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National Issues

- **Congressional Black Caucus and Director Wray:** OPA – A spokesperson for the Congressional Black Caucus said Director Wray will be meeting with the group to discuss an intelligence assessment regarding black identity extremists; reporters sought FBI comment and OPA declined.
- **Watchlist Inquiry:** OPA – CBS news inquired as to whether such services as Uber and Lyft, or agencies similar to the New York City Taxi & Limousine Commission, have access to data on the Terrorist Screening Center's (TSC) watchlist. OPA, in consultation with the TSC, declined to comment.
- **Anticom:** OPA – Received an inquiry from ProPublica regarding if the FBI is investigating a group called Anti-Communist Action, or Anticom, the group who allegedly helped orchestrate recent protests by white supremacists and other extremists. In particular the reporter asked if the FBI has disrupted any terror plots related to Anticom. After consultation with CTD, OPA provided the following statement: "The FBI does not confirm or deny specific investigations. However, any information regarding violent criminal activity or threats of terrorism should be reported promptly to the FBI. We have no comment on any individuals or groups. The FBI investigates activity which may constitute a federal crime or pose a threat to national security and cannot initiate an investigation based solely on an individual's race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, or the exercise of First Amendment rights. The FBI remains committed to protecting those rights for all Americans. Our focus is not on membership in particular groups but on individuals who commit violence and other criminal acts. Furthermore, the FBI does not and will not police ideology. When an individual takes violent action based on belief or ideology and breaks the law, the FBI will enforce the rule of law."

Local Stories

- **Atlanta** - Equifax will release a press statement in the morning indicating that the company has completed an internal investigation into alleged insider trading related to the breach. The press release will likely state that the federal investigation continues and that Equifax will cooperate fully with federal authorities.
- **Boston** – Received multiple media inquiries regarding the FBI's presence at Enneking Parkway in West Roxbury, MA relative to an ongoing missing person investigation. FBI Boston confirmed that the FBI's Evidence Response Team is assisting Boston Police in an ongoing investigation, declined further comment, and referred reporters back to the Boston Police.
- **Boston** – Received multiple media inquiries regarding the FBI's involvement in investigating racially charged graffiti found at Framingham State University. This is the third incident this year. FBI Boston declined to comment, in keeping with DOJ policy.
- **Boston** – Received multiple media inquiries about NYC terror suspect [redacted] ties to Massachusetts after the *New York Times* published an article stating that [redacted] was a truck driver who logged tens of thousands of miles from Denver to Detroit, from Canton, Mass. to Salt Lake City. FBI Boston responded that FBI Boston is not aware of any connections to the Boston AOR.
- **Detroit** - National media attention is expected as a result of an article in today's Detroit News citing "FBI's UAW training center probe widens to GM, Ford". Prior to the article's release, the reporter requested

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comment from FBI Detroit regarding the Fiat Chrysler-UAW corruption investigation expanding to Ford Motor and General Motors; FBI Detroit declined comment.

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- Knoxville - PAS [REDACTED] was interviewed by the NBC affiliate regarding the one day Teen Academy Program hosted at FBI Knoxville. Approximately 18 students from two high schools attended the program which provided an inside look at the FBI. Presentations topics consisted of the FBI history and mission as well as firearms trajectory, cold case study, evidence recovery, FBI career information and more.
- Las Vegas - SAC Rouse was interviewed by the Las Vegas Sun about the FBI's involvement in the October 1 shooting. SAC Rouse discussed providing FBI resources for the investigation and highlighted the strong public and private partnerships in Las Vegas.
- Portland - PAS [REDACTED] was interviewed by the NBC affiliate for its "Portland Today" afternoon talk show regarding the risks associated with cloud computing, especially for small and medium sized businesses. This interview came subsequent to FBI Portland's Tech Tuesday PSA campaign.
- Sacramento - PAS [REDACTED] was interviewed by the Fox affiliate regarding the East Area Rapist/Golden State Killer Case. Interest in the case has elevated since People magazine covered the case and published photos and sketches provided by the Sacramento County DA and Contra Costa County Sheriff of items possibly stolen during the commission of crimes. The interview covered the continued need for information to help identify the subject and the benefit of the national coverage to ensure individuals who may have lived in the areas impacted the subject but who have relocated are aware of the need for information from the public.

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