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**From:** Press  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2017 5:12 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Cc:** Keshwani, Sonya (OPA)  
**Subject:** FW: CVE Inquiry

Is this something you can assist with?

Thank you - Kristen

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**From:** tips@liberato.us tips@liberato.us [mailto:tips@liberato.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2017 4:41 PM  
**To:** Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: CVE Inquiry

Dear Press Officer,

I self-publish on my personal website here -  
<http://www.liberato.us/>

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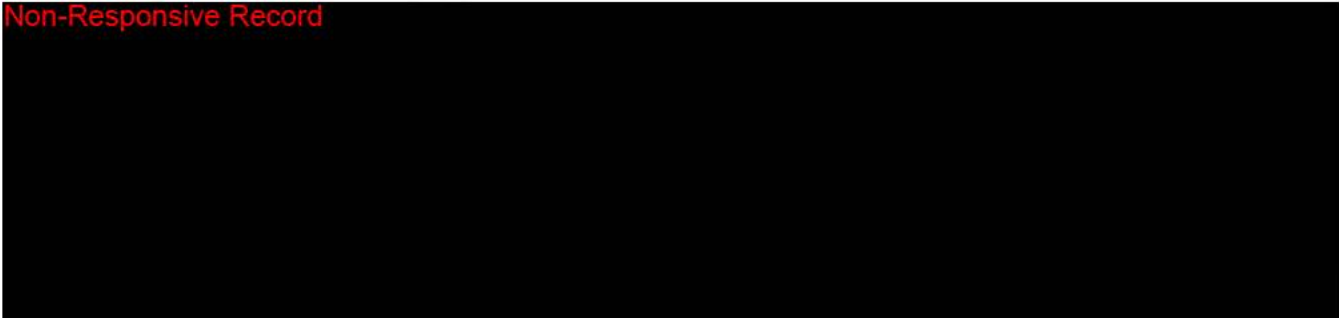
If I have landed in the wrong office, please advise where to address my questions.

Sincerely,  
-Chris Wright

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Bertron, Matthew J. (NY) (FBI)" <mjbertron@fbi.gov>  
**To:** "tips@liberato.us tips@liberato.us" <tips@liberato.us>  
**Date:** October 10, 2017 at 2:52 PM  
**Subject:** RE: FW: CVE Inquiry

Non-Responsive Record



## Keshwani, Sonya (OPA)

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**From:** Keshwani, Sonya (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 5:03 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA); Press  
**Subject:** RE: CVE Inquiry

Sure, happy to. Will copy you on that separately.

Sonya

### Sonya Keshwani

National Security Press Assistant | U.S. Department of Justice  
D: 202-514-2016 | C: 202-598-5095 | [Sonya.Keshwani@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sonya.Keshwani@usdoj.gov)

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 5:00 PM  
**To:** Press <[Press@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:Press@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Keshwani, Sonya (OPA) <[skeshwani@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:skeshwani@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: CVE Inquiry

Sonya,

Can you look into this (b) (5)

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**From:** Press  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 4:27 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) <[whornbuckle@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:whornbuckle@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Keshwani, Sonya (OPA) <[skeshwani@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:skeshwani@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: CVE Inquiry

Thank you - Kristen

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**From:** [tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us) [tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us) [<mailto:tips@liberato.us>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 4:22 PM  
**To:** Press <[Press@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:Press@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: CVE Inquiry

Please respond.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "[tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us) [tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us)" <[tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us)>  
**To:** press <[press@usdoj.gov](mailto:press@usdoj.gov)>  
**Date:** October 11, 2017 at 3:40 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: CVE Inquiry

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To: "[tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us) [tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us)" <[tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us)>

Date: October 10, 2017 at 2:52 PM

Subject: RE: FW: CVE Inquiry

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## Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 6:24 PM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (NSD); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per NSD  
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per NSD  
**Subject:** RE: CVE Inquiry

(b) (5) Thanks all

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (NSD)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 6:08 PM  
**To:** Keshwani, Sonya (OPA) <skeshwani@jmd.usdoj.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per NSD  
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per NSD  
**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) <whornbuckle@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: CVE Inquiry

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**From:** Keshwani, Sonya (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 5:08 PM  
**To:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per NSD  
Weinsheimer, Bradley (NSD) <braweinsheimer@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) <whornbuckle@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: CVE Inquiry

Hi team,

Please see the below CVE related inquiry we received this afternoon. Is there anything we can provide at this time? Please loop others in if necessary.

Thank you,  
Sonya

**Sonya Keshwani**  
National Security Press Assistant | U.S. Department of Justice  
D: 202-514-2016 | C: 202-598-5095 | [Sonya.Keshwani@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sonya.Keshwani@usdoj.gov)

----- Original Message -----

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**To:** press <[press@usdoj.gov](mailto:press@usdoj.gov)>  
**Date:** October 11, 2017 at 3:40 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: CVE Inquiry

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI)

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 9:08 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: RE: CVE Inquiry

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I can check on status if you like.

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)" <Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>  
**Date:** 10/24/17 8:47 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI)" (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI  
**Subject:** FW: RE: CVE Inquiry

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**From:** tips@liberato.us tips@liberato.us [mailto:tips@liberato.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 4:53 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) <whornbuckle@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: RE: CVE Inquiry

Wyn, what's the status of this?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "[tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us) tips@liberato.us" <[tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us)>  
**To:** "Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)" <[wyn.hornbuckle@usdoj.gov](mailto:wyn.hornbuckle@usdoj.gov)>  
**Date:** October 23, 2017 at 2:52 PM  
**Subject:** RE: CVE Inquiry

Hi Wyn, thanks for responding. It is useful for my next story.

I have another question:

Why isn't the FBI moving forward with a reevaluation of CVE when DHS apparently is? Specifically, it was [reported](#) that DHS is rebranding CVE to "terrorism prevention"; developing a new counterterrorism strategy; and undertaking an end-to-end review of all CVE programs. Why isn't the FBI doing these things?

On October 20, 2017 at 8:25 AM "Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)"  
<[Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov](mailto:Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Hi Chris – We have no updates or new information to provide on this.

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**From:** [tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us) [tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us) [<mailto:tips@liberato.us>]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2017 9:09 AM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) <[whornbuckle@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:whornbuckle@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: CVE Inquiry

Specialist Hornbuckle, what's the status of my inquiry?

Sincerely,  
-Chris Wright

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "[tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us) [tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us)" <[tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us)>  
**To:** press <[press@usdoj.gov](mailto:press@usdoj.gov)>  
**Date:** October 12, 2017 at 3:22 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: CVE Inquiry

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Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 3:21 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** FW: LAST CALL - CVE Questions

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**From:** tips@liberato.us tips@liberato.us [mailto:tips@liberato.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 3:08 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) <whornbuckle@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** LAST CALL - CVE Questions

Wyn, I plan to publish Wednesday unless substantive answers to my questions are forthcoming.

Please let me hear from you by close of business tomorrow (Tues Oct 31st).

Sincerely,  
-Chris Wright

----- Original Message -----

From: "[tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us) [tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us)" <[tips@liberato.us](mailto:tips@liberato.us)>  
To: "Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)" <[wyn.hornbuckle@usdoj.gov](mailto:wyn.hornbuckle@usdoj.gov)>  
Date: October 26, 2017 at 3:02 PM  
Subject: RE: RE: CVE Inquiry

Wyn, thanks for your response.

Here are the rest of my questions:

Regarding my first two questions (status of replacing CVE at the FBI and why the FBI isn't taking steps like DHS with respect to CVE), what process did you follow to determine the answers and who did you ask within the FBI for information (please provide name, title, and department)?

Many experts are of the view that jihad and world domination are core doctrines of Islam. Because of these core doctrines, 'real' Islam is a threat to America. How do you respond? If your answer is that these experts are mistaken about the doctrines, please explain why. If your answer is that Islamic doctrine is unimportant, please explain why.

The Ft. Hood [report](#) recommended identifying violent Islamist extremism by name (p. 48). Do your current CVE counterterrorism training materials do so? If so, please provide the specific materials. If not, why not? If Senators Lieberman and Collins were wrong in making this recommendation, please explain why.

The Ft. Hood [report](#) also recommended (p. 77): *that the FBI should produce in-depth analysis of the ideology of violent Islamist extremism, the factors that make that ideology appealing to individuals (including U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents), and what ideological indicators or warning signs show that the individual is weighing or accepting the ideology.* Have these recommendations been implemented? If so, please provide your current CVE training materials that embody the



been implemented. If so, please provide your current CVE training materials that embody the implementation. If the recommendations have not been implemented, why not?

Please provide the pre-CVE counterterrorism training materials reviewed by members of Congress as a result of the March 2012 meeting between the FBI and House Judiciary Committee staff (described [here](#) at p. 13).

Please provide current CVE training materials that set forth actual violent extremism counternarratives and messaging.

Please provide current training materials from the Joint Terrorism Operations Course and your other training courses that:

- describe Islam and sharia law
- explain the role of Islamic ideology in terrorism and jihad, and how it poses a threat to the U.S.
- describe how sharia law conflicts with the U.S. Constitution and democracy
- describe hijra (the Muslim religious duty to colonize), dawa (the Muslim religious duty to prepare the ground for jihad), and taqiyya (the Muslim religious duty to lie to infidels to further jihad).
- explain how Islam is a supremacist doctrine that seeks to bring the entire world under a Muslim caliphate
- inform agents and analysts about the jihadi network in the United States
- inform agents and analysts about the activities of Muslim Brotherhood and its front groups in the U.S.
- if any item is not taught, why not?

Please provide evidence of success in partnering with community groups in the CVE programs and the metrics by which success is judged.

John Guandolo [charges](#) that the FBI is not sharing information about the activities of the Muslim Brotherhood and its front groups in the U.S. with local and state law enforcement. How do you respond?

Guandolo also [alleges](#) that the FBI is not investigating and pursuing individuals and organizations which are supporting and training jihadis in America. How do you respond? If such investigations are taking place, please explain how the fact that Phil Haney was ordered to remove all such information from the DHS database has affected your investigations.

Why aren't the FBI's current counterterrorism training materials available to the public online? Will you do so now?

On October 25, 2017 at 3:26 PM "Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)"  
<[Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov](mailto:Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Chris, I have no updates at this time

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