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Executive Intelligence Brief

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Protection Details



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DETAIL STATUS:
Portal-to-Portal



U.S. District Court Judge
Laura Swain

DETAIL STATUS:
24/7
D/PR

(U) Taliban Takeover Of Afghanistan Inspiring Americans Online

(U) On October 12, 2021, at the Soufan Center's Global Security Forum in Doha, Qatar, the Assistant Director of the FBI's International Operations Division, said the FBI is seeing more chatter online and on social media from Americans who have not traveled to the Middle East, yet are influenced by the rapid seizure of Afghanistan over the summer.

(U) The past decade has already seen deadly attacks in the U.S. by Americans who had never been to the Middle East or had direct contact with terrorist groups. A husband and wife who carried out a mass shooting in San Bernardino, California, in 2015, were identified as "supporters" of the Islamic State terrorist group. The following year, another American man killed 49 people at a nightclub in Orlando after pledging allegiance to ISIS.

(U) With the Taliban now in control of Afghanistan, officials are waiting to see whether the country will once again become a safe haven for terrorist groups such as the Islamic State and Al Qaeda to organize, launch attacks, and spread their messages of violence through the internet. Homegrown violent extremists inspired through online rhetoric continue to pose a threat to potential U.S. targets and USMS protected interests. There is potential for dangerous prisoners to come under USMS control. The JSD-OSINT team will continue proactive screening for potential threats to federal courthouses and judges stemming from online and social media attention regarding the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan.

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(U) Qatar's envoy on counterterrorism shakes hands with Taliban co-founder

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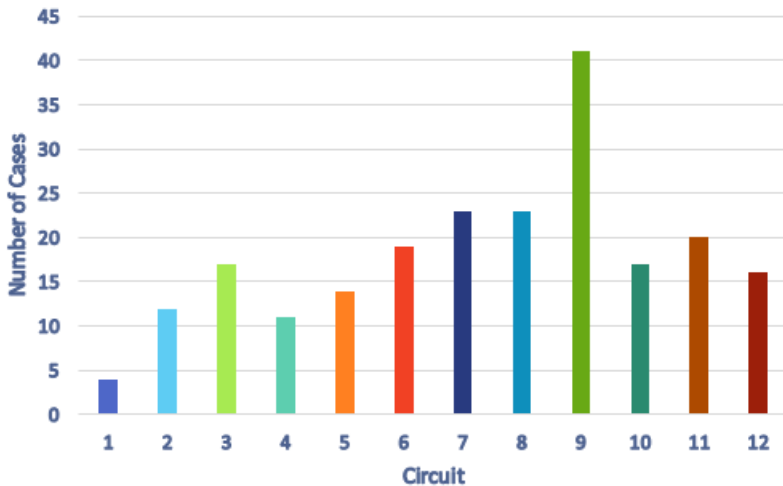
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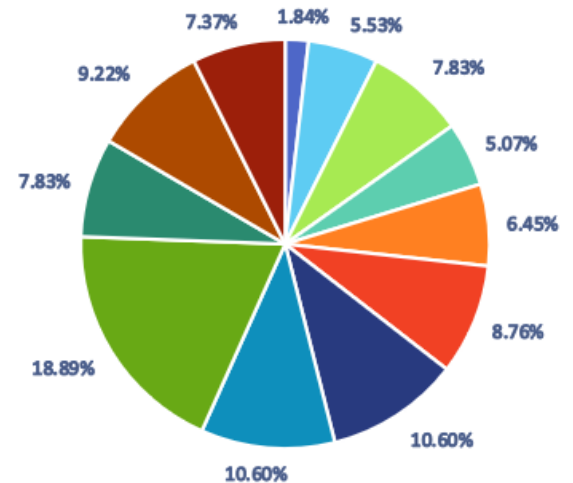
Protective Investigations currently active & cases opened FY22	217	8
Protective Intelligence products *	3	345
Counter surveillance / surveillance detection deployments *	0	7
OSINT products produced *	10	293
TMC Referrals Sent *	3	131

****These stats are derived from the Director's Weekly Report 9/26/2021 to 10/2/2021***

Active Cases by Circuit

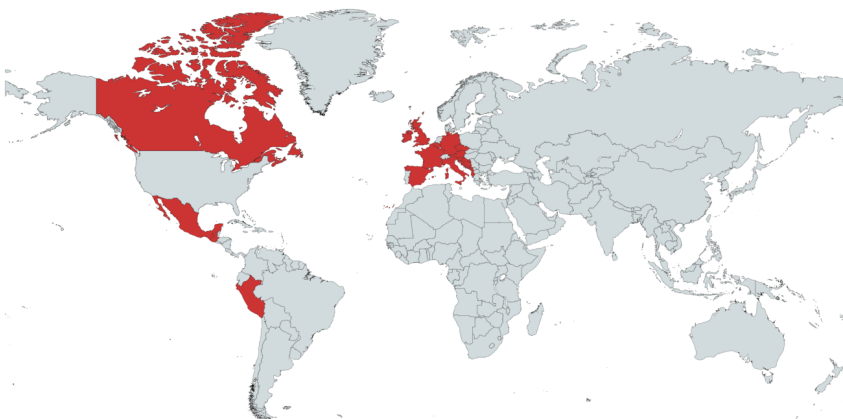


Case & Circuit Percentage



Countries Visited by Protected Persons

This Week



Travel at a Glance

Judges Traveling this Week	18
Countries Visited this Week	18
Travel Briefs Provided FY22	10

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*Information cutoff date for slide:

10/8/2021 - 9am



(U//FOUO) Domestic Violent Extremists Adhering to the QAnon Conspiracy Theory

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(U//FOUO) The Department of Homeland Security Office of Intelligence and Analysis recently published an intelligence bulletin providing an overview of domestic violent extremists (DVEs) influenced by the QAnon conspiracy theory. While most adherents to the QAnon conspiracy theory have not engaged in unlawful activity, a small subset of DVEs have conducted violence in furtherance of it. Some DVEs have coopted the QAnon conspiracy theory to justify violence targeting government and ideological opponents, which may impact USMS protected interests, as QAnon's foundational narrative glorifies the supposed future execution of enemies.

(U) The QAnon conspiracy theory argues a group of Satan-worshipping "deep state" pedophiles, including some top-elected officials, control the world and have used their power to orchestrate a global child sex trafficking ring, often called the "cabal." Adherents also believe that while in office, the most recent former President and the U.S. military were working to imprison cabal members in Guantanamo Bay where they would likely be executed. QAnon adherents assert that, in the future, the former President will be reinstated to power to confront the cabal.

(U) In October 2017, a person or persons named "Q" claiming to be a U.S. government official with a high-level security clearance began posting cryptic messages, which became known as "Q Drops," on a 4chan message board. Q, whose identity remains unconfirmed, posted approximately 5,000 messages on 4chan, 8chan, and 8kun from October 2017 until Q's last post in early December 2020.



(U) QAnon Symbols

(U) Since 2018, DVEs adhering to the QAnon conspiracy theory have been implicated in plots and acts of violence in the Homeland targeting government officials and other ideological opponents, government facilities, and transportation assets. Given the inherently violent nature of the conspiracy theory's core narrative, we remain concerned that we will continue to see a small number of adherents mobilize to violence; however, predicting such mobilization is challenging due to the conspiracy theory's support among a significant percentage of the population, according to polling data and the individualized nature of DVEs' decisions to commit violence.

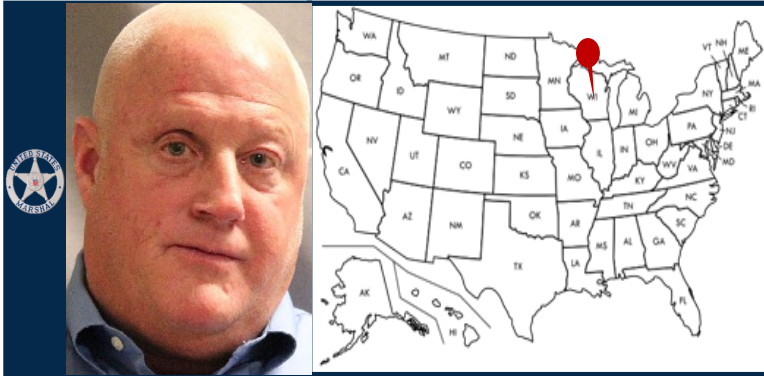
(U) Adherents are encouraged to conduct their own "research" and build upon Q's postings, which are often referred to as "breadcrumbs." This has led to the emergence of QAnon influencers, also called "bakers," who interpret and promote Q's postings on social media. Since Q stopped posting in December 2020, these individuals have focused on reinterpreting prior Q drops based on future events they identify as important.

(U//FOUO) Throughout 2020, and especially following the breach of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, social media companies began to prioritize removing QAnon content in violation of their terms of service. In response, QAnon adherents migrated to more permissive and/or encrypted platforms, including Gab and Telegram, where racially or ethnically motivated violent extremist-white supremacists (RMVE-WSs) and militia violent extremists (MVEs) often congregate and recruit vulnerable individuals. Factors such as the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, the level of societal polarization in the U.S., social media companies' willingness to host QAnon-related content on their sites, and the frequency and content of pro-QAnon statements by public individuals who feature prominently in core QAnon narratives will affect some DVE adherence to QAnon.



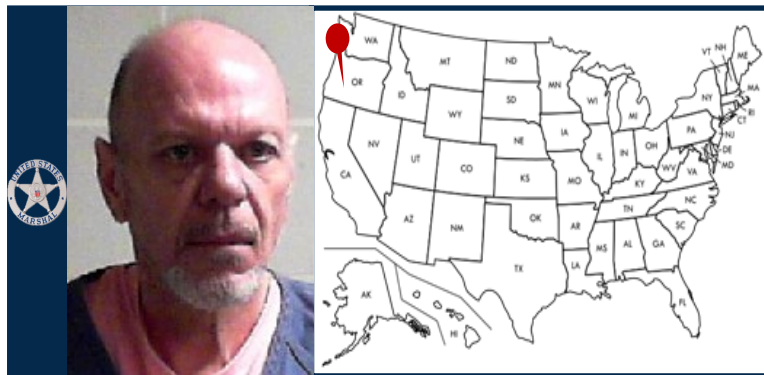
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Todd Allen DYER Case: **2289-1001-0013-T**

(U//LES) On September 29, 2021, USMS E/WI received information inmate Todd Allen DYER made threats/statements about an Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) and victims involved with his case. DYER allegedly wanted to “cut [the AUSA’s] head off and have it roll down the steps of the courthouse and video the incident” in the hopes of using the tape to intimidate a Chief U.S. District Court Judge (USDCJ) and USDCJ. DYER is in custody at the Federal Prison Camp, Yankton in South Dakota with a release date in 2029.



Mark Leroy DENCKLAU Case: **2265-1001-0005-T**

(U//LES) On October 4, 2021, USMS D/OR initiated protection for the judiciary, witnesses, jurors, and all defendants during the trial of Mark Leroy DENCKLAU at the Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse in Portland, Oregon. DENCKLAU is the known Portland chapter president of the Gypsy Joker Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (GJOMG). DENCKLAU is the subject of an indictment charging members of the GJOMG with murder and kidnapping in aid of racketeering. Intelligence reports indicated DENCKLAU was communicating with GJOMC members while incarcerated.



Raymond J. ZUPPA Case: **2254-1004-0023-T**

(U//LES) On October 4, 2021, USMS S/NY elevated the protective assessment on Raymond ZUPPA to a predicated investigation due to his sense of outrage over the handling of a court case. ZUPPA posted numerous tweets expressing a desire for violence and directly naming a USDCJ. ZUPPA has a blog containing negative commentary surrounding the judges involved in the high profile case. ZUPPA is not a party in the case, though he has expressed passionate interest in issues within the federal court and involving the environment.

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Case: **2251-1005-0031-T**

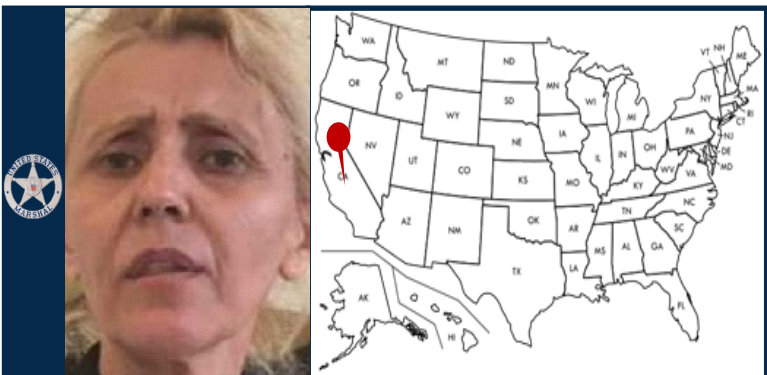
(U//LES) On October 4, 2021, USMS D/NM learned of bullet holes at the Albuquerque Plaza office space on multiple floors. The building houses judicial office space as well as the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Bullet fragments were found both within the office space and lodged in the window glass. It is uncertain if this was a targeted event or just a random act of violence. The D/NM is coordinating the investigation with the Albuquerque Police.



Roger Dale GODWIN

Case: **2208-1005-0039-T**

(U//LES) On October 4, 2021, USMS D/AZ received notification the Court Clerk's Office had received a threatening letter addressed to a USDCJ from Roger Dale GODWIN. GODWIN claimed to know of an inmate released from custody planning to kill the USDCJ and his wife. GODWIN is currently housed at the U.S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute in Indiana and is scheduled for release in 2025. GODWIN has a history of sending threatening letters to state and federal court employees. The D/AZ submitted a collateral lead to USMS S/IN requesting assistance.



Admiranda MAXWELL

Case: **2212-1006-0066-T**

(U//LES) On October 4, 2021, USMS C/CA learned a USDCJ received an inappropriate communication via a letter delivered by certified mail to his personal residence. The letter indicated a desire to kill multiple USMS protected persons. A total of nine protected persons were referred to. The C/CA identified Admiranda MAXWELL as the sender of the letter and plans to conduct a subject interview. The C/CA forwarded the information to the U.S. Attorney's Office for potential charges.

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Arnold Anthony NERIO Case: **2280-1006-0128-T**

(U//LES) On October 4, 2021, USMS W/TX learned Arnold Anthony NERIO left several vulgar and explicit voicemails directed toward a U.S. Court Clerk. One message included NERIO stating he wanted to “break bones.” NERIO is a prior federal inmate released from custody in September 2019 who is of record for previous threats to protected persons. The W/TX notified Court Security Officers (CSOs) and the Federal Protective Service as well as Texas state authorities due to a potential threat to the Texas Lieutenant Governor.



Keshawn COX Case: **2248-1006-0042-T**

(U//LES) On October 6, 2021, USMS D/NV learned of a threat made against a U.S. Probation Officer (USPO) by one of her parolees, Keshawn COX. The FBI reported COX threatened to kill the USPO if he is sent back to jail. COX is known to possess and carry firearms. He reportedly travels regularly to California to associate with gang members and traffic in drugs and firearms. The D/NV provided a security briefing to the USPO. The D/NV will conduct a security assessment of her residence and provide a security advisory to CSOs.