

**From:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM)  
**Subject:** threats  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Richenthal, Daniel (CRM)  
**Sent:** October 15, 2021 2:13 PM (UTC-04:00)

Kevin:

As we discussed in the ODAG meeting, John reached out to me yesterday about various streams of work across the Department on threats. Only a small portion of this work resides in CRM but we're happy to do what we can to help pull it together.

The first bucket he asked for is whether there are any open threats cases against members of Congress on SJC or HJC. The answer is no, but Dan (copied here) gathered some other recent threats cases against members of Congress. I've included those materials below (and also shared them with John).

Beyond that we discussed four other buckets of threat work:

1. the work with FAA on threats on airplanes. HRSP has had some involvement in that work and waiting for an update from Hope which I will forward.
2. Judicial threats. I think Adam Braverman is spearheading that work. I'm not sure who took that on from him but I think the best sources of information would be in ODAG.
3. Threats against Asian-Americans. Same as #2 except Iris is leading that work.
4. School Board Threats (which you are leading).

I will send you the FAA information as soon as it comes in and Dan's information is below. Let us know if you want to discuss further or if we can be of further assistance.

Best,

Nick

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After speaking with EOUSA, checking internally, and reviewing public records, I haven't been able to find any prosecutions of threats against SJC or HJC members. Below are four recent cases in which the Department has charged individuals with other threatening federal elected officials, including one less than two weeks ago. The press releases, to which I provide links, describe the conduct in all cases except the recent one in some detail, and we're happy to add more to the below or to list more examples of cases. Let me know if there is additional information we can provide.

*United States v. Florea*  
Eastern District of New York

Summary of facts:

- Defendant posted a number of threats online, including references to weapons, war, and death, such as, with respect to Senator Warnock, "Dead men can't pass sh\*t laws . . ."

Procedural posture:

- Pleaded guilty in August, awaiting sentencing

Most recent DOJ press release:

- <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/queens-man-pleads-guilty-posting-threats-kill-members-congress-and-illegally-possessing>

Officials who were subject of threats:

- Sen. Warnock
- Others unknown/unidentified, in threats posted during the Capitol attack, such as, "Me and some guys are gearing up to head in. . . . where are you . . . 3 cars already are enroute . . . all armed."

*United States v. Hunt*

Eastern District of New York

Summary of facts:

- Defendant posted a number of messages and a video online making threats against Democratic elected officials, such as, “They really need to be put down. These commies will see death before they see us surrender.”

Procedural posture:

- Convicted after trial in August, awaiting sentencing

Most recent DOJ press release:

- <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/queens-man-convicted-threatening-murder-members-congress>

Officials who were subject of threats:

- Speaker Pelosi
- Sen. Majority Leader Schumer
- Rep. Ocasio-Cortez
- Others unknown/unidentified, in threats in video posted after the Capitol attack, such as, “We need to go back to the U.S. Capitol when all of the Senators and a lot of the Representatives are back there, and this time we have to show up with our guns. And we need to slaughter these m-----f-----s.”

*United States v. Johnson*

Southern District of New York

Summary of facts:

- Defendant posted threatening messages regarding multiple officials, such as that a certain Representative “will be executed.”

Procedural posture:

- Defendant arrested in February, case pending

DOJ press release:

- <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/new-york-city-man-charged-threatening-kill-current-and-former-elected-officials>

Officials who were the subject of threats:

- A Senator, a Representative, and other current or former officials, none identified publicly. (Defendant also threatened multiple newscasters, none identified publicly.)

*United States v. Johnson*

District of Alaska

Summary of facts:

- Defendant left multiple threats on the voicemail of a Senator, including a threat to “burn” the Senator’s properties, and also left voicemails threatening a second Senator

Procedural posture:

- Defendant arrested on October 6, case pending

DOJ press release:

- <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ak/pr/alaska-man-arrested-federal-charges-threatening-us-senators>

Officials who were subject of threats:

- Sen. Murkowski (not in criminal complaint or press release, but identified by USAO for the District of Alaska, according to press reports, see <https://www.alaskanewssource.com/2021/10/07/delta-junction-man-accused-threatening-have-sen-murkowski-killed/>, and confirmed by Sen. Murkowski, according to press reports, see <https://apnews.com/article/congress-lisa-murkowski-alaska-fairbanks-texas-1bd7e14ed742b674906be74fc1589e80>)
- Sen. Sullivan (not in press release, but identified by his office, according to press reports, see <https://www.alaskanewssource.com/2021/10/07/delta-junction-man-accused-threatening-have-sen-murkowski-killed/>).

Note also that there was a sentencing yesterday in DDC in a case involving a threat against the President, but the threat was in person. See <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/new-york-man-sentenced-threatening-president-and-white-house>.

**Nicholas L. McQuaid**  
**Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General**  
Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice  
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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft EOUSA Release  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG); Ramamurti, Arjun R. (OAG)  
**Sent:** October 18, 2021 3:16 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Draft EOUSA School Threats Guidance Memo 10 18 2021 OAG CLEAN.docx

Here you go! T

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2021 3:14 PM  
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Thanks, please send me latest for version control purposes. Will review and come back soon.

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Changes are fine with team. They are standing by for instructions.

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2021 10:33 AM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6); Ramamurti, Arjun R. (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Draft EOUSA Release

Yes please send to him. Let him know that we'd like to see once more. He and Monty should review new version and make any further edits.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 18, 2021, at 10:17 AM, Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) wrote:

Hi –

Attached is a clean version of the memorandum. With the reservation that the memorandum could change further, should I send this to Kevin to make sure that the edits we've made so far are acceptable? Thanks! T

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**From:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 17, 2021 10:33 AM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6); Ramamurti, Arjun R. (OAG) (b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Draft EOUSA Release

Thank you Tamarra. These clarifying edits look good to me. Here's a redline of T's edits plus one addition from me to conform language.

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 5:26 PM  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6); Ramamurti, Arjun R. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Draft EOUSA Release

Hi all –

Here is a revision with my further edits on top of Matt's along with a few comments. Redline and clean files are attached. Thanks! T

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 2:52 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6); Ramamurti, Arjun R. (OAG) (b) (6); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Draft EOUSA Release

With apologies to Tamarra, I picked up the pen following Arjun's draft earlier and just returned to it. Attaching my redlines to that version here. Tamarra, if you'd like to discuss how to reconcile our edits please give a ring. Two main points underpinning my edits:

1. It's important to go further in emphasizing the need to safeguard protected speech and focus on threats of violence and actual violence given the importance of getting that right, and how dispersed this work will be. Even with the AG emphasizing it in the second sentence of his memo, there were still misportrayals by critics that could lead to misunderstanding in the field. In other words, we need to make that point at every turn to ensure this is received as intended.
2. The memo as drafted didn't capture the purpose of the convenings. Please see my edits for my best attempt to translate the AG memo into more specific guidance.

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 1:07 PM  
**To:** Ramamurti, Arjun R. (OAG) (b) (6); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Draft EOUSA Release

Thanks Arjun –

I have more edits in the attached revision. Thanks! T

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**From:** Ramamurti, Arjun R. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 6:22 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Draft EOUSA Release

I had two suggested revisions (attached).

Arjun

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 5:28 PM  
**To:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Ramamurti, Arjun R. (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Draft EOUSA Release

Hi -

As expected, this draft was just received from ODAG  
Once finalized and approved the plan is to issue this through EOUSA to the field

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)" (b) (6)  
**Date:** October 15, 2021 at 3:48:17 PM CDT  
**To:** "Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)" (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** "Meinero, Seth Adam (USAEO)" (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO)" (b) (6), "Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM)" (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Draft EOUSA Release

Tamarra,

Attached for OAG review is a draft communication to USAOs re the format and focus of upcoming meetings related to school board threats.

Please let us know if there are any revisions to this document and we would be happy to incorporate.

Best,  
Kevin

<Draft EOUSA School Threats Guidance Memo 10 18 2021 OAG CLEAN.docx>

**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Draft EOUSA Release  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Meinerio, Seth Adam (USAEO); (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO); Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM)  
**Sent:** October 18, 2021 10:49 AM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Draft EOUSA School Threats Guidance Memo 10 18 2021 OAG CLEAN.docx, REDLINE of 10 15 draft and 10 18 revision.docx

Thanks so much for putting this together.

Attached is a revision in redline and a clean version. This isn't yet cleared to issue (I'll have to check with Klapper to be sure), but I wanted you to see the revisions so we could discuss any issues or concerns. I also wondered if the group had discussed how to handle USAO requests to engage in discussions (separate from these meetings) with school officials. Thanks!

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**

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Counsel

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On Oct 15, 2021, at 3:48 PM, Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) wrote:

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: School Threats - Items to cover in Memo to USAOs  
**To:** Meinero, Seth Adam (USAEO)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO); Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM)  
**Sent:** October 15, 2021 4:31 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Draft EOUSA School Threats Guidance Memo (SAM BDM ODAG)\_FINAL DRAFT (003) JPC.docx

Couple additional changes from PADAG. Let me know if you're good with them

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**From:** Meinero, Seth Adam (USAEO) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 12:34 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO) (b) (6); Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM)  
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Here you go!

**/// SETH ADAM MEINERO ///**

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**Subject:** RE: School Threats - Items to cover in Memo to USAOs

Thanks I agree with both points, and particularly with the certification-notification change. We should pass this by OAG and PADAG before issuing. Let me know when you have a version we can share.

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**From:** Meinero, Seth Adam (USAEO) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 11:54 AM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO) (b) (6); Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM)  
(b) (6); (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: School Threats - Items to cover in Memo to USAOs

Thanks for the quick review, Kevin. We'll incorporate your edits.

A couple other points:

- For the "certification" requirement, we were going to change that to "notification," because it sounds less officious.
- When providing the notification, we'd also ask the USAOs to indicate when the meetings were held. In addition, it might be helpful to indicate which agencies participated in the meetings. Is that information (along with flagging any significant issues for the DAG) sufficient for you?

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
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**To:** Meinero, Seth Adam (USAEO) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO) (b) (6); Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM)  
(b) (6); (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: School Threats - Items to cover in Memo to USAOs

This is really great, guys. Thank you. I proposed a couple revisions in the attached. Please let me know if you have any concerns with them.

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**From:** Meinero, Seth Adam (USAEO) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 5:56 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO) (b) (6); Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM)  
(b) (6); (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: School Threats - Items to cover in Memo to USAOs

Hi, Kevin:

Attached is the memo (b)(6) per EOUSA and I drafted regarding implementing the AG's directive for USAOs to hold the meetings.

Some notes:

- We put in options for USAOs to hold multidistrict or statewide meetings in conjunction with other USAOs (if that's efficient for them), or for USAOs and FBI to have individual consultations with partners (rather than a joint meeting with multiple other partners). If these are not acceptable options, please let us know.
- We simply identified the relevant federal statutes in a paragraph, rather than lay out or attach a lengthy discussion of the statutes. This format comports with some other guidance memos we've sent to USAOs. If you want us to provide the federal-statutes document you drafted, we'll add in language and attach it to the memo.
- We drafted some language to respond to statements in the Grassley letter in the "Focus of Meetings" paragraph.

We welcome your feedback. If you want to talk tomorrow morning, we'll be around.

Thanks.

**/// SETH ADAM MEINERO ///**

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 8:45 AM

To: Meinero, Seth Adam (USAEO) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Cc: (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO) (b) (6); Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM)  
(b) (6)  
Subject: Re: School Threats - Items to cover in Memo to USAOs

I think from Monty makes the most sense. Thanks!!

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 14, 2021, at 8:30 AM, Meinero, Seth Adam (USAEO) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Morning, Kevin:

We'll start drafting the guidance memo immediately. Is the plan to have this memo come directly from the DAG, or would this come from EOUSA Director Monty Wilkinson? In the past, implementation memos to USAOs following directives from the AG or DAG would typically come from the EOUSA Director, and that seems the appropriate format here. But I can draft it either way.

**/// SETH ADAM MEINERO ///**

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (5)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 9:12 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO) (b) (6); Meinero, Seth Adam (USAEO)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: School Threats - Items to cover in Memo to USAOs

Responses below.

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**From:** (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO) (b) (6)  
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** School Threats - Items to cover in Memo to USAOs

Thanks, Kevin.

In terms of the memo to USAOs, I jotted down some items to cover. Can you let me know if I got this right and whether I missed anything?

- **When meetings should occur:** By Nov. 2 or 3? **Let's make it 11/3.**
- **Who should be included in meetings:** Expectation is to meet with law enforcement/state & local prosecution. No expectation to meet with school officials. **Yes**
- **What to do if you already have meetings schedule before guidance:** Proceed. Do not change course. **Yes, and since they won't know about the guidance until we send, when we communicate the guidance to them we can tell them that its okay if they've had their meetings.**
- **Focus of meetings:** Conduct NOT ideology. **Yes. Big point in the memo, feel free to use Grassley**

**memo to paraphrase**

- **Potential meeting discussion points:** Extent of the problem, information sharing process, available federal statutes, discussion about local/state statutes, outreach and training strategy for schools. **Yes, though on the last point, outreach to schools, I would leave that to the discretion of state/locals. And as a reminder, we are asking the USAOs to identify relevant state statutes, perhaps with help of state/local law enforcement**
- **Types of federal statutes that could be considered:** Need to provide a list in the memo. **Yes. Please add any we missed.**
- **USAO Report back:** Maybe just confirmation that they had the meeting. If they want, anything they think DC would want to know (Although we may need to give them direction on this. I'm not sure they will know what we would want to know about.). **Okay – please think about what we would want reported up.**

Thanks!

(b)(6) per EOUSA

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**(b)(6) per EOUSA**

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 5:32 PM  
**To:** Simons, Shaheena (CRT) (b) (6); Blumberg, Mark (CRT)  
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(CRS) (b) (6); (b)(6) per EOUSA (CRS) (b) (6); Stamper,  
Gwendolyn (CRM) (b) (6); Goldfoot, Josh (CRM) (b) (6);>  
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CID) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6) per NSD  
(NSD) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Documents referenced in TF meeting

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**From:**  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Hello from Main Justice  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 6, 2021 3:34 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hey Kevin, Would your recommendation be for Mr. Slaven to reach out to the local FBI

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**From:** Chip Slaven (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 2:12 PM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Hello from Main Justice

Hi Anthony,

First thanks again for the call on Monday. I think the Attorney General's announcement is an extremely positive development to help calm down the situation despite how some are mischaracterizing it. This kind of move could help stop an incident and promote more positive interaction among the public when these situations are being discussed.

On another note, I just wanted to get your advice. The phone calls and emails to NSBA are increasing. We have reported several to the Alexandria Police Department, but I wanted to reach out to see who at the FBI you recommend we should be communicating with on this issue just to keep them in the loop if things increase. I am glad to reach out to the local FBI in the Alexandria area but thought I would check with you first since this has risen to such high levels with NSBA's name being out there.

Thanks,  
Chip

**From:**  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press  
**To:** Tulp, Sophia  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 2:39 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hi Sophia, may have a more direct response in a bit, but would emphasize the following:

*As the Attorney General's memo says:*

"In recent months, there has been a disturbing spike in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff who participate in the vital work of running our nation's public schools. **While spirited debate about policy matters is protected under our Constitution, that protection does not extend to threats of violence or efforts to intimidate individuals based on their views.** Threats against public servants are not only illegal, they run counter to our nation's core values." (emphasis added for clarity)

*To address these threats the memo said:*

"in the coming days, the Department will announce a series of measures designed **to address the rise in criminal conduct** directed toward school personnel." (emphasis added for clarity)

- Those efforts are expected to include the creation of a task force, consisting of representatives from the department's Criminal Division, National Security Division, Civil Rights Division, the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, the FBI, the Community Relations Service and the Office of Justice Programs, to determine how federal enforcement tools can be used to prosecute these crimes, and ways to assist state, Tribal, territorial and local law enforcement where threats of violence may not constitute federal crimes.

*The Attorney General memo also directed:*

"the Federal Bureau of Investigation, working with each United States Attorney, to convene meetings with federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial leaders in each federal judicial district within 30 days of the issuance of this memorandum. These meetings will facilitate the discussion of strategies for addressing threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff, and will **open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment, and response.**" (emphasis added for clarity)

In addition to the memo, the department also announced yesterday afternoon that it will **create specialized training and guidance for local school boards and school administrators.** This training will help school board members and other potential victims understand:

- the type of behavior that constitutes threats,
- how to report threatening conduct to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, and
- how to capture and preserve evidence of threatening conduct to aid in the investigation and prosecution of these crimes.

You can read the full memo [here](#) and the department's announcement [here](#)

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**From:** Tulp, Sophia (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:44 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Documents to be Circulated Later Today  
**To:** Driscoll, Kevin (CRM); McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM)  
**Sent:** October 2, 2021 7:46 PM (UTC-04:00)

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Objections have been vigorously lodged and a ~~good~~ solution has been reached.

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**From:** Driscoll, Kevin (CRM) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 2, 2021 12:25 PM  
**To:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Documents to be Circulated Later Today

I don't think it's possible to state how strongly I object to this. It will completely and totally nuke our election threats efforts, and will damage the reputation of the Public Integrity Section into the bargain.

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On Oct 2, 2021, at 12:16 PM, McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6) wrote:

I strongly object to adding school official threats to the USAO meetings. They are not equivalent and treating them as such will damage our election threats work without actually having any real benefit in my view.

On Oct 2, 2021, at 11:58 AM, Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) wrote:

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**From:** Colangelo, Matthew (OASG)  
**Subject:** Re: school board threats - CRS role?  
**To:** Gupta, Vanita (OASG)  
**Sent:** October 1, 2021 8:53 PM (UTC-04:00)

Got it. Are they working for a Saturday deadline? John called me tonight and asked for CRS options by tomorrow.

On Oct 1, 2021, at 8:51 PM, Gupta, Vanita (OASG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Becky, Rachel, and I discussed this earlier today. I asked Becky for suggestions about how CRS might be able to be deployed.

On Oct 1, 2021, at 8:31 PM, Colangelo, Matthew (OASG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Becky and Rachel – with apologies for the urgent Friday night request – can you take a look at the links below and confer with CRS to let us know whether there is any CRS deployment, or resource, or other public step CRS could take and announce this weekend to address this issue? Call me if helpful to discuss, and if it's useful to set a time to talk through some options tomorrow morning once you've had a chance to consider any approaches, let me know. Thank you - Matthew

<https://www.npr.org/sections/back-to-school-live-updates/2021/09/30/1041870027/school-boards-federal-help-threats-violence>

<https://nsba.org/-/media/NSBA/File/nsba-letter-to-president-biden-concerning-threats-to-public-schools-and-school-board-members-92921.pdf>

<https://apnews.com/article/coronavirus-pandemic-joe-biden-health-education-school-boards-940da42fac771366929fc2150c8acf4d>

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/09/30/us/school-board-threats-violence/index.html>