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**(U) Reporting Trends**

**(U) Chemical**

(U//LES) **Chicago:** On 18 March 2014, a militia member claimed to have created CS gas and is storing it in the basement of his residence. The subject stated he intended to use the CS gas for militia training purposes, much like in military basic training.

(U//LES) **Houston:** On 6 March 2014, a local chemical plant was breached by an individual who was driving a vehicle and appeared disoriented. Security activated its emergency equipment to stop the individual. The individual was detained.

(U//LES) **Indianapolis:** On 1 March 2014, a man attempted to purchase five gallons of 30% hydrogen peroxide from a pool and spa business. According to this customer's purchase history and the type of pools the customer owned, it was believed the customer did not require hydrogen peroxide nor this amount. The store sold the customer only two gallons, concerned about possible uses such as methamphetamine or explosives production.

(U//LES) **Los Angeles:** On 5 March 2014, an individual opened a package with a pink decorative atomizer enclosed. The individual believed the atomizer was perfume and sprayed themselves. The individual then contacted local law enforcement and complained of irritated eyes, burning throat and eyes, and vomiting. It was determined that the atomizer contained pepper spray packaged for female consumers.

(U//LES) **Los Angeles:** On 21 March 2014, an actor received a package that was initially believed to be fan mail. The package contained several unusual objects and "smelled foul." FBI WMD and local Fire HazMat personnel responded. There were no threats in the letter but the package did contain mercury.

(U//LES) **New Orleans:** On 26 March 2014, an individual contacted the FBI Tipline to report two individuals taking pictures of a local petro-chemical facility.

(U//LES) **Newark:** On 18 March 2014, a suspicious letter was delivered to a local law firm. The letter contained a ten dollar bill with a note that read “this ten dollar bill is contaminated with some type of Nerve Agent Chemical on the bill.” Both the document and the envelope later tested negative for hazardous or chemical content.

(U//LES) **Omaha:** On 6 March 2014, a man attempted to purchase ammonium nitrate from a US business claiming it was to be used as ice melt. The subject became very irate when denied the purchase, claiming to be a former munitions expert. A search of the subject’s license plate number revealed he is a convicted felon with charges of possession of explosive material at his home.

(U//LES) **Richmond:** On 20 March 2014, an email was forwarded from the ICE Tipline concerning two individuals taking pictures of a local chemical plant.

(U//LES) **San Antonio:** On 9 March 2014, FBI received an email about an individual seeking a local source for ammonium nitrate fertilizer. This individual wanted to make a personal supply of tannerite by combining the fertilizer grade ammonium nitrate and aluminum powder.

#### **(U) Biological**

(U//LES) **Charlotte:** On 12 March 2014, local law enforcement informed the WMD Coordinator that medical vials containing “polio virus” were found abandoned at a Sheetz gas station. Upon further investigation, it was determined the vials did not contain polio or any other deadly substance. The vials were used for study purposes to test transport to improve the vial, and then improperly discarded.

(U//LES) **Chicago:** On 10 March 2014, a US business received a package originally mailed to an address in California and marked return to sender. The package contained two blank pieces of paper and a small wax envelope containing a small amount of an unknown white powder. Initial field tests were negative for hazardous material.

(U//LES) **Houston:** On 6 March 2014, a student at a local university attempted to open a restricted access door that provides access to the BSL-3 laboratory. The university police contacted the individual and the individual’s supervisor. Further investigation proved the incident to be an accident.

(U//LES) **Philadelphia:** On 18 March 2014, local police were notified that an employee at a national supermarket chain had been making claims to coworkers about planning to create ricin and poison his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend using ricin applied to a scratch-and-sniff card. Police confronted the subject and requested he come to the police station to be interviewed. Subject complied and arrived with 19 castor beans, a bottle labeled 500g of Sodium Hydroxide (NAOH) and a booklet containing a recipe for ricin.

(U//LES) **Washington, DC:** On 18 March 2014, authorities detained and interviewed a local university student after the student confessed to producing a certain amount of ricin. The student

claimed he had acquired castor beans from an agricultural business in Maryland to produce a “jewelry bag-sized” quantity in his dormitory room.

**(U) Radiological & Nuclear**

(U//LES) **Houston:** On 30 March 2014, local law enforcement stopped an individual traveling by vehicle down an access road to a nuclear power plant. The individual claimed to be checking signal strength for cell towers and asked permission to enter the facility to conduct testing. The individual was escorted offsite.

(U//LES) **Newark:** On 12 March 2014, a maintenance worker for the New Jersey Turnpike observed an unattended package on the highway shoulder. The package was reported to have radiological markings. A field screening determined the package was non-hazardous and contained an empty lead radioactive materials transport container.

**(U) Critical Infrastructure**

(U//LES) **Atlanta:** On 07 March 2014, individuals claiming association with environmental activists shut off the compression station and defaced a sign associated with the local natural gas pipeline.

(U//LES) **Boston:** On 5 March 2014, a tipster informed authorities that his friend was conducting suspicious activity with a personally owned drone. The individual allegedly attached a GoPro digital video camera to a small drone and flew it over a power plant along the Mystic River. The tipster was concerned because he understands power plants to be restricted air space and the drone supposedly has the capability to travel by waypoints and can therefore conduct surveillance.

(U//LES) **Richmond:** On 22 March 2014, local police responded to a call by security of a local power plant, where they found an individual was taking pictures.

(U//LES) **Sacramento:** On 25 March 2014, a local water treatment plant operator received a chlorine alarm. The sump pump had been turned off, and the containment area for treated water began to fill with water.