Scope: Provide the private sector, our partner agencies, and local jurisdictions with current open source information relating to terrorism, homeland security, critical incident response and public safety. Re-distribution is encouraged.

Armed Robbery
On Tuesday, July 27, 2010, at approximately 4:15 PM, the subject shown above committed an armed robbery of the Duo Dry Cleaners, located at 4710 14th Street, NW. The suspect was armed with a black semi-automatic handgun. The suspect is further described as a black male, with a light to medium complexion, 5'9", 150 lbs, beard and mustache, wearing a black baseball hat, a yellowish utility vest, a black short-sleeved shirt, pants, and dark shoes. The subject has tattoos on his left arm. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the detective(s) listed above or the Command Information Center (CIC) at (202) 727-9099. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call 1-888-919-CRIME (2746). Source: MPD

PG County Seeking the Identity of PNC Bank Robbery Suspect (NCR BOLO)
The Prince George's County Police Department is working to identify the Suspect shown in the above surveillance photographs. The Suspect robbed the PNC Bank located at 10450 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville MD, on August 3, 2010. Whenever information is given to the Crime Solvers Line, you do not have to leave your name. A REWARD of up to $1,000 is being offered for the tip that leads to the arrest and indictment of the suspect responsible for this robbery. CCN: 10-215-161. Anyone with information about this subject should call the PG County Police at 301-772-4905. Source: PG County Crime Solvers Reward Poster

CDC Updates Yellow Fever Guidelines (Public Safety)
The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has updated its recommendations for using yellow fever (YF) vaccine. The report urges that all persons over nine months old traveling to or living in areas of South America and Africa in which a risk exists for YFV transmission be vaccinated. YF is a vector-borne disease resulting from the transmission of yellow fever virus (YFV) to a human from the bite of an infected mosquito. Because no treatment exists for YF disease, prevention is critical to lower disease risk and mortality, the report said, adding: “A traveler’s risk for acquiring YFV is determined by multiple factors, including immunization status, location of travel, season, duration of exposure, occupational and recreational activities while traveling, and local rate of virus transmission at the time of travel.” http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/14200/128/
Thousands in Counterfeit Merchandise Seized, VA

A joint investigation between the Fairfax County Police Department, the United States Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and Blazer Investigations, led to the seizure of an estimated $841 thousand dollars of counterfeit merchandise. Those items include “knock off” Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Timberland, Rolex, Coach, Nike, Lacoste, Prada, Chanel, and many others. The types of merchandise include shoes, boots, purses, sunglasses, jewelry, coats, shirts, pants, perfume, DVDs, CDs and more. Police determined that this merchandise was manufactured and shipped from China. Specialists working for Blazer Investigations verified that the merchandise was crafted using sub-standard materials and was in fact counterfeit. The items were manufactured and shipped without identifying labels. Once inside the United States, tags and other recognizable emblems were affixed to the goods prior to sale. The sale of counterfeit merchandise is a violation of state and federal law. Anyone with information about counterfeit merchandise, or those who believe they might have purchased similar items is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text “TIP187” plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/news-releases/2010/080410counterfeitgoodsseized.htm

WRTAC Note: Counterfeit merchandise has been linked to terrorism funding. On July 14, 2010 a subject involved in the illicit operation from Plainsboro, New Jersey, was sentenced to a year in federal lockup for his role in the counterfeit ring which was used to funnel money to Hezbollah. The goods, valued at almost $250,000, were to be sold at flea markets in New Jersey. Prosecutors said he was unaware of the link to Hezbollah and was not charged with providing support to a terrorist group. Open source reporting indicates that the criminal operation involved the attempted exporting of machine guns to Syria from Philadelphia, PA, the sale of fake passports, production of counterfeit money, and a string of robberies. According to reports, the overall intent of the operation was to funnel proceeds from these illicit activities to the terrorist group Hezbollah to assist in funding their activities.

Airport Officials Arrests Passenger, Seize Arms

Custom Authorities at Allama Iqbal International Airport, Lahore have arrested a passenger who arrived here from United States (US) for carrying arms and ammunition. As per Custom Authorities, Rizwan Khurshid resident of Mughal Pura Lahore arrived at Allama Iqbal Airport from New York by PIA's flight PK 722. However, during frisking his luggage custom officials recovered 11 pistols and 240 Rounds. It has learnt that these armaments were made up by a prominent American Company and are worth Rs 55 million. Custom Officials have lodged case against the criminal and started further investigation. http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/Lahore/05-Aug-2010/Airport-Officials-arrests-passenger-seize-arms

Police Training to Focus on Spotting Extremism

The Homeland Security Department (DHS) has begun work on a training curriculum for frontline law enforcement officers to sharpen their capabilities to patrol communities and detect violent extremism. DHS will roll out the finalized curriculum to its Federal Law Enforcement Training Center as well as regional police training centers in addition to offering an online version. In conjunction with the curriculum, DHS plans to develop case studies that describe recent occurrences of violent crime and terrorism in order to highlight the behaviors and indicators demonstrated by suspects in these cases. The department also will release "intelligence products" to explain the tactics, techniques, and plans employed by international and domestic terrorists. http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/14218/128/
US man arrested for alleged support for Al-Qaeda, Al-Shebab (Terrorism TTP)

A US-born Chicago man who allegedly planned to travel to Somalia with hopes of joining Al Qaeda and Al Shabaab, both terrorist organizations, was arrested by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents early Wednesday morning and charged with attempting to provide material support through the use of a weapon of mass destruction. According to the FBI complaint, Shaker Masri spent the past three weeks planning a trip to Somalia, where he planned to purchase weapons and train for jihadist fighting. Mr. Masri intended to pose as an international gold importer, the complaint says. He made plans with a work colleague who doubled as an FBI informant. In recordings of several phone conversations and face-to-face meetings, Masri, who was born in Alabama, indicated he did not plan to reach age 30 but wanted “a suicide mission” because this is what “infidels” “hate the most,” he said. [Link]

WRTAC Note: New open source reports are stating that the FBI has arrested or indicted 14 Somali-Americans in two cities. The arrests are just the latest turn in a long-running investigation into the disappearance of young men from a number of U.S. cities. [Link]

Recall U. Dilullo’s Deluxe Meatballs in Sauce (Public Safety)

Ugo. DiLullo & Sons, a Westville, N.J., establishment, is recalling approximately 147,667 pounds of canned meatball products because they contain an allergen, egg, which is not declared on the label, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. The canned meatball products were produced on various dates between May 1, 2009, and August 2, 2010, and were distributed to institutions, including food banks, in Maryland, New Jersey and New York. Consumers and media with questions about the recall should contact Ugo DiLullo, President, or Michele Mattei of Ugo. DiLullo & Sons at (856) 456-3700. Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at www.AskKaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854). [Link]

Resources

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