. "The question is at what point does that regional threat build to a capability and intent that is focused externally and particularly focused on the Homeland," Abizaid said. Despite the possibility of a 9/11-style attack greatly diminishing over the past 20 years, FBI Director Christopher Wray cautioned that the unrest in Afghanistan could embolden US-based extremist groups to take violent action. Wray noted this comes as the FBI combats increasing threats from individuals and groups motivated by racial and political grievances, with an "exploding" caseload of around 2,700 domestic terrorism investigations. He said that while extremist groups never stopped plotting attacks against the United States, the FBI is better positioned now to stop them.



FBI Director Christopher Wray (left) and National Counterterrorism Center Director Christine Abizaid

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[Al-Qa'ida, ISIS May Exploit US Withdrawal in Afghanistan](#)

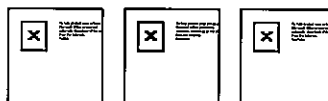
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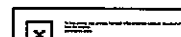
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Issues National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin

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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, McCrory 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.

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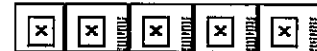
- An initial [Form I-765](#) for those applying for work authorization on the basis of parole (eligibility category (c)(11));
- [Form I-485](#), for applicants seeking to adjust status as an Afghan special immigrant, and any associated [Form I-601](#); or

[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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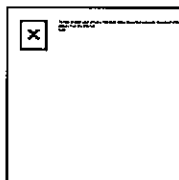
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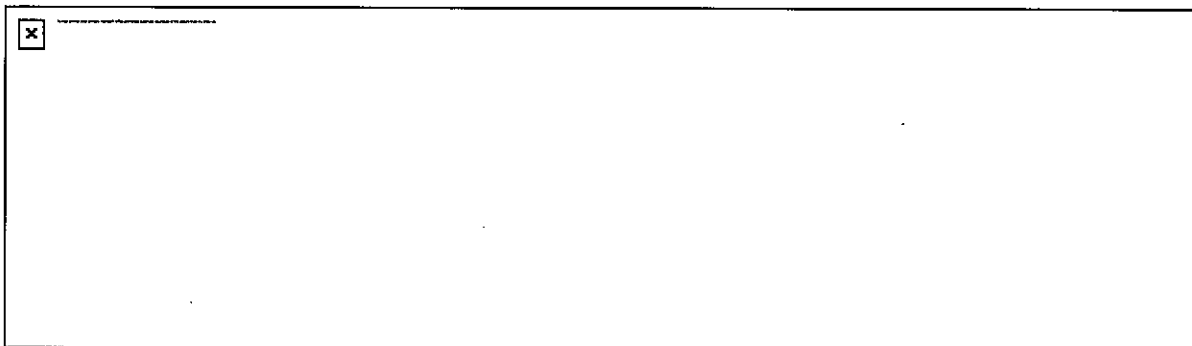
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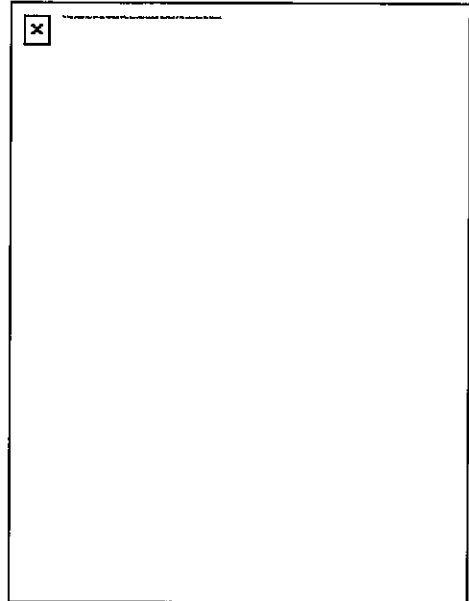
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Training Opportunities Offered Through NJOHSP

NJOHSP released an updated training course catalog that provides information on opportunities to aid personnel responsible for ensuring the safety and security of New Jersey's residents and visitors. The catalog details courses offered to those in emergency medical services, fire services, law enforcement, intelligence analysis, and the private sector. Courses are delivered through instructor-led trainings, NJ Learn, the Regional Intelligence Academy, and NJOHSP's website. View the [catalog](#) with course listings and descriptions online.

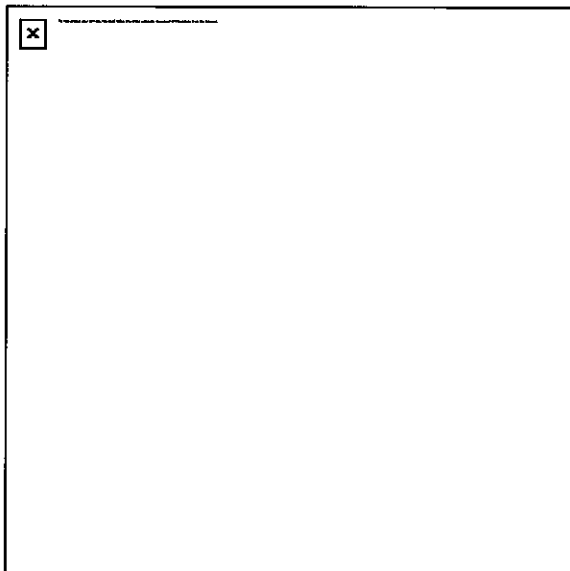


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New and Noteworthy: 4 Ivy League Universities Evacuate Campus Buildings During Swatting Incidents

Authorities are investigating a recent string of swatting incidents that targeted four Ivy League universities. Yale University received a false bomb threat on November 5, while Cornell University, Columbia University, and Brown University faced similar threats two days later. Yale's campus was evacuated and some nearby businesses closed for more than four hours as police responded to a call from an individual claiming they placed 40 bombs in multiple

locations across campus. On November 7, Cornell first received a call that stated bombs were placed in several buildings, prompting the evacuation of four buildings for about two hours. Columbia then cleared three buildings for around two hours a short time later following tweets an individual directed at the university. That person claimed they and their partner had firearms



Police respond to a fake bomb threat at Columbia University in New York City on November 7.

and would detonate 40 improvised explosive devices placed across campus if law enforcement approached them. Brown was next to receive a phoned-in bomb threat, and the school evacuated several buildings on its campus for nearly two hours. No explosives were found at any of the universities. Authorities have yet to determine whether the incidents are connected.

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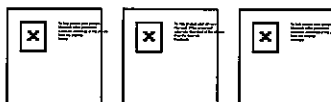
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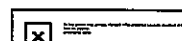
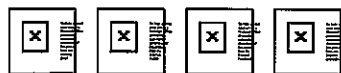


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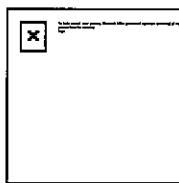
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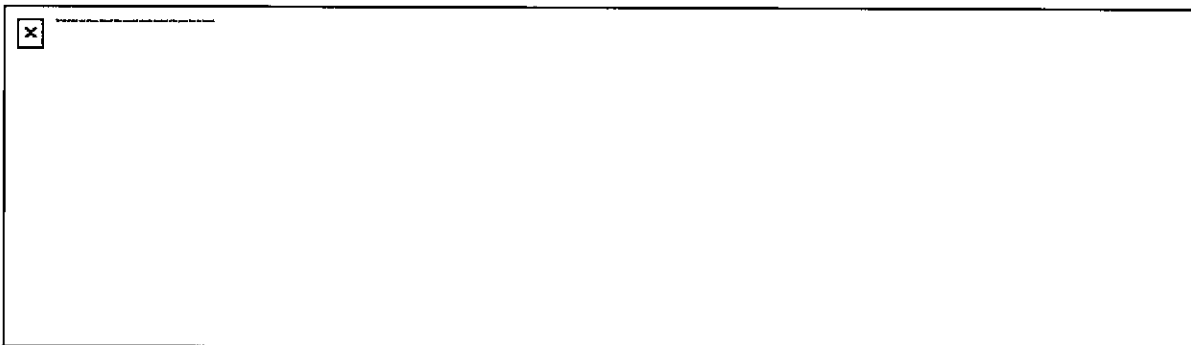
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Vigilance Key to Keep New Jersey Holiday Events Safe

As New Jersey prepares for all the festivities that surround the holiday season, NJOHSP reminds the public in our latest press release that remaining vigilant is key to preventing acts of terrorism. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security recently issued a National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin that noted mass gatherings and religious observances remain attractive targets for violence from domestic

and foreign extremists. The return of large crowds at various indoor and outdoor venues is expected this year while pandemic-related restrictions continue to ease. Each resident and visitor can do their part in keeping holiday events, busy shopping centers, and houses of worship safe across the State by recognizing and reporting terrorism-related suspicious activity.

“See Something, Say Something” by reporting suspicious behaviors to local authorities or NJOHSP’s Counterterrorism Watch Desk at 1-866-4-SAFE-NJ or tips@njohsp.gov

Additional Resources

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

[NJOHSP Public Service Announcement: “See Something, Say Something”](#)

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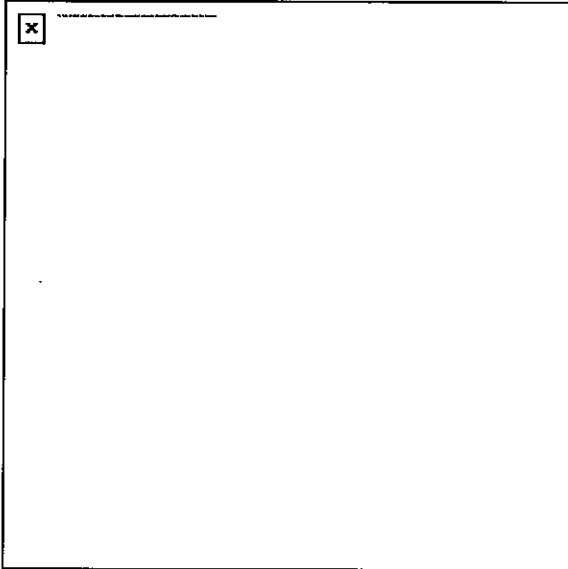
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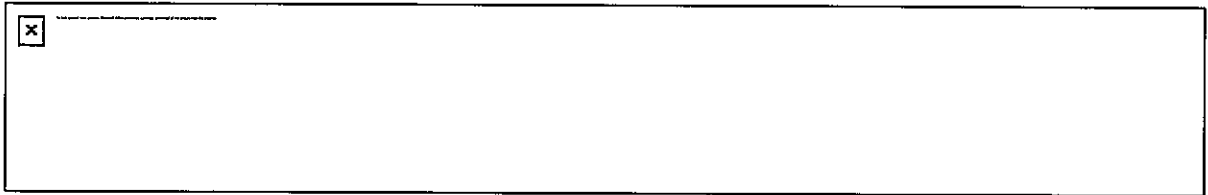
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[The Long Jihad: The Islamic State’s Method](#)



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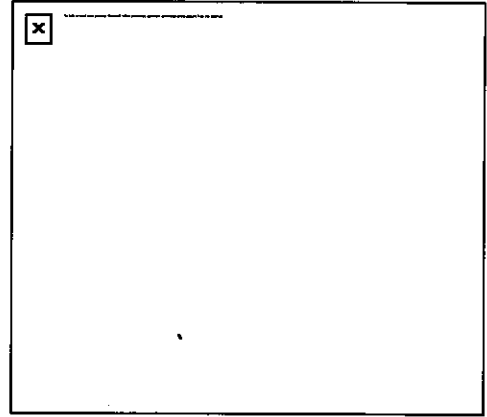
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***New and Noteworthy: Long Island Man Gets 16 Years
in Prison for Attempting to Support Terrorist Groups***

A Commack, New York, resident was sentenced to 200 months in prison on November 19 for attempting to provide material support and resources to foreign terrorist organizations. Elvis Redzepagic, 30, traveled overseas in 2015 with the hope of waging violent jihad. Early that year, he began communicating with an individual he believed was the commander of a



battalion in Syria belonging to ISIS or the Nusra Front. Redzepagic went to Turkey in July 2015 and made multiple unsuccessful attempts to cross into Syria. He traveled about a year later to Jordan, where authorities detained and deported him. Redzepagic wrote about jihad in Facebook messages from October 2015, and a search of his laptop by authorities uncovered ISIS propaganda. He also repeatedly accessed a Bosnian-language website for prospective foreign fighters from the Balkans who wanted to join ISIS and wage jihad in Syria. Redzepagic pleaded guilty to the attempted material support charge on April 23.

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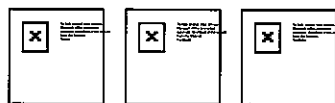
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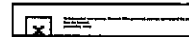
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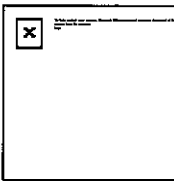
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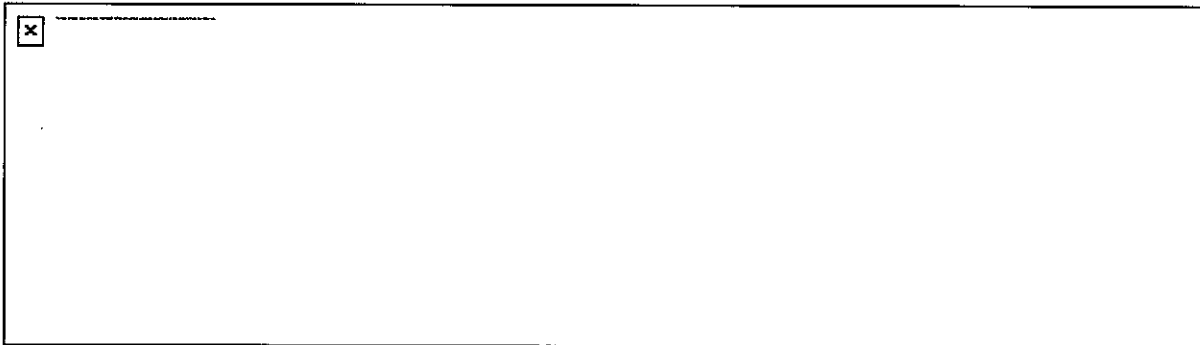
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Army-Navy Game at MetLife

Navy's win over Army on Dec. 11 culminated a successful operation among federal, State and local agencies to secure MetLife Stadium for a safe game day experience. Leading up to the game, NJOHSP's Training and Exercise Bureau facilitated an active assailant tabletop exercise, including top command staff for Army West Point and the U.S. Naval Academy as well as federal, State and local government

officials. Additionally, the Training and Exercise Bureau coordinated 14 training courses to support preparedness efforts for the game. This was the first time the historic matchup took place at the East Rutherford stadium with approximately 81,000 in the stands. To learn more about training offers throughout the year, view NJOHSP's training course [catalog](#).

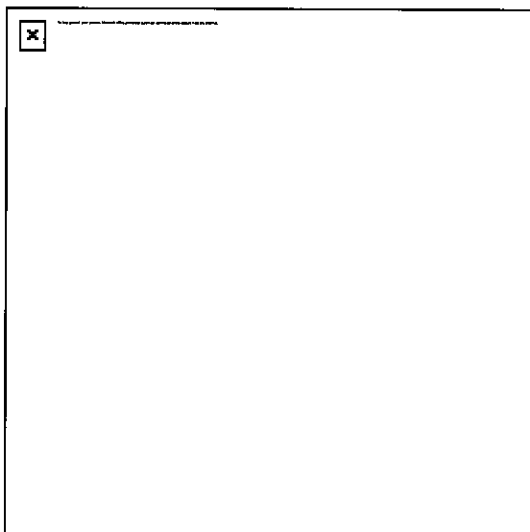


Acting Director Laurie Doran (right) greets law enforcement partners at the game

Additional Resources

[NJOHSP Training Programs](#) | [NJOHSP Training Catalog](#) | [NJOHSP Exercise Support Unit](#)

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[Understanding Accelerationist Narratives:](#)

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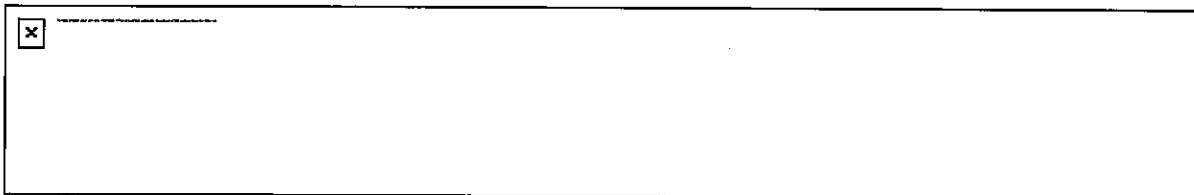
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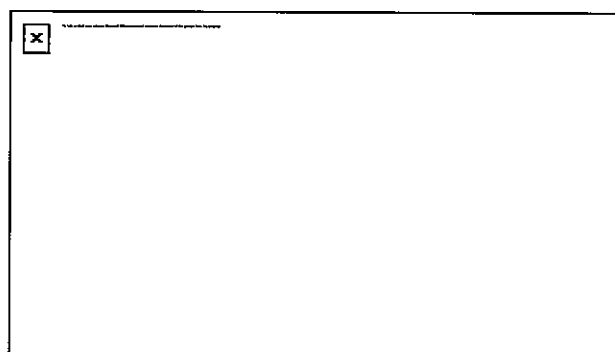
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New and Noteworthy: Poor Exit Plan Strands White Supremacist Protesters in D.C.

A group of white supremacists, wielding American flags, plastic shields and threatening rallying cries, found themselves stranded in the Washington, D.C. Capitol Mall Dec. 4 due to an ill-prepared exit strategy. More than 100 members of the “Patriot Front” group attended the nonpermitted rally, held just blocks from the

White House, sparking fear among bystanders and attracting the attention of law enforcement, who shadowed the assembly to forestall any conflict. While storming through the city, members of Patriot Front, once affiliated with Vanguard America, donned a uniform of white gaiters,



Demonstrators make their way down the steps of the Lincoln Memorial Dec. 4

sunglasses, blue jackets, khaki pants and brown boots and hats and chanted threats about “reclaiming America.” As the protest wound down, a U-Haul rented by the group for transport proved too small to ferry all participants away. The botched departure plan resulted in organizers making multiple trips to transport stranded demonstrators over the course of three hours and caused major traffic delays at the Arlington Memorial Bridge roundabout pick-up site.

Additional Resources

[Domestic Extremists Shift Focus Toward US Government | 2020 Terrorism Threat Assessment](#)

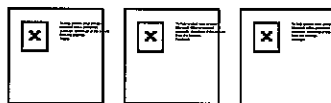
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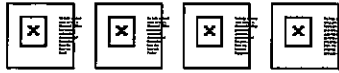


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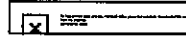
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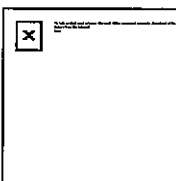
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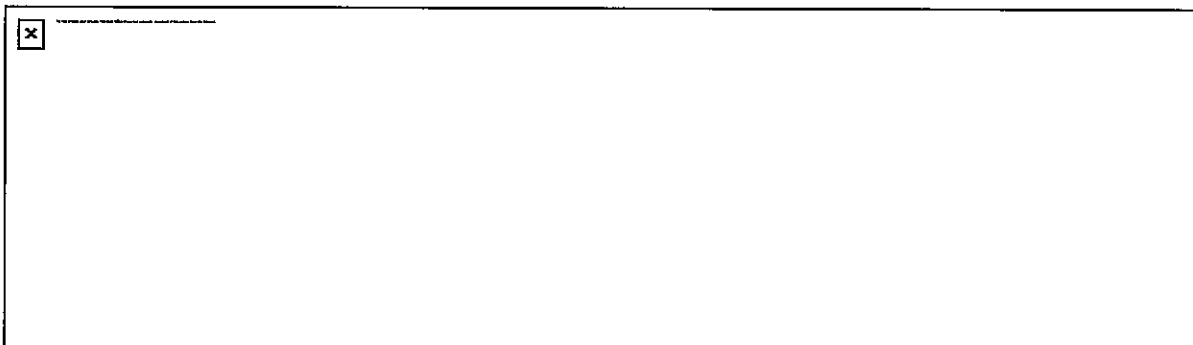
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NJOHSP Assists Security Efforts at Early Voting Sites

New Jersey held early voting for the first time in 2021. It was introduced in late October for the general election at 137 sites throughout the



State. Each county had between three and 10 early voting sites based on population at such locations as municipal government buildings, community and recreation centers, libraries, and county colleges. To help sites prepare for early voting, NJOHSP's Infrastructure Security Bureau and New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC) coordinated with the New Jersey Department of State's Division of Elections to provide county elections officials with an updated Facility Self-Assessment Tool (FSAT) to assess the sites' physical security. This resource, developed with the New Jersey State Police, was part of the process that aided county elections officials in the development of their election security plans. The FSAT recommends mitigation and protective security measures to ensure the safety of elections officials, poll workers, voters, and other individuals within facilities during voting hours. Maintaining secure overnight storage of voting machines, electronic poll books, and election-related materials throughout the early voting period was also critical. Based on findings from completed FSATs, the Infrastructure Security Bureau provided options for consideration to enhance security plans that county officials developed and submitted. The bureau also worked with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to ensure power needs at each facility were met, maintained, and restored, if needed, throughout the early voting period. No significant incidents were reported during the early voting period and on Election Day. NJOHSP will continue efforts to increase preparedness, build resiliency, and ensure secure elections in New Jersey.

Contact the Infrastructure Security Bureau at InfrastructureSecurity@njohsp.gov for more information on election infrastructure security and assistance completing the FSAT

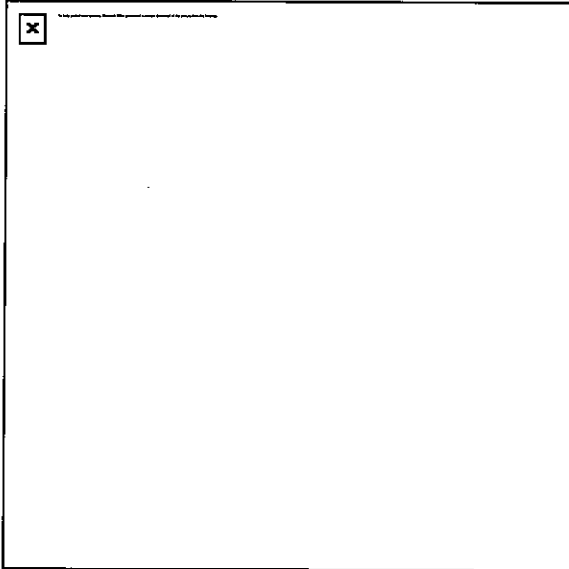
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[NJCCIC Election Security](#) | [FBI: Election Crimes and Security](#)

[Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency: Election Infrastructure Security](#)

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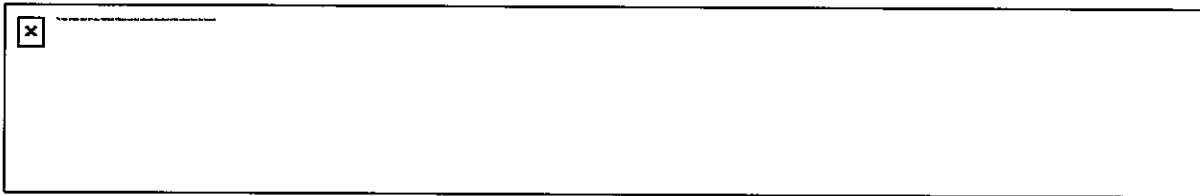
Webmasters of Hate: Right-Wing
Extremists Are Getting Smarter Online
via GNET

Moderating Extremism: The State of Online
Terrorist Content Removal Policy in the
United States

via GW Program on Extremism

How Extremists Weaponize Community to
Recruit During the Pandemic

via Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right



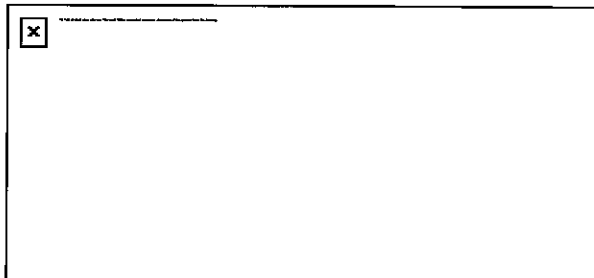
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***New and Noteworthy: DHS Program Aims to Identify
Potential Cyber Vulnerabilities, Improve Resilience***

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the launch of a three-phase program December 14, during which vetted cybersecurity researchers are invited to identify possible vulnerabilities in its systems.



The “Hack DHS” bug bounty program will help the department determine if there are bugs real hackers could exploit and provide a model for other organizations across all levels of government to increase cybersecurity resilience. “The Hack DHS program incentivizes highly skilled hackers to identify cybersecurity weaknesses in our systems before they can be exploited by bad actors. This program is one example of how the Department is partnering with the community to help protect our Nation’s cybersecurity,” said DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. Hack DHS runs through fiscal year 2022 and includes both virtual and live assessments, as well as a review phase. Participants will access select external systems and report to DHS the vulnerabilities they identify, how they were exploited, and how those bugs might allow others to access information. The program rewards between \$500 and \$5,000 for each flaw identified, depending on severity. The DHS Office of the Chief Information Officer will monitor the program.

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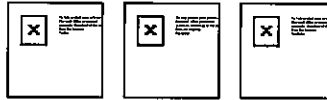
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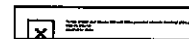
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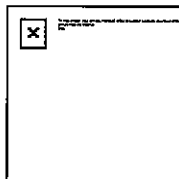
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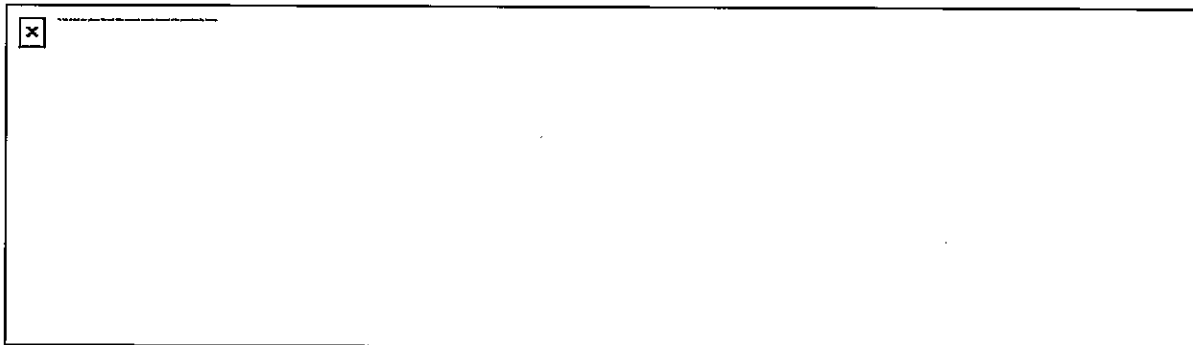
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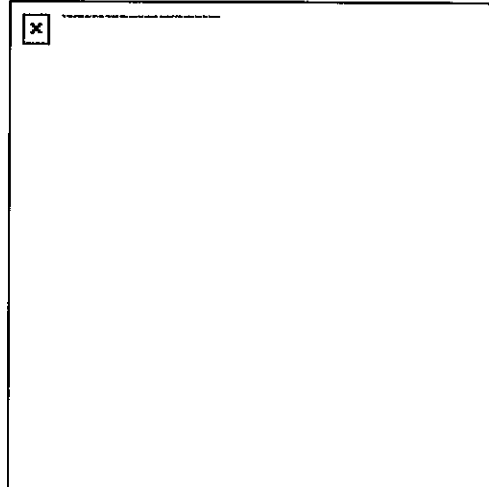


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NJOHSP Looks Back at Stats From 2021

As NJOHSP looks ahead to fulfilling its mission of serving and safeguarding New Jersey in the coming year, now is also the time to reflect on all its accomplishments from 2021. The Grants Management Bureau awarded more than \$40 million in Federal Emergency Management Agency grant funding last year. The Intelligence Management Bureau saw a 10 percent increase in suspicious activity reports from

2020 to 2021. Furthermore, NJ Learn went from about 130,000 virtual training completions in 2020 to nearly 300,000 last year. The New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC) also responded to or assisted with more than 500 cyber incidents in 2021, up from 401 the previous year. To learn more about NJOHSP and its various programs and projects, visit njohsp.gov.



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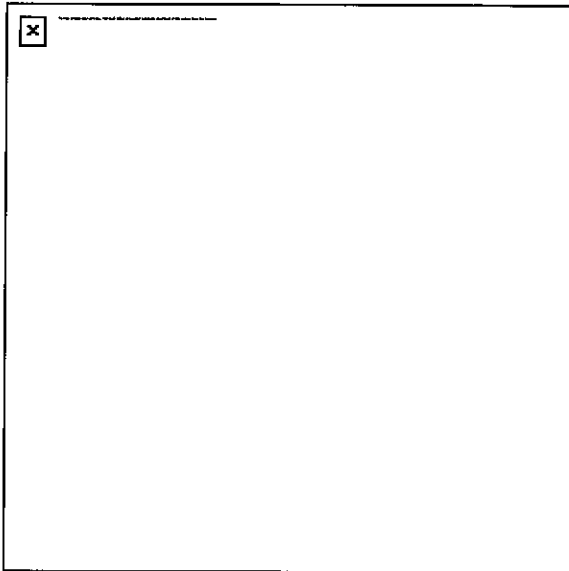
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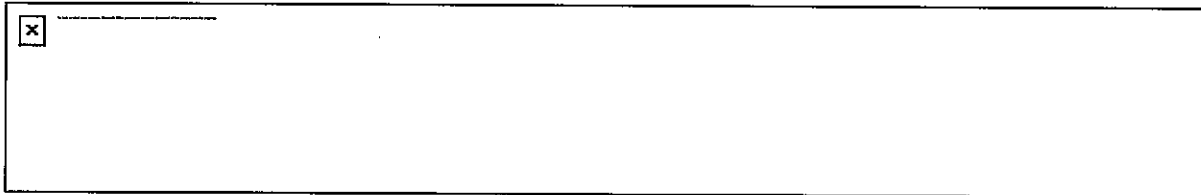
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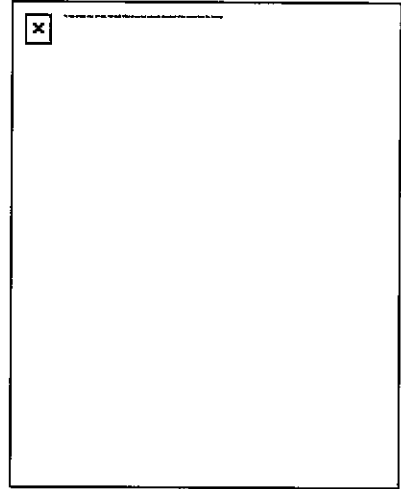
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***New and Noteworthy: California Man Sentenced to Life
Followed by 30 Years in Prison for Synagogue Shooting***

On December 28, John T. Earnest, 22, was sentenced to life followed by 30 years in prison for federal hate crimes related to a shooting at a Poway, California, synagogue in 2019, as well as the attempted arson of a mosque. Earnest entered the Chabad of Poway synagogue April 27, 2019, and opened fire, killing one woman, injuring three people, and attempting to kill 50 more. He pleaded guilty in September to a 113-count indictment that included 54 counts of violating the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, 55 counts of violating the Church Arson Prevention Act and four firearms offenses. Earnest also admitted he attempted to set the Dar-ul-Arqam mosque in Escondido, California, on fire March 24, 2019. Seven missionaries were asleep in the mosque, but no one was injured. The court ordered the federal sentence run consecutively to his state sentence of life in prison and recommended that Earnest serve his term in a federal facility.



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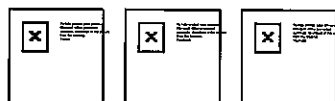
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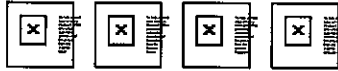
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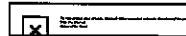
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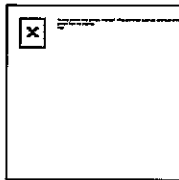
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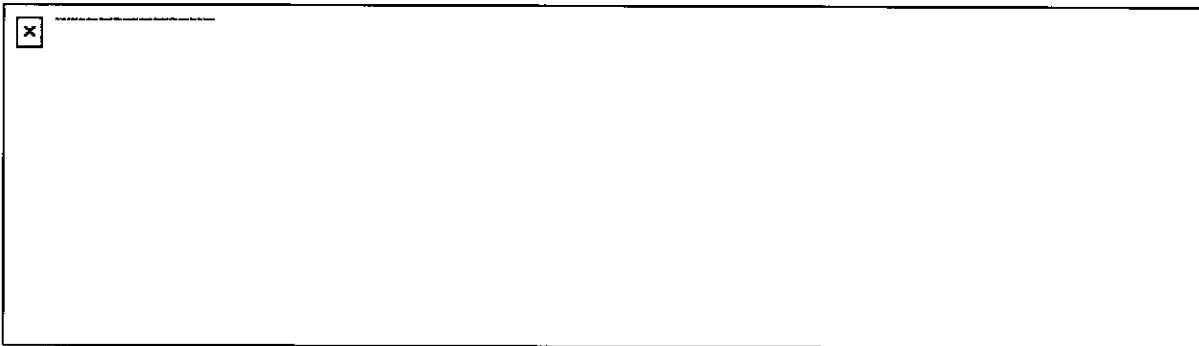
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Prepare Early for Nonprofit Security Grant Program

NJOHSP advises nonprofit organizations seeking grant opportunities to begin preparing their applications for the federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). Funding provided through the NSGP assists eligible 501(c)(3) organizations at high risk of experiencing a terrorist attack. Applicants are encouraged to start now by updating or completing the vulnerability risk

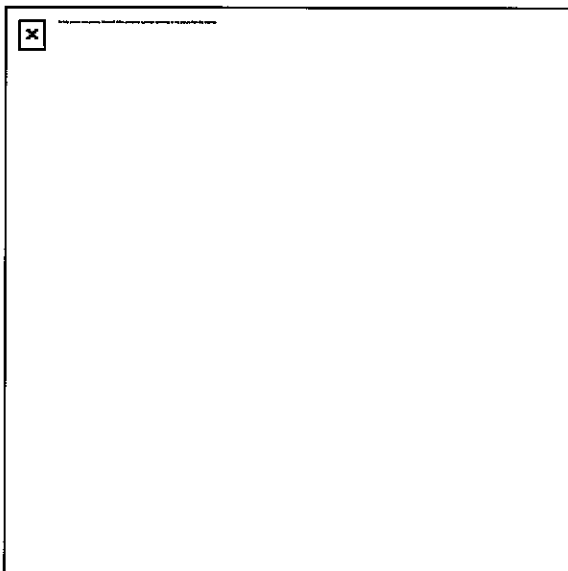
assessment and devising emergency preparedness plans. This will help for timely submission of all required materials during the application period, which will be announced early spring.

Visit NJOHSP's [NSGP webpage](#) for updates, resources, and additional information on the federal grant funding program

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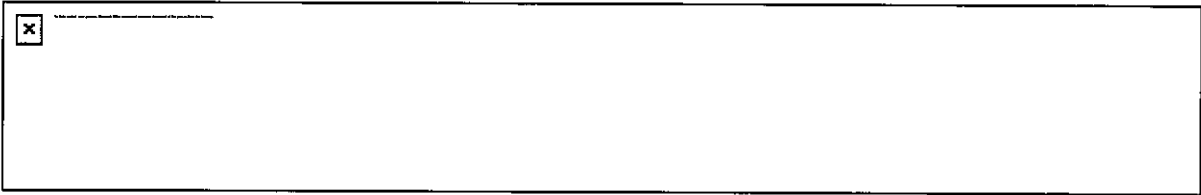
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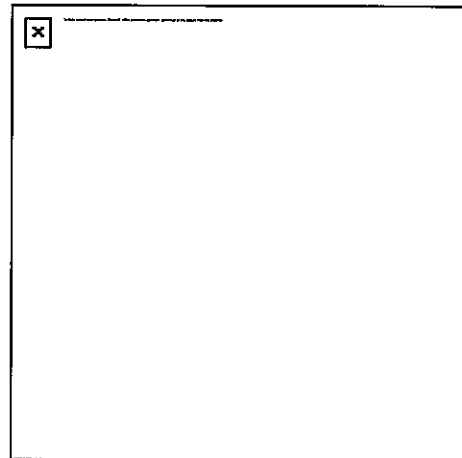
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New and Noteworthy: Justice Department Forming Specialized Unit Focused on Domestic Terrorism

The U.S. Department of Justice is adding a specialized unit dedicated to combating the rising threat of domestic terrorism. Assistant Attorney General Matthew G. Olsen, who leads the department's National Security Division, testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee January 11 that the unit's formation is needed as the number of FBI investigations into domestic terrorism cases has doubled since March 2020. Olsen said that a group of counterterrorism attorneys will help "ensure that these cases are handled properly and effectively coordinated across the Department of Justice and across the country." Olsen, testifying approximately one year after the U.S. Capitol riots, noted that more than 725 individuals have been arrested and charged for their roles in that incident.



Assistant Attorney General Matthew G. Olsen testifies remotely before Congress about domestic terrorism January 11.

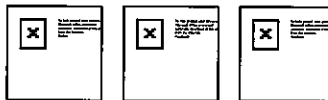
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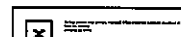
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