



Parking Garages and Vehicle Storage Lots

As described in the accompanying letter, *Business Owners Against Terrorism* is based on the idea that certain legitimate businesses and industries may be exploited by terrorists who portray themselves as honest customers seeking to purchase, lease, or somehow appropriate certain material, licenses and/or services to covertly further a terrorist plot.

The following examples of activity relating to your specific business, though not fully inclusive, may be of **possible** concern to law enforcement:

- A vehicle remains unclaimed by its owner or exceeds the parking term agreement
- A vehicle shows signs of damage or theft
- A vehicle appears weighted down (rear part sags noticeably) for no apparent reason
- A vehicle emits a strange odor, such as a chemical (e.g., vinegar-like) or organic smell (e.g., fertilizer)
- A liquid substance, not normally associated with a vehicle, is observed leaking from the passenger compartment or the trunk
- A vehicle contains metal cylinders, tanks, PVC pipe, fire extinguishers, batteries, containers, ice coolers, or any unusual wiring
- A vehicle exhibits recent body work
- A vehicles has excessively tinted windows
- The license plates on a vehicle appear altered
- The registration appears altered or falsified. (Note: the Al Qaeda training manual states that, "The license plate number and county name should be falsified. Further, the digits should be numerous in order to prevent anyone from spotting and memorizing it.")

Your impressions and assessment, based upon your professional/business experience, are extremely valuable and should help guide you in determining if a customer request, a fact pattern or set of circumstances is unusual.

The conduct of an individual will not necessarily be criminal in nature. Please remember if you suspect something, do not take direct action, confront the individual, or reveal your suspicions. Record as many details as possible about the suspect/vehicle/locations and report them to the Orange County Sheriff's Office Intelligence Unit at 407-504-6764 or email Intel@ocfl.net.