



Agricultural Spraying /Mosquito Control Spraying/Related Equipment

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:

- Loss or theft (or attempted theft of) equipment or separate machine components used in agricultural spraying or mosquito extermination (mist blowers, tanks, axial/centrifugal fans, diaphragm pumps, nozzles, spouts, pressure regulators, etc.)
- Inquiries from unknown persons as to the purchase or operation of spraying equipment; approach from a previously unknown customer whose identity is not clear, a customer's use of evasive responses
- Unusual inquiries about modifying spraying equipment
- Observations of your spraying operations by unknown persons (someone videotaping or photographing spraying operations who, when approached, deliberately leaves to avoid questioning)
- A request to purchase spraying machinery by someone who does not appear to have previous experience in such work or a connection to the agricultural industry/mosquito extermination effort (unable to answer basic questions about intended application and range, water volume rates, desired nozzle output, spray pattern, etc.)
- Unusual disinterest, on the part of a purchasing customer, as to the proper cleaning and maintenance of spraying equipment to ensure longevity and protection of the manufacturer's warranty
- A request to ship spraying equipment to an area/region not normally associated with spraying operations
- A customer's reluctance to provide information on the locations of the plant/place where the equipment will be stored

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.