

## **Promoters and Vendors – Gun Shows/Arms Fairs**

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:

- A request to purchase a weapon or military supplies by someone whom you believe may have undergone firearms training overseas in some type of military camp
- Inconsistencies in an individual's obvious knowledge, training and experience with the handling of firearms and his/her statements to you (e.g., an attempt to mask/conceal any proficiency possessed)
- Customer's use of evasive responses; avoids eye contact and seems jittery, uneasy.
- Customer's reason for purchasing the weapon(s) does not match the customer's skill level
- Customer's reluctance to provide information on why the purchase is being made
- Inconsistencies in information supplied by an individual who is seeking to purchase a weapon (e.g., the caliber gun does not match the activity cited for the purchase)
- Unusual statements/off-handed comments made by a customer that suggest an individual may be planning a criminal act. (An example may include expressed admiration or indirect reference to individual(s) involved in a notorious, violent incident; subtle or direct mention of a radical political or religious point of view, etc)
- Inquiries about the purchase of black powder or ammunition that do not conform to standard customer requests (e.g., quantity exceeds typical customer purchase)
- A purchase transaction involving an intermediary agent and/or third party/consignee that is unusual based upon your experience
- Unusual customer request concerning the shipment or labeling of goods being mailed
- Unusual customer request for excessive confidentiality regarding the final destination or details of the product to be delivered
- Identification credentials, offered by a prospective customer for the purchase of a gun, do not appear authentic (e.g., misspelled words on "official documents," P.O. Box offered as residence address, etc.)

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.