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(U) Terrorist Use of Self-Storage Facilities

(U//FOUO) Evidence from police investigations, foiled plots, and past terrorist attacks reveals terrorists have used commercial storage facilities, including self-storage units, to store explosives or other supplies prior to attacks. These facilities afford flexibility and some degree of cover to terrorists engaged in preoperational activities, and can be used to hide explosives and other materials with limited risk of arousing suspicion. With good operational security, terrorists can circumvent restrictions on the types of materials allowed in facilities. DHS and the FBI recommend that law enforcement establish contact with storage facilities to encourage self-storage facility employees, operators, and owners use systematic procedures for detecting and reporting signs of suspicious behavior.

(U) Potential Indicators of Suspicious Use of Storage Facilities

(U//FOUO) The following are some examples of suspicious behavior or other signs of potential terrorist activity. Please note that while all seemingly suspicious activities are not actionable, when combined or with other derogatory information, they could indicate a threat:

- (U//FOUO) Insistence on paying in cash, sometimes weeks or months in advance.
- (U//FOUO) Seemingly excessive concern about privacy.
- (U//FOUO) Visits to a storage unit late at night or at unusual times.
- (U//FOUO) Suspicious deliveries to the storage unit, particularly from chemical supply companies.
- (U//FOUO) Exhibiting nervousness or evasiveness when approached by rental employees or security personnel.
- (U//FOUO) Unusual fumes, liquids, residues, or odors emanating from units.
- (U//FOUO) Discarding of chemical containers in storage unit dumpsters.
- (U//FOUO) Stockpiling of cell phones, timers or similar electronic devices.
- (U//FOUO) Indications of burns or symptoms of exposure to chemical substances.
- (U//FOUO) Attempts to store unusual quantities of fuel, or agricultural/industrial chemicals.
- (U//FOUO) Attempts to store agricultural equipment, such as commercial sprayers.
- (U//FOUO) Attempts to store blasting caps, explosives, or fuses.

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