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#### **National Issues**

- **Fusion GPS: OPA** – The Daily Caller inquired about claims made in a book by the co-founders of Fusion GPS regarding the Russia investigation and Christopher Steele. OPA declined comment.
- **Jeffrey Epstein/Prince Andrew: OPA** – BBC asked if the investigation into Jeffrey Epstein and Prince Andrew's connection to him was progressing after a BBC Panorama interview with [REDACTED] aired and was posted yesterday. OPA declined to comment.
- **Jeffrey Epstein: OPA** – A Norwegian newspaper asked for comment and confirmation that the FBI is seeking [REDACTED] questioning about her relationship with Jeffrey Epstein. A Norwegian outlet reported that [REDACTED] is trying to track down information about Epstein and wanted to speak with [REDACTED]. OPA declined comment.
- **Finance Enabling Operations: OPA** – AEAD Sallet participated in a panel discussion hosted by Guidehouse and American University on Monday. He joined Samuel Grable and Trey Treadwell to discuss the unique roles of CFOs in the national security sector.

#### **Local Stories**

- **Baltimore** – SAC Boone, USAO-District of Maryland, and local, state and federal partners announced the nationwide FBI MS-13 tip line (1-866-STP-MS-13), as well as a FBI-produced Spanish-language PSA. SAC Boone also provided a quote for the DOJ press release: "MS-13 uses violence to strike fear in our communities and they count on that fear resulting in silence. We must not allow fear and silence to be weapons MS-13 is allowed to use. Please call the FBI at 1-866-STP-MS13 (1-866-787-6713). Use your voice to tell them, no more."
- **Baltimore** – Yesterday, SAC Boone provided a quote for a USAO-District of Maryland press release after a MS-13 gang member pleaded guilty to a violent federal racketeering charge, including two murders: "Taking violent offenders off the street should send a message to MS-13 members and their associates that violence and senseless murder will not be tolerated in Maryland. The FBI and our local, state and federal partners will continue to aggressively pursue MS-13 gang members wherever they surface and we are steadfast in making our communities a safe place for our citizens."

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- Dallas – Telemundo and Univision affiliates interviewed SSA Balli about the launch of a new PSA and national tip line aimed at MS-13. The Spanish language PSA features a victim of MS-13 who shares her story and encourages the public to call the tip line. SSA Balli stressed that the FBI needs the public's assistance with MS-13 and that the FBI is here to protect the public. The interviews are set to air tonight.
- El Paso – Division received a media request for an on-camera interview about the increase in gun sales and the FBI background check process. Division PAO referred reporter to ATF for gun sales.
- Pittsburgh – Local media interviewed ASAC Yarbrough about holiday scams. He discussed the types of scams the FBI sees around this time of year, what to watch out for and how to avoid being a victim. He also encouraged people to report to [www.IC3.gov](http://www.IC3.gov).
- Portland – Several outlets across the country picked up the Division's weekly PSA "Tech Tuesday" that was posted last week. The PSA covered cyber safety considerations for purchasing a new smart TV. A Bloomberg reporter called with questions; PAO suggested the reporter find an outside cyber security expert.
- Salt Lake City – Ten Utah TV, radio and print outlets interviewed SSA Collins about holiday shopping scams. He discussed some of the commonly seen scams, how consumers can protect themselves and promoted [www.IC3.gov](http://www.IC3.gov).
- Salt Lake City/Jacksonville/Denver – Division reissued a reward poster for Noel Herrera after receiving tips of unverified sightings in Colorado and Panama City Beach, Fla. Herrera is wanted for his alleged involvement in a drug-trafficking organization that operated in Montana between 2007 and 2010.
- San Diego – SAC Brunner participated in a news conference on Monday about a superseding indictment against Jihad Serwan Mostafa for conspiring to provide material support to al-Shabaab. Mostafa, a U.S. citizen, is on the FBI's Most Wanted Terrorist list. The State Department's Rewards for Justice program is offering a five million dollar reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Mostafa.
- San Diego – Division received significant local and national coverage of the public corruption case where U.S. Representative Duncan D. Hunter pleaded guilty in federal court admitting that he knowingly and willfully stole hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign funds that he and his wife used to maintain their lifestyle. A press release was issued including a quote from SAC Brunner. FBI and USAO participated in a Q&A in front of courthouse following the guilty plea hearing.
- Tampa – Division issued a press release seeking help to identify a serial bank robber also suspected in two carjackings. Several outlets interviewed PAS Aprea, as the Division is part of a multi-agency task force working the case: some interviews will run tonight. Division coordinated with Clear Channel to post wanted billboards with information for a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the identification and arrest of subject.

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