Martial Arts Studios

As described in the accompanying letter, ***B****usiness* ***O****wners* ***A****gainst* ***T****errorism* 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:

- Information comes to your attention that suggests an individual received foreign military training or attended a training camp overseas
- Among your customers, a group of individuals stand apart because of their unusual intensity in a training regiment; the level of deference/respect given to a specific member of the group by his peers (suggestive of a covert rank structure); the extraordinary repetition of tedious drills practiced, etc.
- Evasive responses to routine questions posed by you or your employees
- Odd inquiries or statements made by an individual which are not generally consistent with those made by individuals involved in recreational martial arts training or sporting activity
- Inconsistencies in an individual's obvious knowledge, training and experience with martial arts training and his/her statements to you (e.g., an attempt to mask/conceal any proficiency possessed)
- Requests to conduct training in remote or atypical locations
- Participation in martial arts classes by individuals who suddenly/inexplicably drop out before graduation or certification

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.