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Recognizing Suspicious Behavior

Signs of Criminal and Terrorist Activity

While it's impossible to tell whether a person is planning to engage in criminal or terrorist activities just by looking at them, there are definite observable signs of terrorist and criminal activity citizens should watch out for. They include:

- **Surveillance**: recording or monitoring activities, drawing diagrams, making notes on maps, using vision-enhancing devices such as binoculars, or possessing plans or blueprints of high-tech firms, government or military facilities, hotels, power facilities or roadways.
- **Elicitation:** Attempting to gather information such as security rotations and patrols, when employees come and go, and when and how deliveries are made. In a residential area, potential criminals may ask neighbors about work schedules or vacation plans.
- **Testing security:** Trying to break through physical security barriers like locked doors or fences, or attempting to gain access to a facility by circumventing metal detectors or check points.
- **Acquiring supplies**: Perpetrators may purchase or steal public safety, law enforcement or military vehicles, equipment, identification badges, uniforms or decals. They may seek explosives, weapons, ammunition, harmful chemicals, or chemical equipment.
- **Suspicious persons who don't belong:** Someone in a workplace, building, neighborhood, business or other public venue whose behavior seems suspicious because of the unusual questions they ask, the statements they make, or their demeanor.
- **Dry or trial runs:** Before carrying out the final operation or plan, some criminals and terrorists may conduct a dry run or trial run. A trial run consists of putting people and resources into position and moving them around according to the plan without actually committing the illegal act.
- **Deploying assets or getting into position:** If you see someone arranging equipment, or other suspicious supplies, or placing people at or near a target, you may only have a few seconds to report the activity to law enforcement.

Be Alert to Your Surroundings

Alert and informed citizens are frequently instrumental in deterring criminal activities.

- Pay attention to those around you.
- Be alert to suspect behavior.
- Listen to your instincts.
- Seemingly inconsequential details may provide law enforcement with critical insight.

If You See Something, Say Something

If you think something isn't right, report it to security, local police, Indiana State Police, the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center (866-400-4432) or, if you believe danger is imminent, call 911.

What to Know When Making a Report

Always remember, your safety comes first. Do not approach or otherwise attempt to interfere with suspicious individuals. If you can do so safely try to remember these details:

- Number of people involved,
- Key physical features like ethnicity, hair color, height, weight, age and other distinguishing characteristics.
- Details about any vehicles, including license plate number, make, model, color, damage or bumper stickers.