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National Issues

- **Trump/McCabe FOIA Documents: OPA** – BuzzFeed asked for comment and answers to several questions about a document they received via FOIA referencing: a tweet President Trump wrote about Andrew McCabe text messages; why the Office of the Deputy Attorney General intervened after the tweet; and how the Information Management Division handled it. OPA declined to comment.
- **Video Reconstruction: OPA** – CNN inquired into whether the video of the main hallway around Jeffrey Epstein's cell, which per the attorney was corrupted, was sent to Quantico to be reconstructed. OPA declined comment.
- **Domestic Terrorism: OPA** – A member of the Atlantic Council who is working on an Op-Ed to urge Congress to provide more resources to the FBI on domestic terrorism sought some basic information. He was under the impression DT is not a full section and OPA told him it has been a full section for a number of years. OPA also said the FBI has about 850 DT investigations out of an overall number of approximately 5,000 open terrorism investigations. The writer also was provided with recent data on the number of domestic and international terrorism arrests.
- **NTOC Uptick: OPA** – OPA continued to receive media interest in the uptick in tips to NTOC in the first week of August. OPA continued to provide the following statement: "In the first week in August, the FBI saw an increase in tips submitted to the National Threat Operations Center. Such increases are often observed after major incidents. As always, the FBI encourages the public to remain vigilant and report any and all suspicious activity to law enforcement immediately. Tips pertaining to violations of federal law or threats to national security can be submitted to the FBI by calling local Field Offices or 1-800-Call-FBI, or online at www.tips.fbi.gov."
- **Rapid DNA: OPA** – NBC News requested an interview on Rapid DNA for a still developing storyline. In lieu of an interview, OPA provided a robust statement about Rapid DNA that addressed the staff writer's questions. OPA also referred the writer to the Rapid DNA Analysis page for progress updates: <https://www.fbi.gov/services/laboratory/biometric-analysis/codis/rapid-dna>
- **Online Sexual Predators: OPA** – The Daily Caller asked for comment about the FBI's use of social media platforms like Facebook to catch sex traffickers and what Facebook can do to prevent traffickers from

targeting minors who use the website. OPA, in coordination with CID, provided a general statement without addressing specific platforms.

- QuadrigaCX: OPA – The Globe and Mail inquired about the FBI’s investigation into the QuadrigaCX cryptocurrency exchange, specifically the nature of the investigation. OPA declined comment and advised the FBI had no additional information to provide outside that which was on the webpage.

Local Stories

- Boston – SSRA ██████ participated in a roundtable discussion with area religious and community leaders as well as U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire on protecting religious institutions from terrorist attacks. New Hampshire media outlets covered the event.
- Boston – The local NPR station asked about the Division’s involvement in the upcoming “Straight Pride Parade” after seeing counter-protest related social media posts. In coordination with Boston Police Department and OPA, PAO provided the following statement: “The FBI is working with the Boston Police Department and a number of other local and state law enforcement partners to ensure the safety of all during Saturday’s event. The FBI—like our partners—is committed to addressing any threat so that those who choose to gather peacefully can speak freely and without fear. Our focus is never on a person’s membership in particular groups but on criminal activity. The FBI cannot initiate an investigation based solely on an individual’s race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, or the exercise of rights to assemble or speak.”
- Boston – Rhode Island media outlets sought clarification on whether or not Gilbert Delestre, an inmate at the Wyatt Detention Facility who died this week at a Rhode Island hospital, is the same individual who was convicted of murder in 2008. In coordination with USAO-District of Rhode Island, PAO advised that it was not the same individual and that the man who died had been arrested by the FBI’s “Safe Streets Gang Task Force” on July 2 on drug related offenses.
- Boston – Significant media coverage of actress Lori Loughlin and her fashion designer husband Massimo Gianulli’s appearances at a hearing in U.S. District Court about their choice of attorney in the college admission bribery case “Varsity Blues.”
- Cleveland – SAC ██████ provided a quote for a joint press release that announced the indictment of 15 people for their roles in a conspiracy to bring large amounts of cocaine and heroin from Mexico and California to the local area: “These 15 indicted individuals may live in our area hometowns of Canton, Massillon, Orrville and Wooster, but they had far reaching contacts that allowed them to bring dangerous illegal drugs into and across our country. The FBI and our law enforcement partners will continue to identify and disrupt drug trafficking networks distributing perilous substances in our neighborhoods.” Louis Dunson III remains at large as 14 individuals were taken into federal custody today.
- Dallas – Local Telemundo affiliate inquired about the arrest of Jose Anibal Linares. Linares is suspected of defrauding numerous victims in the local area through a Ponzi scheme. Telemundo previously aired a story two years ago regarding the scheme. PAS ██████ provided the following comment, “Jose Anibal Linares was arrested by the FBI on Sunday, August 25 at the Fort Lauderdale Airport. Mr. Linares is suspected of committing mail and wire fraud to knowingly defraud individuals who invested with his company, Inversiones JC Dallas. We ask anyone who believes they are the victim of a fraud scheme to contact the FBI or their local police department to file a report.”
- Las Vegas – ASAC ██████ participated in a news conference with the USAO-District of Nevada and announced the arrest of Colon Jackson, an enrolled member of the Ely Shoshone Tribe in northern Nevada. Jackson was indicted on August 22 and charged with first degree murder in the death of his girlfriend’s three-year old daughter. ASAC ██████ highlighted the Division’s increase in resources in northern Nevada and the importance of partnership with local and tribal partners. This investigation demonstrates the value of the Northern Nevada Indian Country Violence Reduction initiative.
- Las Vegas – SAC ██████ provided a quote for a USAO-District of Nevada press release about the sentencing of Dr. Shouping Li, 57, the former Vice Chief of Staff of Humboldt County General Hospital in Winnemucca, Nev., for overprescribing oxycodone and hydrocodone: “The accessibility of deadly drugs are a threat to our communities. Each and every day, the FBI and our partners in Nevada are working hard targeting distributors, who illegally contribute to the opioid crisis that continues to devastate communities all over the state of Nevada.”

- Pittsburgh – SAC [REDACTED] discussed hoax threats on a local radio station show. SAC [REDACTED] explained how the FBI addresses each of these threats when they come in, whether it's at the federal or state level. He also highlighted the importance of "See Something, Say Something" and then stressed the repercussions for making hoax threats.
- Pittsburgh – Division received an inquiry about whether the FBI was investigating deaths at the VA Medical Center in Clarksburg, W.Va., after a news report said a patient was the victim of homicide while in the care of the hospital. PAS referred the reporter to the USAO-District of Northern West Virginia.
- San Francisco – SAC [REDACTED] held a joint news conference with the USAO-Northern District of California and announced the indictment of former Google engineer Anthony Levandowski on 33 charges of theft of trade secrets. Levandowski allegedly stole self-driving car technology from Google and took it to Uber.

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