



## General Businesses or Entities that Enter Premises or Residences of Customer

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. It encourages private citizens to remain vigilant and to report any incidents which appear unusual. **It does not, however, encourage private citizens to take direct action.**

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

### PREMISES:

- A premise has been discretely modified for storage purposes or “secret locations in the residence for securing documents, records, arms and other important items”. (Quote taken from Al Qaeda Training Manual section, “Security Precautions Related to Apartments”)
- The décor and furnishings do not match the purported occupation of the leasee (the Al Qaeda Training Manual cautions: “the cover of those who frequent the location should match the cover of that location”)
- A strange chemical smell or other unique/distinctive odor can be detected from the premises
- Containers used for the storage of chemicals or other material, not commonly associated with a residential dwelling or required to operate the purported business at the location, are linked to the premises (ie-placed in the garbage disposal)
- Commercial refrigeration units are being used in an apartment or non-commercial property (Similarly, an unusual number of ice coolers are maintained inside the premises.)
- Expensive camera/photographic electronic surveillance equipment is observed
- Photographs, sketches, maps, blueprints of building or facilities are present
- Official documents (passports, licenses, credit cards) belonging to several individuals are observed, multiple identifications with different name spellings or DOB’s.
- Financial records indicating overseas wire transfers are present
- Training manuals (flight, scuba, military or extremist) are observed
- Photos/pictures of articles of known terrorist/terror groups are observed
- Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) unit; Radios/Scanners are observed
- Remote controlled vehicles (model cars/aircraft) are observed
- Numerous prepaid calling cards and/or cell phones are present

### VEHICLES:

- A vehicles displays painting patterns fashioned to resemble those of local security or official government vehicles.
- Discovery of additional voids, hidden compartments or storage area in a vehicle
- Modification of trucks/vans/limousines to handle heavier loads



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### **IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES:**

A combination of any of these items, observed in an unusual location or found in an unusual quantity, which can potentially be used in the manufacture of an explosive:

- Acetone
- Drano
- Matches
- Propane tanks
- Steel wool

For use in creation of containers (necessary for low-explosive devices)

- Steel pipe (lengths, nipples, couplers, end caps, plugs)
- PVC pipe (same as above)
- Copper pipe and any type of tubing such as electrical conduit that can be crimped or closed off to form a rigid container.

For use in fragmentation:

- Nails ( all types/sizes)
- Screws (same as above)
- Nuts, bolts and any metal such as door hinges which may be utilized to add fragmentation to and Improvised Explosive Device (IED)

Electrical components:

- Wires
- Batteries
- Switches
- Honeywell thermostats (those that can be cannibalized to obtain mercury switches)
- Various timing devices

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.