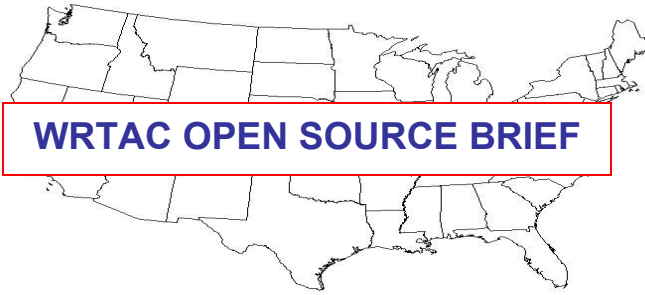


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Man accused of plotting to blow up military recruiting center

A Baltimore man was arrested Wednesday in connection with a plot to blow up an Armed Forces recruiting center in Catonsville, Md. The man, identified by ABC News as Antonio Martinez, aka Muhammed Hussain, planned to attack the center "with what he believed to be vehicle bomb," according to the spokesperson, Marcia Murphy. "There was no actual danger to the public as the explosives were inert and the suspect had been carefully monitored by law enforcement for months,". Law enforcement sources described Martinez as a Muslim convert who was angry at the U.S. military for what he considered a war on Muslims. The suspect was given a phony bomb and was arrested after trying to detonate it. The law enforcement sources said the man was caught in an FBI sting operation similar to one in Portland, Oregon, which led to the arrest of 19-year-old Mohamed Osman Mohamud, a Somali-born U.S. citizen. Mohamud is accused of plotting to drive a truck bomb into the city's Christmas tree-lighting ceremony.



<http://www.fbd.com/articles/2010/12/baltimore-terror-plot-man-accused-of-plotting-to-blow-up-military-recruiting-center-37495.html>

Md. thieves loading TVs, driving off

Police believe a group of men has been targeting Wal-Mart and Sams Club stores in Laurel, making off with televisions from back storage areas. They have released pictures from a heist on Nov. 17 at the Wal-Mart at 3549 Russett Green East, when three men made off with flat screens from the storage area. It happened at about 10 p.m. as the men loaded their truck with the stolen goods. **The next theft happened Dec. 2, when one man walked into the same Wal-Mart, went to the back of the store and let a second suspect inside. They stole a television and loaded it into a late 80s Chrysler van with fog lights and gray pin striping. Both men covered their faces with a bandana or other material.** On Monday, suspects carried out a similar theft at nearby Sam's Club at 3535 Russett Green East, police said. Four or five men walked into the store, went to the back, loaded several televisions into a white van then drove off. Police ask anyone with information about the thefts to contact the Western District Detective Unit at 410-222-6155 or contact Metro Crime Stoppers by calling 1-866-7LOCKUP or texting CRIMES (274637). <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/crime-scene/allison-klein/md-thieves-loading-tvs-driving.html#more>

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Father, Son Convicted in Fatal Oregon Bank Bombing

A father and son were convicted Wednesday of planting a bank bomb that killed two police officers in a botched robbery that prosecutors said was motivated by plans to build a militia in case newly elected President Barack Obama cracked down on their gun rights. Prosecutors had presented evidence that the Turnidges harbored fantasies of building bombs, robbing banks and starting a militia. According to testimony, father and son exulted in the Oklahoma City bombing, and Bruce Turnidge viewed Timothy McVeigh as a hero. Prosecutors also said both men believed the Obama administration would crack down on their rights to own guns. The attack occurred about a month after Obama was elected. <http://www.ktvb.com/news/regional/Father-son-convicted-in-fatal-Ore-bank-bombing-111557249.html>

(Criminal TTP)



FBI Trains Local Authorities in Week Long "Blast Class"

Members of the Regional Domestic Security Taskforce have been working closely with the FBI this week learning how to assess car bombs and other potential terrorists threats. FBI agents detonated several large vehicle bombs at Eglin Air force Base to simulate a crime scene. "If an event were to happen of this nature in Northwest Florida, it would require not only local, but state assets and federal assets to be on the ground, but the first people there are the local responders" adds Sgt. John Corley of the Bay County Sheriff's Office. More than 70 local and state law enforcement officers from the panhandle and as far as New York attended this weeks' training class. The class was funded entirely by grants. http://www.wjhg.com/news/headlines/FBI_Trains_Local_Authorities_In_111309314.html

(FBI Resource)



Police Urge Caution While Warming Up Unattended Vehicles

The Prince George's County Police Department is reminding residents to maintain good safety habits as we approach the winter season. Auto theft is mainly a crime of opportunity and this practice unfortunately creates a perfect opportunity for car thieves. Leaving a vehicle unattended is dangerous and costly. According to the Maryland Transportation Article 21-1101 (a) any person leaving a vehicle unattended with the keys in the ignition is subject to a \$70.00 ticket and one point toward his or her driving record. As the winter season approaches, officers will periodically conduct enforcement in areas in which auto theft has been a problem and issue citations to those who are leaving their vehicles unattended while warming up. <http://cms.princegeorgescountymd.gov/policenews/default.aspx?itemid=2942>



Convenience Stores Get Action-Packed With Emergency Preparedness Schemes (Public Safety Initiative)

Food supplies have the potential to get massively cut during emergencies and that is why the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) is enlisting the help of the Pennsylvania Convenience Store Council (PCSC) to help draft protocols on how to manage food shortages in times of emergency. The private sector and public sectors are forging new partnerships in the state of Pennsylvania — especially as winter sets in and the incidence of major storms, power outages, and road closures skyrocket. The use of real-time, two-way sharing of situational awareness information will play a crucial role in the partnership with PDA.

<http://www.fastcompany.com/1707871/convenient-stores-go-action-packed-in-new-emergency-preparedness-schemes>



UPS Expands Photo ID Rule for Retail Shipping

United Parcel Service Inc. (UPS) will require customers shipping packages to show government-issued photo identification in an effort to intensify security after explosives were found on October cargo flights. The new policy expands a previous rule in place at UPS Customer Centers to include all retail outlets. Customers without a pre-printed shipping label will have to display an ID. “Since retail centers experience a significant increase in business from occasional shippers during the busy holidays, this enhancement adds a prudent step in our multilayered approach to security,” the vice president of small business and retail marketing said in the statement. <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-12-07/ups-expands-photo-id-rule-for-retail-shipping-as-bombs-spur-security-steps.html>



What security professionals should learn from Wikileaks

The release of sensitive information by Web site WikiLeaks has caused national and international outcry, but should serve as a reminder to government and private corporations alike about the importance of securing electronic information, said Steve Salinas, product marketing manager of the forensic business unit for Guidance Software, a provider of digital investigations. “First and foremost these recent events should be a wake-up call for organizations to make sure they understand where their data is, what is sensitive data, and who has access to it,” he said. “Organizations are very aware that they need to have solutions in place beyond typical antivirus or firewall software to help control and protect their intellectual property.” <http://www.securitydirectornews.com/?p=article&id=sd201012fMYnTh>



DC HSEMA Partnering with FEMA and the Naval Postgraduate School, Center for Homeland Defense and Security to Conduct Emergency Response and Hazard Awareness Focus Groups with DC Community Leaders

The District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA), in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Naval Postgraduate School, Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) announces a series of engaging discussions with civic, faith-based, public and private sector leaders to discuss innovative strategies for devising a cooperative, community-based approach for strengthening emergency preparedness in the Nation’s Capital. **These interactive group discussions will focus on hazard awareness and the changing roles of traditional and non-traditional emergency management stakeholders; the roles of community leaders; community responsibility and readiness; community expectations and the disaster management decision-making process.**

<http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/dcema/section/2/release/20841/year/2010>

Holiday Fire Safety

Based on data from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), an estimated 250 home fires involving Christmas trees and another 170 home fires involving holiday lights and other decorative lighting occur each year. Together, these fires resulted in 21 deaths and 43 injuries. Following a few simple fire safety tips can keep electric lights, candles, and the ever popular Christmas tree from creating a tragedy. Learn how to prevent a fire and what to do in case a fire starts in your home. Make sure all exits are accessible and not blocked by decorations or trees. For safety tips please visit: <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/focus/holiday.shtm>

(Public Safety)



Resources

GlobalIncidentMap.com

A Global Display of Terrorism And Other Suspicious Events

DomesticTerrorMap.com

Washington DC Links

Live Traffic Reports <http://www.ddot.dc.gov/traffic>

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency <http://hsema.dc.gov/dcema/site/default.asp>

DC Department of Health <http://dchealth.dc.gov/doh/site/default.asp>

Sign-up for Alerts <https://textalert.ema.dc.gov/index.php?CCheck=1>

To request a DC Government Service, call 311 or 202-727-1000, also online at <http://src.dc.gov>

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