

Visits to Businesses along Parade Routes/ Special Event Perimeter Locations

As described in the accompanying letter, $Business\ Owners\ A\ gainst\ Terrorism$ 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:

- The appearance of a suspicious vehicle (including bicycles with a storage basket' motorcycles; utility storage boxes, etc.) parked near the area designated for the event to take place. Items left for a protracted period of time and disregarded.
- Actions by an individual that suggest the pre-event videotaping or still photography of the route or location (and surrounding area) for no apparent reason (i.e., no aesthetic value). Sketching of the area e.g., cross streets, access streets into and out of the area.
- Any request to videotape from a roof or a vacant unit/apartment overlooking the event venue
- The sudden appearance of a new street vendor, street sweeper, shoe shine in an area adjacent to the event route, the venue's access doors, or gathering location
- The sudden appearance of a vagrant or homeless person in the area adjacent to the event route, the venue's access doors, or gathering location
- Unclaimed or suspicious packages/objects found along the special event route/location
- Individuals sitting or standing at a bus stop and not boarding a bus; Individuals sitting at a particular location (e.g., park bench) at the same time each day for numerous days
- The very recent placement of a garbage can, postal mailbox, newspaper kiosk or other stationary object along the special event route/location
- Recent attempts by unknown individuals to gain access to your building's roof overlooking the parade route/special event location venue
- Inquiries about short-term rental of an apartment or space above your store/business or in your residential complex that also happens to offer a view of a parade route or special event location. (Terrorist operatives will often cohabitate to facilitate operational planning. Additionally, they may attempt to position themselves in an area that will ease their surveillance of potential targets)
- Large plastic drums being stored inside a building (commercial or residential space)
- Reports of small fires or smoke conditions being reported from a particular store or apartment
- Suspicious inquiries by unknown individuals regarding
 - The security measures anticipated for the event (e.g., extensive questioning as to the searching of backpacks, stopping of vehicles, etc.)



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The seating of public officials, dignitaries, or other VIPS at an event

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.