



Passenger Vessels (Cruise Ships)

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:

- Questioning of crewmembers regarding schedules, passenger capacities, onboard safety procedures and equipment, and proximity to military and energy related critical infrastructure facilities
- Suspicious craft in close proximity to vessel both underway and at the docking facilities
- Suspicious craft under and around bridges, tunnels, overpasses, or anchored in an area not typically used for anchorage
- Transfer of people or things between ships/boats or between ship and shore
- Attempts to abandon a vehicle onboard a vessel (ferry) and walk ashore
- Consecutive round trips on the same vessel
- Individuals walking around the vessel, independent of each other, taking notes ostensibly on operations and meeting as a group after their observations are recorded to compare notes
- Deliberate recording of departure/docking procedures
- Filming of security procedures/ID checks within the ship terminal facility
- Videotaping adjacent energy-related critical infrastructures, bridges and significant infrastructure
- Discovery of a suspicious vehicle (e.g., bogus/missing license plates) within the vicinity of the vessel pier
- Unattended baggage/packages
- Lost or stolen uniform, ID's, or equipment belonging to vessel personnel
- Suspicious individuals loitering around general shipyard facilities or facilities that receive only vessels to be dismantled or de-commissioned

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.