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(U) Reporting Trends

(U) Chemical

(U//LES) **Detroit:** On 2 February 2014 an auto parts store manager reported a customer making a suspicious purchase attempt of non-silicone brake fluid and sulfuric acid and asked if he could also purchase potassium nitrate from the store.

(U//LES) **Jacksonville:** On 17 February 2014, a business owner called the Public Access Line to report a large purchase of hydrochloric acid. The purchase was in the amount of 16 gallons on 11 February 2014, and then 32 gallons on 14 February 2014 by the same individual. No criminal or terrorism nexus was revealed.

(U//LES) **Seattle:** On 1 February 2014 at a Jewish Community Center, the facility janitor was fired for drinking on the job and other performance and candor issues. While being escorted around the building to collect his personal effects, he pushed a staff member away, ran to a custodial closet, and mixed ammonia and bleach, then inhaled the fumes. The subject was taken into custody and transported to Harborview hospital with possible lung damage.

(U//LES) **Tampa:** On 13 February 2014, local law enforcement responded to a theft of 16 propane cylinders at a convenience store. Surveillance video indicated that there were multiple tanks in the van used in the theft. On 17 February 2014 local law enforcement responded to a theft of 10 propane cylinders at a convenience store. No video was obtained, and no further information was available. The thefts were approximately eight miles apart.

(U) Biological

(U//LES) **Baltimore:** On 12 February, 2014 an NIH security guard called local police to report their vehicle had been broken into and a backpack was stolen. The security guard's NIH credentials (badge and ID card) were inside the stolen bag.

(U//LES) **Columbia:** On 6 February 2014, local law enforcement responded to a local business that had received a letter with a clear baggie containing a powder. There was no message accompanying the powder. The powder tested as Alprazolam, the chemical name for the prescription drug Xanax.

(U//LES) **Jacksonville:** On 18 February 2014, local emergency management responded to a residence where an individual received a suspicious letter/package. Inside was a plastic bag full of white powder and a Valentine's Day card. The white powder was determined to be crystal methamphetamine.

(U//LES) **Miami:** On 6 February 2014, local law enforcement contacted the Public Access Line to report a telephone call. An individual who had contacted the local law enforcement believed he had the plant for making the poison abrin, growing in his backyard. Abrin is a protein biotoxin derived from the seeds of the rosary pea plant, similar to ricin. The individual had seen a flier from the Florida Department of Health concerning abrin.

(U//LES) **Tampa:** On 10 February 2014, the Assistant State Attorney's Office received a letter that contained white powder. Hazmat responded and all tests came back negative for hazardous material. The letter was written in legal format to appear as legal correspondence. The letter was from an inmate at a state prison.

(U) Radiological & Nuclear

(U//LES) **Miami:** On 26 February 2014, local law enforcement responded to Miami Port of Call. During disembarking of a cruise ship a backpack was reported to have high levels of emitting radiation. The backpack contained a WWII era compass which emits iridium 226. The compass was returned to the owner who turned it over to law enforcement for disposal.

(U//LES) **New Orleans:** On 27 February 2014, an owner of a radiography business reported a suspicious interaction with a person claiming to be an FBI agent. This individual claimed to be responsible for all the radiologic material in the area, and asked to speak with the person in charge of radiologic material. The individual (who did not give his name) spoke to the owner on the phone, and asked for an email address in order to send his contact information. The local FBI RA was unable to match the description with anyone from its office.

(U//LES) **San Diego:** On 4 February 2014, a US citizen had applied for admission from Britain into the United States at San Diego's Lindbergh Airport. The subject was subsequently arrested for a felony warrant and Customs Border Protection officers discovered handwritten notes including the words: gas masks, biological, chemical, nuclear and depleted uranium. The subject also had in his possession, six credit cards under different names.

(U//LES) *Washington*: On 5 February, 2014 an identified woman called DHS seeking a US visa. The woman claimed to be “working with Iranians on atomic bombs.” The woman also claimed she is losing her permanent residence in Canada due to fraud.

(U) Critical Infrastructure

(U//LES) *Charlotte*: On 6 February 2014, local water treatment facility personnel contacted the city fire department’s Hazardous Material Unit after noticing an oily sheen on one of the treatment facility’s holding ponds. The initial test was positive for heavy metal and PCBs which resulted in a shutdown of operations. The contamination was traced to a grease containment tank behind a local grocery store.