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Federal Bureau of Investigation Threat Monitoring Unit Guardian/eGuardian Program

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Subject: Threat Monitoring Unit (TMU) Overview

Summary:

TMU has program management oversight of the Secret Guardian Threat Tracking System and the Sensitive, but Unclassified eGuardian Threat Tracking System, and maintains a Guardian/eGuardian Help Desk Team for user support. TMU is responsible for all aspects of the Guardian and eGuardian applications, to include management of systems requirements, directing and driving IT resources, formulation of budgets and grant requests, effective marketing, formulation and implementation of Guardian and eGuardian policy and manuals, specialized training development and implementation, logistical support and management of the Guardian/eGuardian Help Desk, and primary National Threat Center Section (NTCS) point of contact for liaison with state fusion centers, regional intelligence centers, and federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement.

TMU represents the FBI, as a full participant in the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI). The NSI is an outgrowth of a number of separate but related activities that respond directly to the mandate to establish a "unified process for reporting, tracking, and accessing [SARs]" as called for in the National Strategy for Information Sharing (October 2007). The Program Manager for the Information Sharing Environment (PM-ISE), working with a number of federal, state, and local partners, has been conducting an evaluation environment (EE) to test and evaluate policies, procedures, and technology needed for a unified process for gathering, documenting, processing, analyzing and sharing of SARs potentially indicative of terrorist-related crimes. As part of the EE, servers functioning as ISE Shared Spaces are being installed at 12 state and major urban area fusion centers. In addition to these ISE Shared Spaces, the NSI also included the FBI's eGuardian system that provides information and tools to support the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs) in assessing and investigating terrorism-related activity and also to improve sharing of terrorism-related information between JTTFs and local agencies. eGuardian reports, whether entered by a local agency, fusion center, or JTTF, will be accessible either directly through eGuardian and/or through federated searches and queries of the SARs stored in ISE Shared Spaces.

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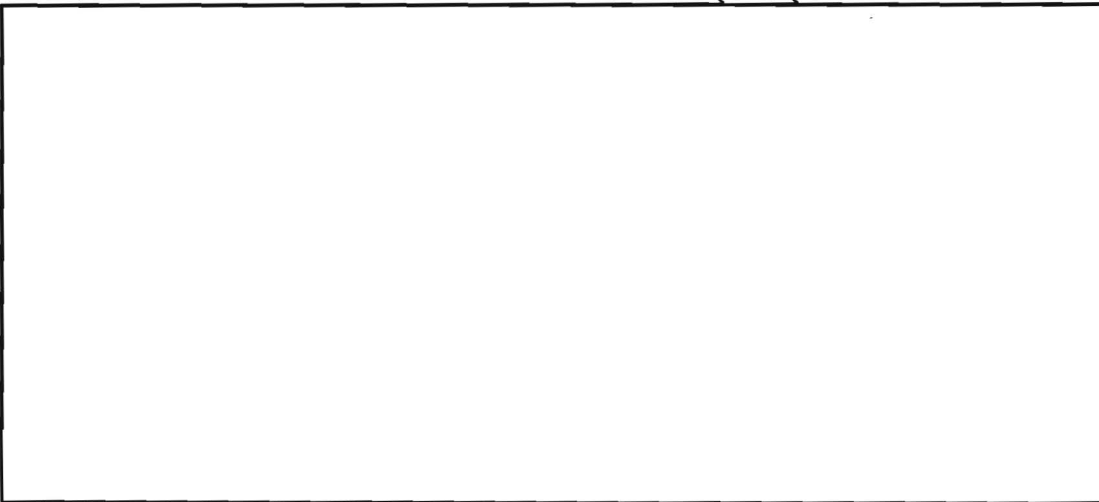
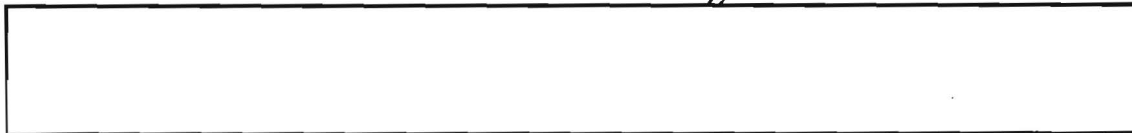
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TMU directly contributes towards the overall CTD mission, by aggressively marketing eGuardian to our local, state, federal, military and tribal law enforcement partners. eGuardian is a tool to collect and share potential terrorist related threats, suspicious incidents and events. To date, eGuardian has collected over 2000 incidents from our law enforcement partners, which have been pushed to our JTTFs via Guardian and shared as part of the NSI via our Shared Space server connection. Additionally, these incidents have resulted in the opening of over 60 PI/FI investigations. This metric is in direct response to identified gaps and to identify emerging threats.

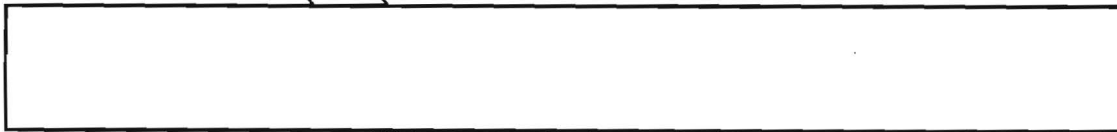
TMU produces the following Guardian and eGuardian reports:

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ISE-SAR EE Technical Status Report – This report is for the PM-ISE and White House, and identifies all the agencies contributing to eGuardian.



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Congressional Letter Update – This is done quarterly and includes status updates for Guardian and eGuardian.

eGuardian News Letter - The news letter contains eGuardian success stories, news eGuardian updates. This also contains the unclassified SABR report.

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