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**From:** O'Reilly, Thomas  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2009 8:46 AM  
**To:** McCreary, James Patrick  
**Subject:** RE: SARs

You are correct.

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From: McCreary, James Patrick  
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 8:44 AM  
To: Burch, Jim  
Cc: O'Reilly, Thomas; Lewis, David  
Subject: RE: SARs

Jim,

Background/reminder info -

At first the Bureau claimed that they wanted "all SAR reports " sent directly to JTTFs. S & L's quickly said "no" because Chiefs (rightfully so) needed the info vetted at the local state level rather than sent from individual officers to the FBI so Chiefs would know what was happening/being reported. The Bureau also eventually realized that they didn't have the capacity to "vet/evaluate" all SAR reports.

Tom mentioned recently that during the inauguration that the Bureau didn't have an automated capability to accept downloads from the SAR Shared Space and a "guy" was literally fat-fingering all data into e-guardian. The Bureau has yet to solve the issue even today. The solution is not a heavy lift, we've offered to help them, and a recent call may indicate that they may be coming around.

PS... If SAR is working, it should also help with various fraud investigations. Cigarette smuggling and coupon fraud have been tied to terrorist behaviors associated with such criminal activity and should be reported as SARs. (Tom/David, tell me if I'm wrong).

Patrick

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From: Lewis, David  
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To: Burch, Jim  
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There are three options to getting information to the JTTF which is the basis of the NSI; (1) if it's a hot item that needs immediate attention the agency would call the JTTF directly, (2) if the agency has a piece of information that needs further vetting and they want to use eGuardian the information can be entered through the eGuardian web form and then it can get pushed up to the JTTF, (3) if a state or UASI FC and are using the shared space concept the information goes into the FC database, vetted, and then pushed to the shared space local common box to be shared with other FCs. At the same time the FC can choose to push the incident to the JTTF from the shared space server through eGuardian.

The information remains in the SS server and at the JTTF. The decision is in the hands of the local LE and the FC.

David

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From: Burch, Jim  
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If there was a nexus wouldn't it go direct to JTTF?

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No. The current project all deals with SARs having the potential nexus to terrorism. If the agency can relate a fraudulent activity to a precursor terrorist it may end up in the local database, but I don't see this as a focus point.

David

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Does any of our SAR work relate to fraud?

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