HSI DISRUPTS AND DISMANTLES global criminal enterprises and terrorist networks that violate the customs and immigration laws of the United States. HSI accomplishes its mission by utilizing its unique and expansive criminal and administrative authorities, strategic law enforcement and non-governmental partnerships, robust international footprint and connectivity; and cutting-edge technology and innovation. These efforts uphold border security, protect the homeland, and ensure public safety.

**HSI INVESTIGATES**

**STRATEGIC MISSION PRIORITIES**

Protect National Security

Leverage HSI’s unique and wide-ranging authorities to target the people, money, and networks that support terrorist activities.

Ensure Public Safety

Foster a collaborative environment with federal, state, local, and international partners to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities and address the threats posed by the opioid crisis, narcotics trafficking networks, and violent gangs operating across the country.

Prevent Crimes of Exploitation & Victimization

Strategically target, investigate, disrupt and dismantle criminal networks that engage in child exploitation and human trafficking and identify and rescue victims of these crimes.

Optimize Global Trade Investigations

Uphold fairness in international commerce by protecting intellectual property, combating trade fraud, and preventing the illicit proliferation of sensitive U.S. technology and weapons.

Enhance Interior Enforcement

Maintain the integrity of U.S. borders by combating transnational criminal organizations that enable and profit from illegal immigration fraud and smuggling schemes.

37,547

HSI CRIMINAL ARRESTS

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Identify, infiltrate, disrupt, and dismantle MS-13 and other transnational criminal gangs and deny gang leadership access to illicit funds used to fuel violence in Central America and the United States.

3,886 TRANSNATIONAL GANG CRIMINAL ARRESTS

Lead the government’s investigative efforts to combat human trafficking of victims into commercial sex or forced labor.

428 VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IDENTIFIED AND/OR ASSISTED

Investigate financial fraud schemes and scams that exploit vulnerable populations.

$775 MILLION

CURRENCY AND ASSETS SEIZED

Focus on Financial and Cyber-Related Crime

Proactively launch and pursue financial and cyber angles across HSI’s investigative disciplines.

3,886 TRANSNATIONAL GANG CRIMINAL ARRESTS

Utilize HSI’s exclusive authorities and capabilities to counter foreign intelligence and non-traditional collection threats.

377 OF THE 191 JTTF DISRUPTIONS OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN THE U.S. WERE ACHIEVED WITH SIGNIFICANT HSI INVOLVEMENT

Deploy the internationally focused Visa Security Program, Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program (BITMAP), and Human Rights Target Tracking Team to prevent the travel to the U.S. of known or suspected terrorists, transnational criminals, human rights violators, and other high-risk visa applicants.

11,974 VISA APPLICATIONS REFUSED BASED ON TERRORIST CONNECTIONS OR DEROGATORY INFORMATION

Utilize HSI’s investigative disciplines.

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HSI DIVISIONS

To accomplish its mission, HSI is organized into the following divisions:

1. **DOMESTIC OPERATIONS** is responsible for managing, directing, and coordinating all investigative activities, initiatives, and operations of HSI’s domestic field offices.

2. **INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS** develops and supports investigations, initiatives, and operations conducted or supported by HSI attaché offices and builds relationships with foreign law enforcement partners to support domestic cases, combat transnational criminal organizations, and prevent terrorist activities.

3. **INVESTIGATIVE PROGRAMS** is responsible for providing support and oversight of programs and operations in areas including financial and narcotics violations, human smuggling and trafficking, and other transnational crime.

4. **NATIONAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS** leads HSI’s efforts to disrupt and dismantle transnational criminal enterprises and terrorist organizations that threaten the national security of the United States.

5. **GLOBAL TRADE INVESTIGATIONS** oversees the HSI-led National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center and investigations related to intellectual property theft, commercial fraud, and counter-proliferation/export-enforcement.

6. **OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND CYBER DIVISION (OTCD)** oversees investigations of internet-related crimes, including cybercrime and child exploitation, and manages initiatives that combine information sharing and technology across the Department of Homeland Security.

7. **OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE** collects, analyzes, and shares timely and accurate intelligence on illicit trade, travel, and financial activity with a U.S. nexus.

8. **MISSION SUPPORT** manages critical functions that support the efficient use of HSI resources, supports HSI’s strategic goals and performance measures, and provides budgetary and financial services to all of HSI.

HSI AUTHORITY

HSI uses its authority to investigate all types of cross-border criminal activity, including:

- Transnational Gangs
- Financial Crimes
- Cyber Crimes
- Counter-proliferation
- Child Exploitation
- Narcotics
- Human Smuggling
- Human Trafficking
- Worksip Enforcement
- Identity and Benefit Fraud
- Intellectual Property Theft

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

HSI consists of more than 10,300 employees who are assigned to offices in over 210 cities throughout the U.S. and 80 international offices in 53 countries across the world.

- Over 7,100 special agents included among over 10,300 HSI employees.
- 30 SAC offices and multiple sub-offices in over 210 cities.
- 13 countries with HSI-led Transnational Criminal Investigative Units.
- 3,000 plus task force officers assigned to HSI.
HSI FY 2019 Statistics

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Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)
Criminal Investigative Statistics Report - FY19 Lockdown

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Note #1: Each individual enforcement category represents the total activity under that discipline. Since most of HSI's enforcement activity includes multiple disciplines some statistics may be counted over numerous disciplines. Note however, that the general statistics sections is representative of all of HSI and is the actual cumulative total.

Note #2: The above ICE enforcement data/statistics reflects a “snap shot” of the data in the respective ICE Law Enforcement System (LES) at the time the report was compiled by the Executive Information Reporting Unit. ICE enforcement data within the ICE LES is continuously updated which may result in an increase or decrease of ICE data/statistics previously reported.
HSI’s Proposed Enhancements to Accommodate the Implementation of Non-Intrusive Inspection Technology by CBP

**SWB Summary:**

ICE HSI expends a significant percentage of non-discretionary criminal investigative work hours and generates thousands of investigations resulting from CBP enforcement efforts. The hours vary by case type. As an example, SWB drug-related cases from CBP make up 55% of HSI’s total Southwest Border (SWB) non-discretionary hours. The impact of the CBP-sourced non-discretionary case work is evident in the 74% arrest rate for drug-related cases on the SWB. With the pending increase in both CBP SWB staffing and non-intrusive inspection technology (NII) investment, CBP is projecting that their scanning capability will increase from 14% to 100% of inbound trucks and privately owned vehicles, which is predicted, in turn, to affect a proportionate increase in non-discretionary investigations by HSI. With the increase in CBP efficiencies and throughput, HSI will require an additional 1,500 special agents (see chart below). The annual enhancement estimates are based on what is currently known about CBP’s implementation plan of full implementation by FY22.

The SWB enhancement will ensure that HSI can adequately investigate and support the CBP enforcement activity. Additional staffing in the form of Special Agents, Intelligence Research Specialists, and other mission support positions are critical to ensuring that HSI is able to perform thorough investigative follow-up, identify co-conspirators and associated transnational criminal networks for prosecution, and provide intelligence and targeting data back to CBP to further increase efficiencies.

**Assumptions, and Methodology for SWB Request**

The plan is based on the estimate of N=1,500 entry-level Special Agents needed, with 161 agents requested in the FY21 President’s budget and 1,339 agents to be requested in FY22. This ensures HSI is fully staffed, in keeping with CBP’s implementation. This model does not account for additional CBP staffing deployment.

The methodology described below is predicated on assumptions. As additional data and information are received, the model can be refined to improve accuracy and validity. At this time caution in interpretation is recommended.
Based on information from CBP, the NIIT will enable CBP to increase its scanning capability from 14% to 100% of trucks and privately-owned vehicles. This represents a 614% increase in capability. HSI reviewed ICM data to determine that in 2018, HSI performed 400,000 hours of case work based on non-discretionary CBP Inspection and port operations sourced cases in the southwest border.

Therefore, 400,000 hours multiplied by an associated increase in 614% workload equals an increase in required investigative hours of 2.46 million hours. Assuming an average case investigation availability time per Special Agent to be 1,695 hours per full-time equivalent (FTE), it will require an additional 1,500 Special Agents to perform the increased workload requirements generated from CBP’s advanced scanning capabilities. This figure does not take into account any increases in CBP staffing. This value does not include required support staff such as Intelligence Research Specialists and Investigative Assistants.

- The following SAC and sub-offices were included in this analysis: El Paso; Phoenix; San Antonio; Houston; and San Diego.
- Cases were filtered on source code E (which identifies cases from CBP Port Operations).
- The model assumes that there will be a proportional increase in CBP-generated workload on HSI Special Agents due to CBP’s projected increase in personnel and scanning through additional identification of smuggled drugs, weapons, and cash.
- Due to absence of historical data, HSI is applying a straight-line calculation with assumption that the rate of illicit activity identification remains constant and correlated (e.g., number of offenders identified while scanning 14% of vehicles will remain a constant rate when 100% of vehicles are scanned).
TACCOM Issue Paper
To Be Inserted
HSI International Operations

HSI International Operations furthers domestic security through international investigations of TCOs in partnership with our foreign national and regional police partners. HSI currently operates 73 international offices in 52 countries around the world. In addition to cooperative investigations across all disciplines, HSI utilizes the following three programs to combat TCOs abroad.
HSI Optional Practical Training

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HSI Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation

Human Trafficking

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HSI Family Fraud

Operation Noble Guardian

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HSI Opioids and Fentanyl

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) plays a critical role in the U.S. government’s response to the opioid crisis, leading efforts to investigate, disrupt, and dismantle transnational criminal organizations (TCOs) that illicitly introduce fentanyl, heroin and other dangerous opioids into the United States.
HSI Transnational Gangs

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HSI Outbound Weapons Smuggling

Gun violence in Mexico, particularly where identified drug cartels are involved, has been steadily increasing in recent years. Over 60% of documented murders in recent years have been committed with firearms, many of which were obtained in the United States before being smuggled into Mexico. Straw purchases at traditional brick and mortar gun stores, gun shows, online, or through person to person sales serve as the initial node within the supply chain; these are often financed through illicit proceeds and often with cash.
HSI Worksite Enforcement

The Worksite Enforcement Strategy incorporates a multi-prong approach to utilize enforcement (criminal arrests of employers and administrative arrests of employees), compliance (employment verification inspections, civil fines, and referrals for debarment), and outreach (ICE Mutual Agreement between Government and Employers- IMAGE) to instill a culture of compliance and accountability.
Facial Recognition

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• Examples:

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Audits on Detention Facilities

Unannounced Inspections of Immigration Detention Facilities: Annual appropriations require the DHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) to conduct unannounced inspections of immigration detention facilities. The OIG’s objective is to monitor compliance with applicable detention standards. OIG selects facilities based on concerns raised by immigrant rights groups and complaints to the OIG hotline regarding conditions. The OIG is in its fourth year of inspections. 

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Critical Repairs/Replacements

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**Background:** The FY 2020 Appropriation Act provided an enhancement of $2 million to improve ICE ability to support the responsiveness in inquiries from Congressional Staff. The CFO organization will leverage funding to improve responsiveness and analytics consistent with the Congressional intent of the enhancement. Funding will provide support to the appropriations and budget team for improved analytical support as well as creation of repositories to improve the timeliness and quality of responses to the Appropriation Committee Staff and to support ICE leadership in preparation of products and testimony.

**Overview:**

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Subject: HSAC Talkers

Here’s the talking points for the HSAC meeting. HSI also included a few points on facial recognition in case that comes up. We’ll have OSP infographic hand-outs as well.

Let me know if there’s anything else you’d like included.
The press release will likely involve the Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Secretary of DHS.

**Without a Trace Update**

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**Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Intelligence Update**

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Domestic Operations Recent Border Successes

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International Operations

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Greetings Derek Benner
POLICING & POLICY

Baltimore County, Maryland Considers Voluntary Registry Of Security Cameras To Help Solve Crimes

The Baltimore Sun (2/6, Nobles) reports, “Baltimore County could create a registry of private security cameras under a bipartisan proposal from five council members who want to help police more quickly track down possible video evidence of crimes.” The bill “would create a voluntary private security camera registry for property owners with devices pointed toward a public right-of-way, according to the proposal. The program would map where cameras are located to help detectives identify possible security footage in areas where crimes happened.” Council members “will discuss the proposal and conduct a public hearing on it at their Feb. 11 work session.” The Sun adds, “Under the proposal the county would waive alarm permitting fees for new alarm system installations – which start as low as $34 for homes and $113 for commercial buildings – that include private security or surveillance cameras if the owner signs up for the registry. The county would also waive fees for any updates to current alarm systems that include those cameras.”

Task Force To Study Off-Duty Jobs Of Minneapolis Police Officers

The AP (2/6) reports that Minneapolis, Minnesota “city leaders are looking for ways to better regulate officers’ off-duty employment after concerns about police overwork may be causing fatigue and burnout that affects performance.” The AP adds, “Many officers work side jobs for the extra money, often providing security at nightclubs, sporting events and other establishments across the city. Work guidelines allow them to have off-duty assignments, so long as they get approval from a supervisor – an approval that’s often verbal and made in informal settings, making it tough to track who is working where and for how long.” At a news conference on Wednesday, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey “announced a new task force to figure out better policies for off-duty workers, noting that fatigue is a real concern for officers taking on second jobs.”

More Than 1,500 Applications To Northern Ireland Police Force In 24 Hours

BBC News Online (UK) (2/6) reports that “more than 1,500 applications to the” Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) “were received in the first 24 hours after the launch of Tuesday’s recruitment campaign. The police service is hoping to recruit 600 new officers.” BBC News adds, “On Thursday, Chief Constable Simon Byrne said the application process had been ‘streamlined’ in order to speed up the process. He said the minimum age for applying for a post had been pushed back to 17 years old. However, 18 remains the minimum age for taking up a post upon appointment.” According to BBC News, “Speaking at a Policing Board meeting on Thursday, Mr Byrne said the PSNI had run a social media campaign specifically targeted at young people and visited different faith groups in the hope of widening diversity in the police. It is hoping to attract more Catholics, working class Protestants, ethnic minorities, women and members of the LGBT community.”

Some Law Enforcement Officials Balk At Managing Homeless People

The Los Angeles Times (2/6, Chabria) reports, “Political leaders at the local, state and federal levels are calling for actions that could directly or indirectly expand the responsibilities of cops in managing the tens of thousands of homeless people who live outdoors,” but “many rank-and-file officers are tired of being asked to
be both social workers and enforcers, and top brass are equally critical of such suggestions, arguing that they aren’t equipped to be the front line of this crisis.” The Times adds, “In recent months, U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson, echoing rhetoric from President Trump about a possible crackdown on homeless encampments in California cities, called for ‘empowering and utilizing local law enforcement,’ in a letter to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.”

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### Attend the IACP’s Leadership in Police Organizations Course in Central Florida this February!

The three-week Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) course is geared towards command-level leaders who wish to hone their leadership skills through a deep understanding and application of evidence-based behavioral science concepts and leadership theories. Course topics include leading change, effective followership, intergroup conflict management, communication and counseling, and leading ethical organizations. The course will take place February 24-28, March 23-27, and April 20-24, 2020. [View the flyer](#) and [register online](#).

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CRIME & DRUGS

Pomona, California Police Conduct Gang Raids On Five Homes

The Inland Valley (CA) Daily Bulletin (2/6, Cain) reports a “string of recent shootings” in Pomona, California may have “prompted a sweeping raid on the homes of suspected gang members in the city early Thursday, but no arrests tied to a violent crime appear to have been made.” The Pomona Police Department searched “five homes at around 4:30 a.m., arresting one man on an outstanding warrant for his arrest in San Bernardino County.” At least another six “were detained briefly, but were let go, said Aly Mejia, a spokeswoman for the department.” Thursday morning’s operation was “conducted alongside the Covina and Azusa police departments, as well as an FBI gang task force.” An FBI spokeswoman “confirmed the agency assisted in the raid.” In addition to the “outside agencies, two other units with Pomona police spearheaded the raid: Major Crimes and the Special Investigations Unit. The FBI gang task force included one Pomona officer assigned to that unit.”

US Charges 17 With Drug Violations In Indiana

WFIE-TV Evansville, IN (2/6, Parker, Lyman) reports from Evansville, Indiana that US Attorney Josh J. Minkler on Thursday “announced federal charges against 17 people accused in a drug trafficking operation. He says some of those people are members of the Evansville Grim Reapers Motorcycle Club.” Michael Gannon, “a DEA District Office Assistant Special Agent had a strong message for these criminals. ‘We’re going to identify every single one of you that are pushing poison onto our community,’ Gannon stated. ‘We’re going to use every resource we can and we’re going to hold you accountable and put you where you belong.’” Federal officials “said the operation is all connected to one Owensboro man, Central Holman IV, authorities said he is the source of supply of meth.”

NYPD Data Show Crime Increased In NYC In January Over A Year Ago

The Washington Free Beacon (2/6, Lehman) reports, “Major crimes jumped in New York City in January,” over the year before. Overall, the NYPD data show “a 16.9 percent increase in ‘index crimes’” compared to January 2019, including “an added 347 robberies, 116 assaults, 192 burglaries, 358 larcenies, and 243 car thefts” while there were “six fewer murders, but 15 more shooting incidents,” and “25 fewer rapes.” The data also show “a 30 percent increase” in transit crimes.

US Contractor Reportedly Kidnapped In Afghanistan

Reuters (2/6, Sediqi, Ahmad) says it has been reported by Newsweek that “a 57-year-old US contractor was abducted last week in Khost,” Afghanistan. According to Reuters, “Newsweek reported that U.S. officials believed a Taliban-linked group, the Haqqani network, had orchestrated the abduction.” However, “Sources close to the Haqqani network denied kidnapping the American when contacted by Reuters,” and “a Taliban leader who declined to be named told Reuters they had kidnapped an American in Khost but did not provide further details.”

The AP (2/6) reports US officials “believe Mark Frerichs of Lombard, Illinois, was kidnapped by the Haqqani network,” and that “the investigation is being led by the FBI-led Hostage Recovery Fusion Cell.” Art Frerichs, “who identified himself as Frerichs’ father, told an Associated Press reporter on Thursday that he
believed the Newsweek report was true. ‘I don’t want to say any more now for security reasons,’ he said. ‘I have the utmost faith in President Trump and the FBI.’"

**Experts See Uptick In White Supremacist Activity In New York**

The Buffalo (NY) News (2/6, Michel) reports, “A self-proclaimed Lockport white supremacist said he defied Cheektowaga police after they charged him with littering for tossing Racial Nationalist Party of America literature onto lawns and driveways.” Karl Hand “said he was so upset over the ticket that he returned to Cheektowaga, before his trial last November, and distributed more of the literature. ‘I called it my day of defiance,’ said Hand, who was found guilty of littering and fined $300 plus court fees.” The News adds, “Although the known distributions of white supremacy fliers in Western New York are still relatively small, Hand is not alone in this effort.” The Anti-Defamation League “maintains an online map of incidents it says involve hate-motivated acts of aggression and dissemination of white supremacy propaganda. According to the map, there have been more than two dozen incidents in which white supremacy material was distributed in the Buffalo Niagara region since 2016.” According to the News, “While experts say there is an increase in this type of activity locally and nationally, it is not known how many people are involved in local white supremacist organizations.”

**Louisiana Authorities Warn About Super Drug Called “Gray Death”**

The Houma (LA) Courier (2/6) reports, “Terrebonne Parish Sheriff Jerry Larpenter addressed recent social media reports regarding a dangerous drug mixture called ‘gray death’ Tuesday.” The St. Mary Parish Sheriff’s Office “reported on Facebook last week it made recent arrests and seized the heroin-fentanyl mixture from suspects traveling across the parish.” According to the Courier, “The so-called ‘super drug’ has a potency 10,000 times greater than morphine, the St. Mary Parish Sheriff’s Office said. The drug mixture is nothing new to Terrebonne Parish and has been encountered numerous times by narcotics agents for several years, Larpenter said. Deputies and narcotics agents are trained to identify and handle the drugs.” Sheriff Larpenter “urged residents to never handle any suspected narcotics. ‘Call law enforcement and let us deal with it,’ Larpenter said in a release. ‘Harm from illegal narcotics found in homes, on the streets, in schools or in the trash can occur not only if the substance is touched, but also if it is inhaled.’ ‘This doesn’t apply just to powders. Pills and liquids can also have bad effects on people who touch them if precautions are not taken.’”

**TECHNOLOGY**

**Google, YouTube And Venmo Send Cease-And-Desist Letters To Facial Recognition App That Helps Law Enforcement**

CBS News (2/5) reports that Google, YouTube and Venmo have sent cease-and-desist letters to Clearview AI, a facial recognition app that scrapes images from websites and social media platforms. The companies join Twitter, which sent a similar letter in January, in trying to block the app from taking pictures from their platforms. According to CEO Hoan Ton-That, Clearview AI can identify a person with 99.6% accuracy by comparing their picture to its database of three billion images from the Internet. The app is only available to law enforcement to be used for identifying criminals, Ton-That said, not for 24/7 surveillance. But tech companies say Clearview is violating their platform policies. “YouTube’s Terms of Service explicitly forbid collecting data that can be used to identify a person. Clearview has publicly admitted to doing exactly
that,” YouTube Spokesperson Alex Joseph said. Ton-That meanwhile argues that Clearview has a First Amendment right to access public data. “The way we have built our system is to only take publicly available information and index it that way,” he said.

**Child Safety Groups Object To Facebook’s Encryption Plans**

AFP (2/6) reports from San Francisco, “More than 100 child protection organizations Thursday urged Facebook to halt plans for strong encryption of all its platforms, saying that would allow predators to operate freely.” According to AFP, “The social network is working to extend end-to-end encryption across its messaging applications, including Facebook Messenger and Instagram.” The groups “said they were concerned that stronger encryption of online exchanges would facilitate the sharing of child pornography. ‘We urge you to recognize and accept that an increased risk of child abuse being facilitated on or by Facebook is not a reasonable trade-off to make,’ the groups led by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said in an open letter to Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg. ‘Children should not be put in harm’s way either as a result of commercial decisions or design choices.’”

**GLOBAL SECURITY**

**Extremist Blog Had Named Georgia Man Targeted In Neo-Nazi Plot**

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (2/6, Joyner) reports, “Three members of the neo-Nazi terror group The Base remain under arrest and in custody in Rome awaiting an official indictment on charges they planned to murder a Bartow County couple whom they believed to be antifascist activists.” The AJC adds, “The left-wing activist group Atlanta Antifascists released a statement last week stating the couple were not members of their group,” but “the statement pointed to a prominent white nationalist blog which had listed one of the two people targeted, posted photos of him and published links to his Bartow County business. ‘White supremacists have no concern for accuracy when they publish enemy lists or kill lists – precisely because their goal is to terrorize entire communities,’ the group said in a press release.” According to the AJC, “In an interview with The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the blog’s author vehemently denied any connection with the plot or The Base, a relatively new white supremacist sect that encourages its members to help bring about the downfall of society by carrying out violent attacks.”

**British ISIS Fighters To Be Put On Trial In Syria**

The Independent (UK) (2/6) reports British ISIS fighters “could soon face trial in Syria under new plans announced by the Kurdish-led administration in the country’s northeast that holds thousands of prisoners.” More than 1,000 foreign fighters “have been held in detention by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) since the defeat of the terror group’s caliphate last year, most of whom were captured leaving the battlefield in its final weeks.” Among that number “are an estimated 10 British men and 30 women, who are being held separately along with their children.”

**THURSDAY’S LEAD STORIES**

- **FBI Director: Racially Motivated Violent Extremists Elevated To “National Threat Priority”**
- **FBI Says It Never Had Personal Computer Belonging To Virginia Beach Shooter**
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• Child Protection Agencies Send Letter To Facebook Questioning Plan To Encrypt All Messaging Platforms
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Good morning,

Just wanted to put this back on everyone's radar. We got word that the PIA is approved by DHS Privacy and should be posted today.

Thanks

Staci
Clearview/Facial Recognition. In anticipation of potential media, congressional and stakeholder 
inquires once the PIA is posted, IGP has prepared the attached background information and 
talking points which were cleared by HSI, OPA and OCR. Please note we have not yet received 
confirmation from DHS Privacy this morning that they are ready to post the PIA so the timing 
could shift.

If there are questions or you need further information, IGP AD Ken Clark and ICE Privacy Officer 
Jordan Holz are available to assist your offices.

Thanks,
Staci
ICE’s use of Facial Recognition Services
Management and Administration

Background:

ICE HSI routinely encounters digital images of potential victims or individuals suspected of crimes but cannot connect those images to identifiable information through existing investigative means and methods. HSI, therefore, submits those images to government agencies and commercial vendors (e.g., Clearview) to compare against their digital image galleries via facial recognition processes. The agencies and vendors query their databases and return lists of potential matches that HSI can use to produce investigative leads. These facial recognition services (FRS) use their own algorithms and business processes to determine the probability that an image submitted by ICE might match images in their galleries. ICE conducted a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) because the use of FRS entails the collection, maintenance, and dissemination of personally identifiable information (PII). Claims in this PIA have been reviewed and vetted through ICE IGP, HSI leadership, ICE OPLA, and the DHS Privacy Office. Once the DHS Chief Privacy Officer approves the PIA, the PIA will be posted publicly on the DHS Privacy website.

The following talking points are designed to support OPA and OCR to respond to media and Congressional inquiries on this topic:

Talking Points

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SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address)

Michael R. Sherwin, Acting Attorney for the District of Columbia
c/o Civil Process Clerk
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From: [b](6); [b](7)(C)
Sent: 21 Aug 2020 13:25:08 +0000
To: #HSIVictimID
Cc: [b](6); [b](7)(C)
Subject: Request for Identity of Possible Minor (Sex Trafficking)
Attachments: [b](6); [b](7)(C)

Request for identification (CLEARVIEW.ai) of female subject from social media image in order to determine if subject is minor. Subject was identified during research to support HSI Dallas Project TRIP WIRE case, focusing on the sex trafficking and exploitation of minors through social media interaction.

Agent [b](6); [b](7)(C)
HTIC: [b](6); [b](7)(C)
HSI Dallas Intel: [b](6); [b](7)(C)

Cordially, [b](6); [b](7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Also, looping in Unit Chief see below about Clearview, the best facial recognition tool I have ever encountered (open source). I was able to instantly ID victims in sex ads and it helped save me the greatest asset of time.

Thanks for considering.

Respectfully,

Sent with BlackBerry Work
(www.blackberry.com)

I am working at the human trafficking center now on TDY with HSI. I spoke with Agent leading efforts here, about Clearview. I explained it is the best facial recognition tool I have ever used to rapidly identify victims.

I hope we can get this back on as soon as possible. My casework takes much longer without the service.

Thanks,
Can you take a look at my notes and add/edit anything you feel should be adjusted?
Thanks.

Best regards,

[redacted]

Intelligence Research Specialist
Immigration And Customs Enforcement | Homeland Security Investigations
Office of Intelligence | National Security & Public Safety
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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Hello,

I hope you are doing well.

The National Security & Public Safety team just finished our meeting with about facial recognition applications. We wanted to follow up with about the systems you utilize on a regular basis?

I mention several systems including:

Can you give us an overview of how you utilize these systems as they pertain to facial recognition analysis?

I have included another IRS on our team, who would like to collaborate further with you.

Best regards,

Intelligence Research Specialist
Immigration And Customs Enforcement | Homeland Security Investigations |
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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
From: [redacted]
Sent: 1 Aug 2020 21:27:29 +0000
To: [redacted]
Subject: Clearview

As many of you are aware, there has been a lot of attention given to our agency’s use of facial recognition. As a result, all HSI Clearview trial licenses have been suspended for agency use in anticipation of the Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) implementation. The PIA was recently signed and there is a working group currently in the process of establishing HSI Standard Operating Procedures and Policies regarding the use of facial recognition technology. C3/CEIU will be the overseeing HSI’s Clearview program and has initiated the contract purchase of multiple licenses for agency use. Once the procurement has been completed, C3/CEIU will manage the distribution of licenses to the field.

In the interim, please send all Clearview requests to the HSI Victim ID Lab at ice.dhs.gov. Please state the type of investigation, case number if you have one, and the cropped face image(s) you would like searched. If you have an urgent/immediate request, send it directly to me.

An official broadcast is forthcoming.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Unit Chief
Cyber Crimes Center (C3) | Child Exploitation Investigations Unit (CEIU)
DHS - ICE | Homeland Security Investigations
Cell: (503) 209-2000

[Redacted]
Good morning,

FYSA..........................Read below.

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Thanks,

“...The greatness of a leader is measured by the achievements of the led. This is the ultimate test of his/her effectiveness”

General Omar Bradley
CLEARVIEW.ai is a service that provides the ability to search all open/public information on the Internet by the image that they have scrubbed. I am sure you are aware of them through press/news. HSI has been using the service with numerous 'trial' users that has recently been discontinue. As noted in the email below, C3 now is the only HSI element with licensed access to CLEARVIEW.

The HT Intel Cell (HTIC) case support and lead development will require that we correlate an image to a subject identity in order to find victims, their known identity, from existing subpoena/public/darkweb sources. The HTIC will need to request licenses through C3/CEIU in order to have the ability to correlate victims identity for our ongoing investigations.

Please let me know how to proceed moving forward. I will be emailing HSIVictimID email below to let them know we will be bulk sending images to support our HSI Dallas sex trafficking of minors case.

Cordially,

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Cyber Crimes Center (C3) | Child Exploitation Investigations Unit (CEIU)
DHS - ICE | Homeland Security Investigations
do you know if we have Clearview FR?
I'm not sure what that is to be honest with you so the answer may be no.

Hi,

Does your unit have access to Clearview FR for social media sites?

Thanks,

Section Chief, International Intelligence Unit | Operation Stolen Promise
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Sent: 19 Aug 2020 21:24:31 +0000
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Subject: RE: [b](6); [b](7)(C)

Good afternoon [b](6); [b](7)(C)

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To: [b](6); [b](7)(C) ce.dhs.gov>
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Subject [b](6); [b](7)(C)

Ma'am,

Have you had any chance to look over the mail, and social media content? AUSA is getting a little antsy.

V/r

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Special Agent
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Hi [b](6)

Yes, the Clearview license hold has been an issue. I lost mine as well so I will definitely let you know when we get through this legal issue.

I know that you are a rock star so I can imagine all of the requests you have made while supporting Dallas! We have an important job though so keep them coming!

[b](5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Nice to hear from you too and let us know if we can ever assist!

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Great to hear from ya, don't be a stranger.

Cheers,

Hello all!

I do not know the amount of leads but I am copying here who can probably give you a better idea.

Every now and then we get a few that come into our CEIU inbox but most of them have been landing in the Cyber Crimes Unit (CCU) inbox.

In case it is confusing, at C3 we have the Cyber Crimes Unit (CCU), Child Exploitation Investigations Unit (CEIU), and Computer Forensics Unit (CFU) but they are mostly technical.

CEIU handles child exploitation cyber crime and CCU is “all other” cyber crime except human trafficking.

If the leads are comparable to what we received in the CEIU intake inbox, it’s kind of hit or miss. Sometimes, they actually turn out to be something actionable and other times no.

Hope to know you!
Great to hear from you.

Added is HTU (A) and inbound SQ for further discussion.

Do you have an idea of the volume your team is receiving? It would be interesting to run a couple of these to validate their investigation value.

Take care and best regards,

Unit Chief
Human Smuggling and Trafficking Intelligence Unit
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O: (571) 46
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Date: Monday, Aug 24, 2020, 5:03 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Human Trafficking leads

Hi (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

I hope you enjoyed the weekend.

CCU continues to receive tips related to human trafficking in our intake and wondering if HTU has some type of intake box? There may be good intel that can be exploited and sent out as leads to the field.

If you don’t have an inbox, do you have an employee or other POC who can receive the leads or any other ideas?

Thanks!

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Good afternoon.

The results from the facial image search are attached for your review.

Respectfully,

[Redacted information]

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Face Search Results
Report prepared Aug 24, 2020

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