

## **Hobby Shops**

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:

- Cash purchases of remote control gliders or model airplanes by individuals who do not appear to be hobbyists
- Inquiries by individuals who are interested in modifying remote control gliders or model airplanes in order to carry some type of device
- Separate purchases of parts or items (e.g., motor, fuselage, propellers, etc) associated with the building of remote control gliders or model airplanes
- A request to purchase gyro systems with digital readouts for remote controlled airplanes (Used by the military in remote drones, these systems allow an airplane to continue on a pre-defined course, even if it loses radio contact with the transmitter.)
- Large purchases of chemicals, solvents, propellants, rocket motors, igniters, or radiocontrol equipment associated with various hobbies
- Unusual inquiries into "Kite Aerial Photography" (KAP)

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.