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National Issues

- **National 9/11 Memorial: OPA** – FBI Director Christopher Wray has made a visit to the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York City a required part of the curriculum for all new special agent and intelligence analyst trainees. (Story package includes two videos, multiple photos, podcast, and Director Wray's remarks from Saturday's museum visit.) (<https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/911-memorial-visit-added-to-agent-and-analyst-training-031319>)
- **FBI Radio: OPA** – "FBI, This Week" featured FBI Director Wray and an excerpt of the speech he delivered to new agent and analyst trainees who made the inaugural visit to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum. "Wanted by the FBI" highlighted the 69th anniversary of the Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list and included a soundbite from IPPAU's UC [REDACTED].
- **Trump Workers: OPA** – The Washington Post asked whether the FBI has begun an investigation into whether golf courses owned by the Trump family hired undocumented workers. OPA responded the FBI can neither confirm nor deny whether we are conducting particular investigations.
- **Art Crime: OPA** – SSA [REDACTED] was interviewed by a Georgetown University adjunct professor for a published story regarding money laundering as it relates to cultural property.

Local Stories

- **Boston** – Division continues to receive extensive media interest in Operation Varsity Blues. Numerous local and national outlets, including CNN, ABC News and USA Today, sought to confirm the Wall Street Journal's article that a parent tipster alerted them about a bribe offered by the Yale women's soccer coach. Multiple reporters also sought confirmation on the tipster's identity mentioned in the WSJ, and if the case was an offshoot of a securities fraud investigation. PAO pointed reporters back to SAC Bonavolonta's comments at Tuesday's news conference where he stated this investigation began while working an unrelated, undercover case, and declined further comment due to the ongoing investigation.
- **Buffalo** – Division PAO [REDACTED] provided an in-studio guest interview on a live morning program broadcast on a local Rochester news radio station. Topics included elder fraud, with an emphasis on confidence scams.
- **Miami** – CBS Evening News researcher requested video from a 2009 search warrant of sex offender Jeffrey Epstein's house. Division declined to comment.
- **New Orleans** – Advertising the New Orleans March 20, 2019, Diversity Agent Recruitment event, SAC [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] visited with local television stations in Baton Rouge, as well as a New Orleans radio station to promote Bureau-wide diversity initiatives, special agent employment opportunities, hiring benefits, and program information to assist applicants applying via FBIjobs.gov.
- **New Orleans** – SAC [REDACTED] was interviewed by an ABC affiliate to address potential federal violations regarding West Baton Sheriff Cazes, who transported an incarcerated sex offender/pedophile to his home for the purposes of conducting home repairs and yard work. Information was then shared with the field office that the inmate was left at the home unsupervised.

- Philadelphia – ASAC Bushner represented the Division at a joint news conference with the Berks County District Attorney's Office and USAO-EDPA announcing the indictment of eight members of a violent drug gang operating in the city of Reading.
- Salt Lake City – SAC [REDACTED] presented Pacific Island Knowledge 2 Action Resources (PIK2AR) with the 2018 Director's Community Leadership Award. [REDACTED] accepted the award on behalf of the organization, which provides domestic violence prevention, resources and education to members of Utah's Pacific Islander communities. The local FOX affiliate interviewed SAC [REDACTED] and photos were provided to other media outlets.
- Salt Lake City – Media inquired about FBI activity in Vernal, Utah, after they acquired video of law enforcement at the scene and a mobile home on fire. Flashbangs were deployed during the execution of search warrants, but it's unclear what started the fire. One person was arrested. PAO confirmed court-authorized law enforcement activity.

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