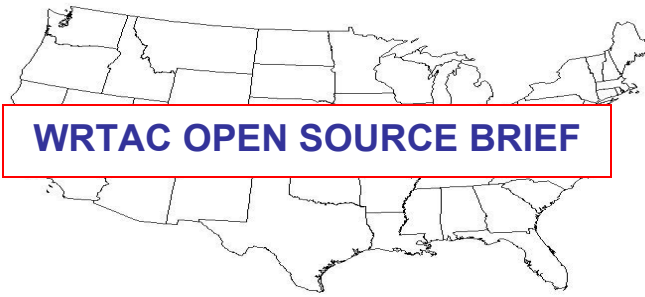


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ATM skimmer investigated in Md.

(NCR RFI)

At approximately 5:26 p.m., officers responded to a call from to the Bank of America in the 600 block of Annapolis Boulevard in Severna Park, for a recovered ATM skimmer affixed to the ATM machine. The woman told police she observed what appeared to be a fraudulent device attached to the machine for the purpose of scanning the ATM cards of customers. This appears to be an isolated incident and no personal account information has been compromised for individuals that used the ATM, police said. The case is being investigated by the United States Secret Service with the assistance of the Anne Arundel County Police Department. Anyone with information pertaining to this case should contact the Anne Arundel County Police Department's Financial Crimes Unit at 410-222-3433. <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/crime-scene/baltimore/atm-skimmer-investigated.html?wprss=crime-scene>



Wall Street Execs on New Terror Threat Info

(Terrorism TTP)

Security officials are warning the leaders of major Wall Street banks that al Qaeda terrorists in Yemen may be trying to plan attacks against those financial institutions or their leading executives. Intelligence officials stress the threats are general in nature and there is "no indication of a targeted assassination plot" against any Wall Street executive. But NBCNewYork.com has learned officials fear the names of some top banking executives have been discussed by terror operatives overseas. **Intelligence analysts added they have a general but growing concern that operatives in Yemen may again try to send package bombs or biological or chemical agents through the mail to Wall Street bankers.** <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local-beat/Exclusive-Wall-Street-Execs-On-New-Terror-Threat-Info-114985979.html>



Terrorists look to unprotected parts of airports

(Terrorism TTP)

The suicide bombing at a busy international airport outside Moscow exposes the vulnerable underbelly of airports in this country and around the world, several security experts and former anti-terrorist government officials say. Terrorists have long sought to disrupt aviation through hijackings and bombings. Since many of those recent attempts have failed at least partly because of heightened security, experts say, it makes sense that terrorists would launch attacks on the unprotected zones of an airport: baggage claim areas, ticket counters, security check-in lines and curbside areas where passengers are picked up and dropped off. http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2011-01-26-airportterror26_ST_N.htm



Man Planned To Take IED's To the Border

(Criminal TTP)

Court documents paint new details about how authorities intercepted a dozen homemade pipe bombs and other explosive devices from a white supremacist apparently headed to the border. Jeffrey Harbin was pulled over in Apache Junction on January 14 by Department of Public Safety officers. Inside his truck, they found improvised explosive devices along with explosive making powders and materials. According to the documents, he spoke of a "homemade grenade" he referred to as his "little baby." Harbin was a known member of the National Socialist Movement (NSM), listed by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a white supremacist hate group. http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_southeast_valley/apache_junction/documents-show-apache-junction-man-planned-to-take-ieds-to-the-border



Security crisis talks after US smuggler gets 80 handguns into Britain on passenger jets

(Criminal TTP)

Serious flaws in trans-Atlantic aviation security were exposed by the arrest of private security consultant Steven Greenoe, who is accused of trafficking more than 80 guns in his hold luggage. The 37-year-old American was stopped by security staff on at least one occasion when screening detected "multiple firearms" in his suitcases - but was able to talk his way on to a flight from Atlanta to Manchester. Greenoe was arrested in Raleigh, North Carolina, in July, with 16 pistols in his suitcases, after police recovered a number of new handguns in Britain. **He was allegedly able to exploit relatively lax security at his local airport, Raleigh-Durham international, by dismantling the guns and distributing the parts among several suitcases. On each trip the cases were checked on to a domestic flight to Atlanta then transferred to a Delta transatlantic flight to Manchester.** <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/breaking-news/security-crisis-talks-after-us-smuggler-gets-80-handguns-into-britain-on-passenger-jets/story-e6ff7jx-1225994195963>



New Disaster Preparedness Tool

(Emergency Management)

According to [Occupational Health and Safety](#), the Department of Homeland Security continues to support the development of the Electronic Mass Casualty Assessment and Planning Scenarios (EMCAPS) software. The [EMCAPS model](#) allows users to estimate casualties arising from the following types of attacks: biological (e.g., anthrax, plague, food contamination), chemical (e.g., blister, nerve and toxic agents), radiological (e.g., dirty bomb), or explosive (e.g., improvised explosive device). "This tool is intended to allow plausible scenarios to be reasonably modeled to help planners better understand and assess preparedness and response capabilities needs. It is not intended to precisely model the physical behavior of threat agents or the outcomes of specific threat conditions." Additional information for this resource can be seen at the [National Center for the Study of Preparedness and Catastrophic Event Response](#).

Bio-threat system being showcased

(Emergency Preparedness)

The North Carolina Bio-Preparedness Collaborative is showcasing a bio-surveillance system for early outbreak threat detection. When complete, the NCB-Prepared system will integrate data from sources as disparate as the environment, animal and human clinical services and food production, processing and distribution to detect emerging health threats more quickly and effectively. **NCB-Prepared will allow public health experts to differentiate between normal health patterns, environmental changes and natural or man-made bio-threats. It will give decision makers evidence-based information to support better decisions and lead to innovations across the healthcare spectrum including improved patient care, streamlined day-to-day operations and better management of health resources, NCB said.** http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Security-Industry/2011/01/26/Bio-threat-system-being-showcased/UPI-64331296065272/



'Bath salts' are growing drug problem

Sold under such names as Ivory Wave, Bliss, White Lightning and Hurricane Charlie, the chemicals can cause hallucinations, paranoia, rapid heart rates and suicidal thoughts, authorities say. The chemicals are in products sold legally at convenience stores and on the Internet as bath salts and even plant foods. However, they aren't necessarily being used for the purposes on the label. Some say the effects of the powders are as powerful as abusing methamphetamine. Increasingly, law enforcement agents and poison control centers say the advertised bath salts with complex chemical names are an emerging menace in several U.S. states where authorities talk of banning their sale. Emergency calls are being reported over-exposure to the stimulants the powders often contain: mephedrone and methylenedioxypropylone, also known as MDPV. http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20110123/ap_on_re_us/us_dangerous_bath_salts

(Public Health)



Washington Seeks to Integrate Thousands of Surveillance Cameras

Washington, D.C. is seeking to add thousands of surveillance cameras operated by private businesses around the District of Columbia, and the subway system, to the thousands of video cameras already in place, according to published reports. Washington's local Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) has centralized the video feeds from more than 4,500 cameras operated by D.C.'s Department of Transportation and its school system. Those feeds are monitored constantly at the agency's Joint All-Hazards Operation Center. The plan is to link the thousands of cameras being monitored into a single system called "Video Interoperability for Public Safety." When the nearly \$1 million system is activated, its capabilities will include:

- Providing images from security cameras near where the police department's "Shot Spotter" system detects gunfire.
- Detecting whether a vehicle is traveling the wrong way down a one-way street.
- Identifying abandoned objects such as bags. <http://www.governmentvideo.com/article/102234>

Global Weekend Incidents

AFGHANISTAN - 3 German Soldiers Injured In Roadside Bombing
AFGHANISTAN - 4 US Soldiers Killed As Their Tank Blown Apart In Parwan - Taliban Website Claims
AFGHANISTAN - Four Afghan Police Wounded in Bomb Blast
AFGHANISTAN - Kunduz Province Cleared Of Militants
AFGHANISTAN - NATO Soldier Killed IED Blast in Afghanistan
AFGHANISTAN - Roadside Bomb Kills 2 NATO Troops
AFGHANISTAN - Roadside Bomb Kills 4 Security Guards in Helmand
AFGHANISTAN - Suicide Bomber Kills Kandahar Deputy Governor
AFGHANISTAN - Taliban Website Claims Roadside Bomb Targeting US Tank Kills 4
AZERIBAIJAN - US Warns Of Terrorist Threat in Azerbaijan
BANGLADESH - Bomb Attack on Awami League Leader
COLOMBIA - Bomb Blast in Colombian City Leaves 1 Dead
EGYPT - 5 Dead - 15 Others Injured In Rafah Violence
EGYPT - 51 Killed - 1100 Injured In Violent Protests in Egypt
EGYPT - Australia Warns Against Egypt Travel
EGYPT - Bedouin Smugglers Threaten To Attack Suez Canal
EGYPT - Egypt Shuts Gaza Border As Militants Break Out Of Jail
EGYPT - Egyptian Army Fires Back Against Attack on Protesters - Report
EGYPT - Police Open Fire on Protesters Trying To Storm the Interior Ministry - 3 Killed
EGYPT - Protestors Take over Police Station near Suez Canal
EGYPT - Taiwan Issues Travel Alert for Egypt
EGYPT - US Embassy Tells Americans to Leave Egypt
EL SALVADOR - At Least 5 Injured in Grenade Blast in Downtown San Salvador
FLORIDA - Man Blasted By Explosion after Opening Apartment Door
IDAHO - Sheriff's Department Calls Suspicious Device a Hoax
ILLINOIS - 2000 Protesters Picket Egyptian Consulate in Chicago
ILLINOIS - Pipe Bombs Explode - Two Men Burned
INDIA - 4 Including - KLO Activist Arrested
INDIA - 4 Injured As Bomb Explodes In Garbage Vat

UNCLASSIFIED - OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION

INDIA - 4 Maoists Arrested With Explosives and Arms in Jharkhand
INDIA - Andhra Minister Gets Threat Call - Cops Detect Detonators
INDIA - Angry Mob Blocks Road - Torches Roadways Bus
INDIA - Army Captain Detained Over Probe into ISI Links
INDIA - Bomb Hoax at Bangalore Railway Station
INDIA - CRPF Trooper Arrested For Maoist Links
INDIA - Maoists Blow Up CPM leaders House
INDIA - Maoists Kill ITBP Personnel in Chhattisgarh
INDIA - Maoists Torch Bus in Jharkhand
INDIA - Orissa Police Arrest CRPF Official for Spying For Maoists
INDIA - Police Destroy Maoist Camp - 1 Rebel Held
INDIA - Police Recover 6 Detonators on Ministers Travel Route
INDIA - Villagers Nab Militant in Manipur
IRAN - Iran Arrests 20 over Chabahar Terrorist Attack
IRAQ - 2 Police Officers - Soldier Gunned Down In Baghdad
IRAQ - Gunmen Assassinate Local Official in Iraq Province
IRAQ - Iraqi Traffic Police Officer - 4 Civilians Injured In Baghdad Blasts
IRAQ - Over 60 Rockets Discovered In Iraq over Past 24 hours Official
ISRAEL - Terrorists May Try To Take Advantage of Unrest
MASSACHUSETTS - Bomb Squad Called To Acton Apartment Complex
MASSACHUSETTS - Scavenger Hunt Brings Bomb Squad
MEXICO - 4 Dead - 7 Wounded In Shootout in Northern Mexico
MICHIGAN - Man with Explosives Arrested Outside Mosque
NEW YORK - Cops - Suspicious Tool Sparked Cinema Bomb Scare
NIGERIA - 20 Killed In Bauchi - Boko Haram Battles Army in Borno
NIGERIA - Nigerian Militants Threaten To Attack Oil Offices
NIGERIA - State Security Service Finds Bomb in Church
OHIO - Police Respond to Bottle Bombs at Family Dollar Store
PAKISTAN - 1 Killed - Several Injured In Second Bomb Blast in Northwest Pakistan
PAKISTAN - 2 Killed As Militants Ambush Security Forces Convoy in Khyber
PAKISTAN - Bridge in Uch Gas Field Blown Up
PAKISTAN - Dozens Of suspected Terrorists Missing in Pakistan
PAKISTAN - Gas Pipeline Blown Up Near Dera Murad Jamali
PAKISTAN - Gunships Kill 10 Militants
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PAKISTAN - Security Forces Kill 27 Militants in Northwest Pakistan
PAKISTAN - Suicide Attack Injures 8 in Quetta
PAKISTAN - Suicide Blast Kills 4 in Northwest Pakistan
PAKISTAN - Twin Blasts - Heavy Firing Reported In Pakistani Tribal Area
PAKISTAN - Twin Car Bombs in Tunnel Kill 5 Injure 19 Friday Night
PAKISTAN - US Drone Strike Kills 4 in Northwestern
PHILIPPINES - Assumption College Receives Bomb Threat
PHILIPPINES - Landmine Injures Soldier in Davao City
PHILIPPINES - Police Foil Plot to Bomb Town Fiesta in Cotabato
RUSSIA - 6 Hurt by Road Bomb in Jalalabad
RUSSIA - Bomb scare At 2 Shopping Malls in Moscow
RUSSIA - Freight Train Blown Up In Dagestan
RUSSIA - Moscow Airport Blast Aimed At Foreigners
RUSSIA - Police Defuse 2 Powerful Bombs in Dagestan
RUSSIA - Terrorists Blow up Cellular Transmitter in Dagestan
SOMALIA - 12 Dead - 20 Wounded In Mogadishu Shootout
SOMALIA - Al Shabaab Imposes Curfew on a District in Central Somalia
SOMALIA - Clashes in Somalias Capital between Insurgents and Army Leave 3 Dead - Official Says
SOMALIA - Somali Islamists Execute Man Accused of spying
SOMALIA - Young Man Killed In Hargeisa Bomb Blast
SRI LANKA - Lanka-e-News Website Premises Torched
SWEDEN - Telecom Sabotage Cuts Telephone and Internet Access
TENNESSEE - Explosive Devices Found at Scene of Accidental Injury Call near Lakeland
TEXAS - 2 Bingo Halls Receive Bomb Threats - Scenese Cleared
THAILAND - Police Arrest Pattani Bomb Suspect
THAILAND - Thai Soldiers Hurt By Burmese Mortars
TUNISIA - Tunisian Islamists Could Join Government
TURKEY - Hizbullah Members Fled Disguised As Women

UNCLASSIFIED - OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION

TURKEY - Protesters Gather outside Egypt Embassy in Turkey
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - Caller Who Threatened To Bomb Dubai Landmarks Jailed
UNITED KINGDOM - Bomb Threat Man Jailed
UNITED KINGDOM - Petrol Bomb Thrown At Ballyclare House
UNITED KINGDOM - Police Attacked After Hoax Bomb Alerts
UNITED KINGDOM - Shock Sub-Station Explosion Was Caused By Vandals
WASHINGTON - Americans Gather in Washington to Support Egyptian Protesters
YEMEN - Yemen Police Arrest Wanted Militant
YEMEN - Yemen Sentences 4 Suspected Al-Qaeda Members to 3-5 Years in Prison
For more information on the above incidents please visit www.globalincidentmap.com

Resources



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>

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