Attorney Hewlett

I apologize for failing to attach the amended complaint and authenticated emails.

Jeffrey Prosser
Crowwell, James (ODAG)

From: Crowell, James (ODAG)
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 9:01 PM
To: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG)
Subject: Fwd: SIOC BREAKING NEWS NOTIFICATION: Explosion at Music Concert in Manchester - Legat London

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" <jerybicki@fbi.gov>
Date: May 22, 2017 at 7:40:06 PM EDT
To: "Hunt, Jody (OAG)" <johunt@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Tucker, Rachael (OAG)" <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Crowell, James (ODAG)" <jcrowell@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Lan, Iris (ODAG)" <irlan@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG)" <tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: SIOC BREAKING NEWS NOTIFICATION: Explosion at Music Concert in Manchester - Legat London

--- Original message ---
From: (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Date: 5/22/17 7:23 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Cc: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" (b)(7)(E) per FBI, "Stefanik, Kevin L. (NSC)" (b)(6)
Subject: SIOC BREAKING NEWS NOTIFICATION: Explosion at Music Concert in Manchester - Legat London

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ALCON,

Source of Information
Open Source

Situation

At approximately 6:50 pm EDT CT Watch provided notification to SIOC regarding open source reports of explosions at the Ariana Grande concert at the Manchester Arena in Manchester, England. First responders are on scene and Greater Manchester Police service social media page is further reporting confirmed injuries and fatalities, but has not reported numbers as yet. SIOC has engaged with Legat London who are working to ascertain the cause of the explosion. Nothing further regarding the cause is known at this time.

Person Of Interest

Unknown

Coordination and Response

SIOC is coordinating with Legat London and will provide updates as information becomes available.

*** THIS IS A SIOC SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION ***

All information and inquiries should be directed to SIOC at (b)(7)(E) per FBI

Emergency Action Specialist [b6, b7C per FBI]
Supervisory Special Agent [b6, b7C per FBI]
Strategic Information & Operations Center (SIOC)
FBI Headquarters, Room (b)(E) per FBI

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Burnham, James M. EOP/WHO

From: Burnham, James M. EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 3:41 PM
To: McGahn, Donald F. EOP/WHO; Hunt, Jody (OAG); Donaldson, Annie M. EOP/WHO; Dhillon, Uttam A. EOP/WHO; Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); Crowell, James (ODAG); Eisenberg, John A. EOP/NSC
Subject: Fwd: Recommendations
Attachments: 5.19.17 - Sen Feinstein - FBI Director Rec.pdf; ATT00001.htm

James M. Burnham
White House Counsel’s Office

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Taylor, Mary Elizabeth E. EOP/WHO" (b)(6)
Date: May 22, 2017 at 3:38:10 PM EDT
To: "Burnham, James M. EOP/WHO" (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Recommendations

FBI director rec attached

-----Original Message-----
From: Schwab, Samantha V. EOP/WHO (Volunteer)
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 3:29 PM
To: Mullen, Courtney E. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Taylor, Mary Elizabeth E. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Goyer, Jim L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: Recommendations

Courtney- various recommendations attached here.

Thank you
Samantha
President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 

Dear Mr. President, 

Thank you for the invitation to meet about your search for a new director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and Chairman Grassley. I have continued to think about our conversation and would like to share my thoughts. 

Since its creation in 1908, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has played a critical role in keeping our country safe. The FBI’s mission has grown more important and complex over the years as it has taken on significant new responsibilities. For example, FBI agents and analysts take part in counterterrorism, cybersecurity, and counterintelligence investigations in the United States and around the world. The new director must have the experience and skills to lead in all aspects of the FBI’s mission. 

Above all, the next FBI Director must be truly independent. Congress established a 10-year term for the FBI Director to ensure the agency is free of any political influence or interference. That principle is also the reason that no director of the FBI has ever been an elected official or political figure. Instead, the FBI has always been led by career prosecutors, law enforcement officials, or judges – established leaders with unquestioned integrity and independence. 

With this in mind, I respectfully recommend Andrew McCabe. As you know, Mr. McCabe is currently the Acting Director of the FBI. He has spent nearly his entire career with the FBI, starting out as a Special Agent in the field. Over the course of more than two decades with the FBI, Mr. McCabe has risen through the
ranks and held leadership positions in the Counterterrorism Division, the National Security Branch, and the Washington Field Office.

In those roles, he has demonstrated leadership and excellence while engaged in some of the most high-profile and complex cases. In particular, he has significant experience with organized crime and counterterrorism cases, including the Boston Marathon bombing case. He has developed a reputation for being a strong and smart leader and a man of integrity. Mr. McCabe is also extremely well-regarded within the FBI and across the intelligence community.

During my time on both the Senate Intelligence Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee, I have been impressed by Mr. McCabe and believe him to be a man of honor. He is exactly the kind of person we need leading the FBI right now, and I hope you give him strong consideration. At this tumultuous time with so many threats confronting our nation, I do not believe we can afford to have an FBI Director who needs on-the-job training.

Thank you again for your invitation to share my views with you about the next FBI Director.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

DF/jd
Good Afternoon:

Reminder:

Federal Law Enforcement Partner’s Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23rd @12:30 p.m. Police Headquarters, 601 E. Fayette Street, Police Commissioner’s Boardroom 5th floor.

If you need us to reserve parking please respond to this e-mail.

Thanks

Myrna Milburn
Secretary III
Office of the Police Commissioner
410 396-2020
FBI Morning Briefing will be at 9:30 am on Monday, May 22, 2017. Thanks.
Beginning forwarded message:

From: (b)(6)
Date: May 18, 2017 at 6:09:31 PM EDT
To: <Rod.Rosenstein@usdoj.gov>
Subject: FBI Director position

Dear Rod,

(b)(6)

Best Regards, (b)(6)
From: Otus84, AG (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 12:31 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG); Tucker, Rachael (OAG); Boente, Dana (ODAG); Boente, Dana (USAVAE); Crowell, James (ODAG); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG); McCord, Mary (NSD); Toscas, George (NSD); Evans, Stuart (NSD); Mullaney, Michael (NSD); JCC (JMD); Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)
Cc: Rosenstein, Rod (USAMD); Murphy, Marcia (USAMD); Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG)
Subject: Canceled: FBI Briefing
Importance: High

Location: JCC
POC: Tashina Gauhar
Attendees: OAG: Jody Hunt and Rachael Tucker, ODAG: Rod Rosenstein, James Crowell, Tashina Gauhar, NSD: Mary McCord, George Toscas, Stu Evans, Michael Mullaney
From: Jackson, Wykema C. (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 12:23 PM
To: Schedule, AG84 (OAG); Washington, Tracy T (OAG); Bennett, Catherine T (OAG); Williams, Toni (OAG); Tucker, Rachael (OAG); Hunt, Jody (OAG); Bryant, Errical (OAG); Powell, SeLenA Y (ODAG); Crowell, James (ODAG); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG); Gamble, Nathaniel (ODAG); Toscas, George (NSD); Evans, Stuart (NSD); Mullaney, Michael (NSD); Hanrahan, PeggI (OAG); Brinkley, Winnie (ODAG); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); Murphy, Marcia (ODAG); Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); Boente, Dana J. (NSD); Weinsheimer, Bradley (NSD)

Subject: FBI Morning Briefing will be "Paper Only" on Friday, May 19, 2017. Thanks.
I can't find an email that I told you, so wanted to make sure I gave you the message. You can reach him at (b)(6), (b)(7)(C).
called this morning and also withdrew his name from consideration.

------Original Message------
From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 9:55 AM
To: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rrosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Mueller

Okay.

------Original Message------
From: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG)
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 9:54 AM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <johunt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Mueller

Withdrew from consideration for FBI director.
From: Otus84, AG (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); Crowell, James (ODAG)
Subject: FBI Briefing
I got a cancellation notice for the WH from the AG's office...not sure what that means, but thought I'd let you know. Also spoke with Steve. He will accept the award if you need him to.

-----Original Message-----
From: Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG)
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 3:25 PM
To: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Murphy, Marcia (ODAG) <mmurphy@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Crowell, James (ODAG) <jcrowell@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Problem

Sir,

Zach

-----Original Message-----
From: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG)
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 3:19 PM
To: Murphy, Marcia (ODAG) <mmurphy@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Crowell, James (ODAG) <jcrowell@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG) <zterwilliger@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Problem

(b)(5) Should one of you go to Baltimore? Or Schenning? I don't want to blow it off.
We’re working on getting Schenning to go.

-----Original Message-----
From: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG)
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 3:19 PM
To: Murphy, Marcia (ODAG) <mmurphy@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Crowell, James (ODAG) <jcrowell@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG) <zterwilliger@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Problem

(b)(5) Should one of you go to Baltimore? Or Schenning? I don’t want to blow it off.
From: Otus84, AG (OAG)
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 3:16 PM
To: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG); Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); (b)(6). (b)(7)(C) (SECD) (FBI);
(b)(6). (b)(7)(C) (SECD) (FBI)
Subject: En Route to the White House

POC: Attendees:

Note: This meeting is limited to the invited attendees only. You are not authorized to forward this invitation without prior permission of the OAG scheduling office. If you believe that the invitation was received in error or that other individuals should be included, please contact the OAG scheduling office.
From: Otus84, AG (OAG)
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 3:11 PM
To: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG); Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (SECD) (FBI);
     (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (SECD) (FBI)
Subject: En Route to the White House

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Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG)

Subject: Visit FBI

Start: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:30 PM
End: Monday, May 15, 2017 1:30 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG)
Schools, Scott (ODAG)

From: Schools, Scott (ODAG)
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2017 2:49 PM
To: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG)
Subject: Re: Food for thought

Yes.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 14, 2017, at 2:41 PM, Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

(b)(5)

On May 14, 2017, at 11:42 AM, Schools, Scott (ODAG) <sschools@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

(b)(5), (b)(6)
Sir-

Sorry to bother you on the weekend. Senator Thune wants to talk to the AG and the DAG about [b](6) as a candidate for FBI Director. [b](6) is currently [b](6). His resume is attached. I believe Peggi is working to set up a call for the AG and Thune. Please let me know if you want to have Marcia set up a call for you with the Senator as well.

Sam

Samuel R. Ramer
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
Room 1143 Main Justice Building
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530
202.514.2141
Best Birthday gift ever!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 13, 2017, at 7:54 AM, deborah devan wrote:

Joe
Thanks for this good work. I have never seen a B judge issue an arrest warrant. I hope her clerk knows how to prepare one! Are you going to file a cert of service after you serve the State Dept?

Thanks again

Debbie Devan

On May 12, 2017, at 11:45 PM, "Bellinger, Joseph" wrote:

Judge Alquist entered the Order holding in contempt today - a copy is attached.
Next step is her arrest and incarceration. I will stop in and speak to the U.S. Marshals next week to make sure That they know to contact me when she is arrested.

Have a nice weekend.

Joseph J. Bellinger
Chairperson, Bankruptcy Group
Offit Kurman
Attorneys At Law
The perfect legal partner

410-290-6415 - Baltimore
Good Morning

Was (b)(6) served?

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

---Original Message---
From: (b)(6)
Sent: Sunday, April 23, 2017 9:31 AM
To: Deborah Devan (b)(6); Rod.Rosenstein@usdoJ.gov; Bellinger, Joseph <jbellinger@offitkurman.com>; (b)(7)(E) per FBI clifford.j.whitelll@usdoj.gov; Gerard.R.Vetter@usdoj.gov
Subject: (b)(6)

Good Morning

Was (b)(6) served?

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone
From: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 7:20 PM
To: Lan, Iris (ODAG)
Subject: FBI Memorial Service - National Police Week
Attachments: scanned-image_4_17_2017_18_54_28.pdf
From: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 7:20 PM
To: Brinkley, Winnie (ODAG)
Subject: FBI Memorial Service - National Police Week
Attachments: scanned-image_4_17_2017_18_54_28.pdf
Subject: FBI Morning Briefing will be "Paper Only" on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. Thanks.
Subject: FBI Morning Briefing will be at 9:15am on Monday, May 15, 2017. Thanks.
From: Otus84, AG (OAG)

Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 2:50 PM

To: Hunt, Jody (OAG); Tucker, Rachael (OAG); Boente, Dana (ODAG); Boente, Dana (USAVAE); Crowell, James (ODAG); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG); McCord, Mary (NSD); Toscas, George (NSD); Evans, Stuart (NSD); Mullaney, Michael (NSD); JCC (JMD); Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)

Cc: Rosenstein, Rod (USAMD); Murphy, Marcia (USAMD); Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG)

Subject: FBI Briefing

Location: JCC
POC: Tashina Gauhar
Attendees: OAG: Jody Hunt and Rachael Tucker, ODAG: Rod Rosenstein, James Crowell, Tashina Gauhar, NSD: Mary McCord, George Toscas, Stu Evans, Michael Mullaney
OK. They probably are FBI interviews.

On May 12, 2017, at 11:23 AM, Murphy, Marcia (ODAG) <mmurphy@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

The AG’s office is sending invites for additional meetings for Saturday afternoon – after the USA interviews. Before I accepted them, I just wanted to make sure had been consulted and knew what they were about. Wasn’t sure if you had plans on Saturday afternoon.
Sir,

Please see the attached. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this invitation at your convenience along with maybe [b](5)

Among the options are:

1. [b](5)
   [b](5)
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   [b](5)

2. [b](5)
   [b](5)
   [b](5)

3. [b](5)
   [b](5)
   [b](5)

On that very point, the following [b](5)
Jim has suggested that I schedule some time on your calendar to discuss this and related matters so I will.

Steve

-----Original Message-----
From: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 2:24 PM
To: Cook, Steven H. (ODAG) <shcook@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: CLEAT (Texas) Invitation

Good afternoon Steve,

Attached is an invite Jody and Danielle thought should go to you. I will have Exe Sec direct to ODAG. Let me know if you have any issues with it. Thanks

-----Original Message-----
From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2017 2:15 PM
To: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: CLEAT (Texas) Invitation

-----Original Message-----
From: McGinley, William J. EOP/WH (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, May 6, 2017 11:55 AM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <johunt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: CLEAT (Texas) Invitation

Jody,

Hope you are well. The White House Office of Public Liaison received a request from CLEAT for a senior official at the Department of Justice to speak at their meeting in September. The letter is attached for your review. Please let me know if this an event the DoJ is interested in sending a representative to in September.

As always, please make sure that DoJ ethics counsel clears the sponsor and the event prior to accepting the invitation.

Please let me know.
Thanks,
Bill

William J. McGinley
Cabinet Secretary
The White House
Cell: [b)(6) | E: [b)(6)
March 9, 2017

Mr. Steve Munisteri
Via email (b)(6)

Dear Mr. Munisteri:

The Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas (CLEAT) will host our 41st Annual Convention and Leadership Training Academy at the Omni Fort Worth Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas on September 8-9, 2017. Our officers are optimistic that the current administration will more aggressively defend law enforcement than what we have experienced in the past several years. As such, we would like to ask for a senior member of the Department of Justice or White House staff to speak to our convention at a time during either of those days that work best for their schedule.

With more than 21,000 members across the state, CLEAT is Texas’s largest law enforcement union and the largest provider of legal services for Texas law enforcement officers. CLEAT also manages the Texas Peace Officer’s Memorial Foundation, which honors the fallen by providing assistance and support in a line of duty death.

Our convention and leadership academy host about 350 law enforcement leaders. These men and women are the rank and file of their respective departments, working the streets to keep our state and cities as safe as possible. Press is also invited to portions of our conference, depending on the speakers’ preferences.

We look forward to hearing back from you with any questions or your commitment. Please contact Beth Cubriel, who is coordinating our convention speakers, at 512-578-6279, or bmcubriel@michaelbeststrategies.com

Thank you,

Charley Wilkison
Executive Director
Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas

CLEAT.ORG 512/495-9111 400 West 14th Street, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78701
The Assailant Study | Mindsets and Behaviors

Introduction

The FBI Assailant Study – Mindsets and Behaviors was initiated to analyze attacks against law enforcement officers in 2016. Sixty-four officers were killed in 53 incidents, but for the purpose of this study only 50 of the 53 incidents were examined considering three of the assailants are being charged as minors and two assailants are unknown. The FBI accomplished this by studying information about the assailants’ mindsets and behaviors to determine what may have influenced the assailants and contributed to the attacks. Over the course of this study, law enforcement command staff and officers were interviewed from 13 departments where an officer was killed in the line of duty in 2016. The FBI analyzed an additional 37 incidents in 2016 through open-source information and law enforcement databases. In total, the FBI examined 50 incidents that occurred in 2016.

The Assailants

The 50 assailants examined in the study had several common characteristics. Eighty-six percent (43/50) of the assailants had prior criminal histories, and 56% (28/50) were known to the local police or sheriff’s department. The assailants in these incidents had access to firearms, whether obtained legally or illegally, with several of the stolen weapons changing hands multiple times before coming into the possession of the assailant. The assailant had diagnosed mental health issues in 18% (9/50) of the fatal encounters; however, mental health concerns were anecdotally identified as a contributing factor in 40% (20/50) of the cases.

Head injuries, post-traumatic stress, schizophrenia, and paranoia were all cited anecdotally by individuals who knew the assailants, and in half of those cases, the assailant was also under the influence of methamphetamines, marijuana/THC, prescription drugs, and/or alcohol. Overall, 60% (30/50) of the assailants had a history of drug use, with 32% (16/50) confirmed to have been under the influence at the time of the incident. Forty-six percent (23/50) of the assailants’ toxicology was unknown at the time of the study.

All of the assailants were male. Their ages spanned from 14 to 68 years old, including three juveniles who were not included in the 50 assailants examined due to their age. Forty-eight percent of the assailants were white, 36% were black, 14% were Hispanic, and 2% were Alaska Native. Approximately 24% (12/50) had known gang affiliations. Forty-four percent (22/50) of the assailants had a known history of domestic violence. Twenty-six percent (13/50) of the assailants had active warrants, and 32% (16/50) were on probation or parole.

Assailant Commonalities

The case studies shared commonalities in regard to the attacks. The majority of assailants attacked law enforcement for one of two reasons: 1) they expressed a desire to kill law enforcement, or 2) they felt as if they were going to lose their freedom by going back to jail or prison.
Expressed Desire to Kill Law Enforcement

Twenty-eight percent (14/50) of the assailants expressed a desire to kill law enforcement officers prior to carrying out their attacks. The main reasons expressed by assailants as to why they wanted to attack law enforcement officers were for social and/or political reasons or they had a hatred of law enforcement. The assailants in this category posted their beliefs on social media and/or informed their friends and family of their intentions prior to ambushing or initiating violence against law enforcement.

The assailants inspired by social and/or political reasons believed that attacking police officers was their way to “get justice” for those who had been, in their view, unjustly killed by law enforcement. These assailants expressed that they were distrustful of the police due to previous personal interactions with law enforcement and what they heard and read in the media about other incidents involving law enforcement shootings. Specifically in the Dallas, TX, and Baton Rouge, LA, attacks, the assailants said they were influenced by the Black Lives Matter movement, and their belief that law enforcement was targeting black males.

The assailants who had a hatred of law enforcement informed their friends and/or family that they intended to kill a police officer or that they wanted to “shoot it out with police.” Of the 14 assailants who ambushed law enforcement, 10 of them (71%) had a prior criminal history. Additionally, 10 out of the 14 assailants were under the influence of narcotics or had a history of drug use at the time of the incident.

Attacks Motivated for Desire to Remain Free

An assailant’s desire to remain free and not return to custody was the main commonality shown in a majority of the fatal attacks. These attacks took one of two forms: 1) drug use that led to a heightened sense of desperation to avoid arrest and incarceration, and 2) the assailant’s desire for freedom.

Law enforcement officials noted an increase in the number of subjects using drugs and being in a drug-induced psychosis when contacted by police. Many law enforcement personnel are seeing an “escalation towards violence” by those who abuse drugs. A high percentage of assailants were under the influence during these incidents or had a history of drug use. Officer interviews highlighted the assailants’ skewed “decision-making matrix” when contacted by law enforcement while under the influence of a narcotic, compounded with the thought of not wanting to return to custody. Instead of complying - as they typically had in the past – they, instead, attacked. Multiple agencies expressed surprise that the fatal encounters occurred because the assailants had no prior history of violent attacks against police. This is consistent with the fact that prior to fatal encounter, only a quarter of the assailants had expressed on social media or to friends and family that they would do anything not to go back to jail.

In approximately 40% of the incidents, the assailant fled before they turned and shot at the officers. Law enforcement personnel described the circumstances that led to these foot chases, and they ranged from the officer verbally identifying the assailant, consensual contact, attempting to arrest, and serving a warrant.
of the cases, it was clear to the law enforcement officials that the assailants were attempting to avoid being taken into custody. Specifically, police officials believed that the assailants perceived that the officer who was attempting to make contact with them knew their history prior to the encounter.

**Contributing Factors**

"Chill Wind" on Law Enforcement

Since 2014 multiple high-profile police incidents across the country have occurred that law enforcement officials believe influenced the mindset and behaviors of the assailants. Specifically, the Michael Brown shooting in Ferguson, MO, in 2014, and the social disturbances that followed, initiated a movement that some perceived made it socially acceptable to challenge and discredit the actions of law enforcement. This attitude was fueled by the narrative of police misconduct and excessive force perpetuated through politicians and the media.

Nearly every police official interviewed agreed that for the first time, law enforcement not only felt that their national political leaders publically stood against them, but also that the politicians’ words and actions signified that disrespect to law enforcement was acceptable in the aftermath of the Brown shooting. Police officials across the country agreed that while the majority of Americans still support law enforcement, this change in social mores allows assailants to become more emboldened to question, resist, and fight law enforcement.

Due to the coverage of the high-profile police incidents, it appears that immediately following the incidents, assailants were constantly exposed to a singular narrative by news organizations and social media of police misconduct and wrong-doing. In many cases, this singular narrative came from the subject’s friends and family, and witnesses to the incident who often knew the subject, long before law enforcement provided their findings to the public. Without law enforcement and elected officials providing an alternative narrative, assailants developed a distrust of law enforcement, and felt emboldened and justified in using violence against police.

"Turnstile Justice System"

Law enforcement officials across the country stated that justice reform acts, especially laws de-criminalizing drugs and reducing penalties for narcotics offenses, have the effect of releasing criminals at a faster and higher rate than ever before. Assailants who experience this “turnstile justice system” know they are going to receive a lighter sentence than they would have in the past and will be released early, if incarcerated at all. This may lead to a belief by the assailant that consequences no longer exist for criminal acts, especially drug offenses. Due to both of these factors, upon release, assailants with a history of drug offenses were more prone to be non-compliant while under the influence. In addition, police officers stated that an assailant who has entered into a “drug-induced psychosis” that causes desperation and paranoia is more willing to shoot an officer to stay out of jail. Multiple law enforcement officials believed that the assailant in their specific incident would not have used
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deadly force against the officer if the assailant was sober. Across the country, law enforcement officials link the de-criminalization of drugs to the increase in violent attacks on law enforcement.

Effects on Policing

The above-referenced factors have had the effect of “de-policing” in law enforcement agencies across the country, which the assailants have exploited. Departments - and individual officers - have increasingly made the conscious decision to stop engaging in proactive policing. The intense scrutiny and criticism law enforcement has received in the wake of several high-profile incidents has caused several officers to (1) “become scared and demoralized” and (2) avoid interacting with the community. This was highlighted when a police officer was beaten and slammed to the ground by a subject, and the officer was afraid to shoot the subject because of the fear of community backlash. The officer informed the superintendent that the officer chose not to shoot because the officer didn’t want his/her “family or the department to have to go through the scrutiny the next day on the national news.”

Law enforcement officials believe that defiance and hostility displayed by assailants toward law enforcement appears to be the new norm. For example, in the past, pretext stops have been used successfully to prevent crimes associated with gangs, guns, and narcotics. One officer explained that 10 years ago if a suspect was stopped in a high-risk neighborhood, that person either ran or complied. Now, suspects are refusing to comply with lawful orders believing that law enforcement can’t or won’t do anything about it. Defiance appears to be the rule. In communities where law enforcement’s community relationship is poor, officers are more likely to be purely reactive. Assailants understand that officers are less willing to escalate force, and therefore have become bolder and more brazen in their attempts to resist.

Conclusion

The Assailant Study identified mindsets in common with each of the assailants. The discussions with law enforcement command staff and officers identified common trends and contributing factors that had the greatest impact on the assailants’ mindsets and behaviors. The common trends identified were (1) the expressed desire to kill law enforcement, and (2) the desire to remain free. The contributing factors identified were (1) the singular narrative that portrays the officer involved as guilty in traditional and social media and the subject as the victim, and (2) the recent criminal justice reform initiatives that reduce prosecutions and incarceration of criminals, specifically drug offenders, which has the effect of putting criminals back on the street with an attitude of “beating the system.”

Acknowledgement

The FBI would like to thank all of the law enforcement agencies which participated in this study. We would also like extend our condolences and support to all of the law enforcement departments and agencies whose officers were killed in the line of duty.
Thanks.

On May 11, 2017, at 12:37 PM, Roberts, Gerald (WF) (FBI) wrote:

Hi Rod

Hope you are doing well. First off, I wish you congratulations on your selection as DAG. It is well deserved.

We have known each other for years and we have seen good and less than ideal leadership in the Bureau. I hope I am not overstepping but wanted to offer you my insight. For what it is worth, I am currently assigned to the 90 day study with and I worked side by side with at WFO. Both and are two of the most highly regarded leaders in our organization. They are both visionary leaders with an amazing track record in the field and HQs. Nothing to slight the other candidates, whom I also know, but I thought you would like to know just how highly respected are and and that either would serve with distinction.

Take care
Jerry

Gerald Roberts
Deputy Assistant Director
Security Division

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From: Jackson, Wykema C. (OAG)
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Sir:

Thank you for speaking with me tonight. This email confirms your meeting tomorrow morning with the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General. The meeting will take place on the 5th Floor of the RFK Justice Building at 9am. When you arrive, please come to the Visitor Center located between 9th and 10th Streets on Constitution Avenue, and call my cell phone at (b)(6)______. If you have any difficulty reaching me, please feel free to call Deputy Chief of Staff Zach Terwilliger at (b)(6)______. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Jim

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Subject: Re: Urgent Report: Case-Related Urgent: Matter of Interest to the AG/DAG, POTUS, Congress, Press

Just spoke with EDNY POC listed below (Criminal Chief):

(b)(5) per EOUSA
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Glad to discuss further if helpful.

Thanks,
Iris

On May 8, 2017, at 7:03 PM, Crowell, James (ODAG) <jcrowell@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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What is the criminal violation under investigation?

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