

**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: WSJ query re: school board threats memo  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Sent:** November 15, 2021 8:07 PM (UTC-05:00)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Gurman, Sadie" <sadie.gurman@wsj.com>  
**Date:** November 15, 2021 at 6:04:02 PM EST  
**To:** "Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)" (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: WSJ query re: school board threats memo

Hi, Anthony,

I just wanted to make you aware of this story we are working on -- it is primarily an FBI story, but wanted to be sure you saw the following and see if there is anything we should add on behalf of the AG or DOJ. Was he aware of this memo from Langan and does he have concerns about it? Is there anything you can say about how the bureau and DOJ are implementing the AGs Oct. 4 order?

Appreciate your help and will make sure we touch base before it runs, aiming to have it out mid morning.

Sadie Gurman  
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**Date:** Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 5:57 PM  
**Subject:** WSJ query re: school board threats memo  
**To:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

Hi, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

I am hoping you might be able to help me out with this one, which came to my attention only a little while ago. We are aiming to run a story on this by 11 or so tomorrow am., so aiming for a 9 or 10 am deadline for comment if possible.

An FBI employee has expressed concern to lawmakers about the way the FBI is implementing the AG's school board threats memo. At issue appears to be a directive sent by Timothy Langan and Calvin

Shivers asking that all investigations and assessments be flagged with a "threat tag" that the person says suggests the bureau is collecting information on parents who voice concerns at school board meetings.

\_What is a threat tag, and how often are they used?

\_Can you explain why the FBI created a threat tag called "EDUOFFICIALS" and how often has it been used? Is there even a rough number you can provide to show how many of these investigations have been initiated?

\_Why is this memo being issued by the counterterrorism AD? Asked by lawmakers last week, Langan said the bureau does not view parents expressing heated rhetoric as domestic terrorists. But his signature on this memo seems to blur that line. Any thoughts on that?

\_ Is there anything else you can say about how the bureau is implementing the AG's Oct. 4 memo?

Will touch base by phone but wanted to get this to you in writing so you could see what we are looking at.

Sadie Gurman

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Guidance to USAOs and Next TF Meeting  
**To:** (b)(6) per CRT (CRT); (b)(6) per CRT (CRT); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA (USAEO); (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO); (b) (6) (OJP/OVC); (b) (6) (OJP); (b) (6) (JMD); (b) (6) (CRS); (b) (6) (CRS); (b) (6) (CRS); (b) (6) (CRM); (b) (6) (CRM); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CID) (FBI); (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)  
**Cc:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** October 20, 2021 2:01 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Guidance on Implementing the Attorney Generals Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators Board Members Teachers and Staff.pdf

TF,

With thanks to all of you for hustling to get this out of the door, here is the guidance just sent to the USAOs.

I'd like to schedule our next meeting for this TF for Tuesday of next week. I will check calendars to try and find the best time for the group. As we approach that meeting, we should continue to move forward on our other action items.

1. (b) (5) [Redacted]
2. (b) (5) [Redacted]
3. (b) (5) [Redacted]
4. (b) (5) [Redacted]

Please let me know if there is any additional information we would like to add to the next meeting.

Best,  
Kevin

**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft EOUSA Release  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** October 17, 2021 5:20 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Draft Talking Points for AG Testimony (School Boards).docx

Tamarra,

Not sure if you guys are compiling TPs, but since I saw that CRM sent something around related to (b) (5), I thought I'd take a stab at something for your team to use on the School Board Threats front.

(b) (6) but can link up as soon as I get back to DC.

Kevin

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 17, 2021 12:31 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Draft EOUSA Release

Hi - (b) (6)

We are working on edits to the draft. Klapper wanted me to confirm - What is the timeline for getting this out?

On Oct 16, 2021, at 7:33 AM, Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) wrote:

Good point. Let's discuss (b) (6), but can talk after. Agree with adding more about (b) (5).

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 15, 2021, at 6:20 PM, Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) wrote:

One thing that I expect will come up. We'll want to emphasize that (b) (5)

Thanks again for all of your hard work on this! T

On Oct 15, 2021, at 4:30 PM, Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) wrote:

Thanks Kevin -  
I will take a look. Should we pick a time to discuss sometime tomorrow?

On Oct 15, 2021, at 3:48 PM, Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) wrote:

Tamarra,

Attached for OAG review is a draft communication to USAOs re the format and focus of upcoming meetings related to school board threats.

Please let us know if there are any revisions to this document and we would be happy to incorporate.

Best,

Kevin

<Draft EOUSA School Threats Guidance Memo (Draft to OAG) (10-15-21).docx>

OFFICER MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ROUNDTABLE

October 14, 2021

Possible Questions from Law Enforcement

Scoped Out Per Agreement - Also (b)(5)

5. Tell us more about the Department's recent memorandum related to helping schools with threats?

The Department asked the FBI and the U.S. Attorneys to convene discussions with federal, state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement to address threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff within 30 days of the issuance of the memorandum. (I believe (b) (5)

, it's possible that (b) (5). We have also convened a Task Force in DC to:

**DRAFT - DELIBERATIVE PROCESS**

- (1) determine how federal enforcement tools can be best used to prosecute threat of violence that constitute federal crimes;
- (2) identify how best to assist state, tribal, territorial and local law enforcement in addressing threats of violence;
- (3) develop appropriate training for school administrators, board members, teachers and staff regarding how to identify, report, and preserve evidence related to criminal threats of violence; and
- (4) coordinate with our interagency partners, (b) (5), on these efforts and sharing strategies and best practices.

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**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
**Subject:** FW: FOR YOUR REVIEW: Weekly email to reporters  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Cc:** Iverson, Dena (PAO); Bradford, Aryele (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 8, 2021 4:38 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** 10.8 Draft Email to Reporters.docx

Bumping this up for your review.

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**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 8, 2021 12:25 PM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Bradford, Aryele (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FOR YOUR REVIEW: Weekly email to reporters

Anthony – weekly email attached and below. (b) (5)

Let me know your thoughts/edits.

Thanks,  
Alivia

**Body:**

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**“Congress must act now to restore the Voting Rights Act to prevent us from backsliding into a nation where millions of citizens, particularly citizens of color, find it difficult to register, cast their ballot and elect candidates of their choice. The Justice Department welcomes this opportunity to work with Congress to revive this bedrock civil rights law.”** [Read Assistant Attorney General Clarke’s entire opening statement.](#)

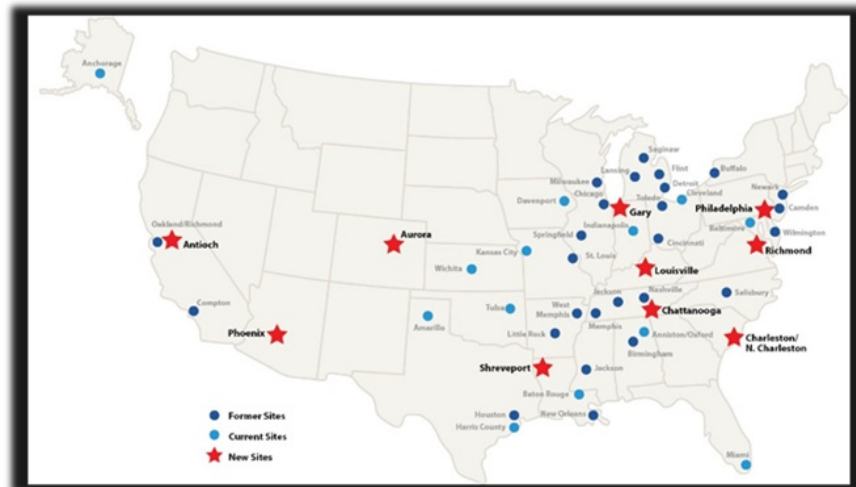
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On September 30, 2021, the U.S. Senate confirmed Clifford D. Johnson to be the first African American to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana and Erik L. Barron to be the first African American to serve as the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland. Attorney Johnson was [sworn](#) in on Wednesday and Attorney Barron was [sworn](#) in on Thursday.



Clifford D. Johnson



Erik L. Barron

Source: *Baltimore Sun*

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**10/8/21**

**Subject Line:** Your U.S. Department of Justice Weekly Recap

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As board Chairwoman Mary Martin sought to quiet her and move the meeting along, Bessette proceeded over her objections to read a Bible verse that proclaimed “whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”

“You are responsible for all your decisions,” Bessette warned board members as she walked away to the applause of a few of supporters in the library at Poland Regional High School.

She said Wednesday that she meant that “at the end, everyone will be held responsible before God” for “horrible choices” like the one to require masks that she thinks are “muzzling these kids.”

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Of the seven school districts in the two U.P. counties, only one previously had a mask mandate. After the school board for the Norway-Vulcan Area Schools voted 5-2 to require masks for elementary students, there was a death threat against a school board member on social media

“You can’t print exactly what it said, but leaving out the curse words and the Nazis, it said, ‘We need to find out where this board member lives and go there and bring a rope,’” said Norway-Vulcan Superintendent Lou Steigerwald. “We called the police and the person took down the post.”

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WASHINGTON (7News) — Loudoun County School Board vice chair Atoosa Reaser shared a disturbing, racist death threat she received with her Facebook followers Thursday, adding that she wants to be transparent about the amount of hate that exists within the community.

“While many of us have received hate messages since taking office, I have only recently started sharing them because I realize the public needs to know and

understand that every bit of hate and anger we stoke feeds into the problem," she wrote.

A screenshot of the message she said she received started off like this: *"Don't be surprised when you low-IQ, poorly educated, and morally bankrupt pinko traitors are dragged from your beds in the middle of the night and hanged by the neck until dead by the righteously angry parents of your community."*

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<https://community99.com/death-threat-disturbing-images-sent-to-hackensack-school-board-members-pa-up-for-re-election/?fr=operanews>

Captain Darrin DeWitt, the department's officer in charge, said city detectives are drawing sources of letters sent to neighbors Michael Oates and Scott James-Vickery. They have the assistance of Bergen County law enforcement partners.

"You will be taken by vote or by force," the post says.

Neither Oates nor James-Vickery are up for re-election, nor have they recently been involved in any particularly controversial decision. Although there have been public exchanges between board members and teachers' union representatives, these are "a normal incident and nothing out of the ordinary," a police report says.

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<https://www.wccbcharlotte.com/2021/10/06/stanly-county-board-chair-resigns-after-receiving-death-threats/>

# Stanly County Board Chair Resigns After Receiving Death Threats

October 6, 2021

Samantha Gilstrap

STANLY CO., N.C. — After a tense school board meeting Tuesday night, board chairman [Jeff Chance](#) announced his resignation effective immediately after revealing his life had been threatened.

*“At this time, I hereby resign from the board of education effective immediately,” Chance said, before making a motion that the board adjourn.*

His resignation came after board members discussed why the venue for the meeting has been changed from its usual location in the spacious Gene McIntyre Meeting Room to the much smaller staff development room, where the public was not allowed in except to briefly speak during public comments.

*“We have to do everything we can to ensure the public has access to these things,” said board member [Anthony Graves](#) who, along with board member Bill Sorenson, took issue with the board not allowing the public in-person access to the meeting.*

Graves said he first found out about the change in location on Sunday and thought it had changed due to some sort of threat that was conveyed to board members or school faculty, but that was not the case.

Graves then reached out to the central office on Monday, where he was told that Chance has made the decision to move the meeting out of an abundance of caution.

During Tuesday’s meeting, Chance revealed he had received death threats over the past few months, during a time where the board voted to require masks in schools which was heavily unpopular with large parts of the community.

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<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-10-05/covid-vaccine-mask-fury-shakes-up-california-schools>

This summer, Gibson started as superintendent for the Amador County Unified School District. Just before school started, things looked bright: Coronavirus case numbers were down, [California was reopening](#) and [masks were coming off](#). But she soon realized that as the Delta variant emerged, masks, testing and quarantines would once again be required. That meant trouble.

“I was feeling PTSD,” said Gibson, 45, said from her office in Jackson. “Not much rattles me. I can go with the punches, I can be screamed at, I can have complete chaos erupt and am like, ‘We’ve got this.’ ... But I said, ‘This is going to be a really rough year.’”

Anti-maskers have emailed her death threats. In late September, police came to one of her schools after a family directed their child to attend class unmasked and refused to leave until authorities were called.

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<https://www.rgj.com/story/news/2021/09/08/school-official-gets-death-threats-after-covid-19-vaccination-vote/5774510001/>

LAS VEGAS — The president of the school board for metro Las Vegas says she's received death threats since the district approved a requirement for employees to get COVID-19 vaccinations.

Clark County School District Board of Trustees President Linda Cavazos said on Twitter that the threats had "very disturbing images" but that she and her colleagues were continuing to do their jobs, KVVU-TV reported Wednesday.

**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers  
**To:** Catherine Milhoan  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI)  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 5:32 PM (UTC-04:00)

Cathy – Here’s our push back points on the AG memo from the onslaught today:

“There has been misinformation circulated that the Attorney General’s directive is an effort to silence those with particular views about COVID-related policies, school curricula, or other topics of public discussion. This is simply not true. As stated clearly in the Attorney General’s guidance to the FBI and United States Attorney’s Offices, the Department’s efforts are about rooting out criminal threats of violence, not about any particular ideology.”

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**From:** Catherine Milhoan (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 9:07 PM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

Anthony and Wyn,  
Good evening. We had no visibility on the release of this statement. I checked with our operational folks and they too had no visibility that a statement would be issued.

Cathy

Cathy Milhoan  
Assistant Director  
FBI Office of Public Affairs  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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## The United States Department of Justice

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[WWW.JUSTICE.GOV/NEWS](http://WWW.JUSTICE.GOV/NEWS)

October 4, 2021

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**Note:** Read the Attorney General's memorandum [here](#).



## Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

WASHINGTON – Citing an increase in harassment, intimidation and threats of violence against school board members, teachers and workers in our nation’s public schools, today Attorney General Merrick B. Garland directed the FBI and U.S. Attorneys’ Offices to meet in the next 30 days with federal, state, tribal, territorial and local law enforcement leaders to discuss strategies for addressing this disturbing trend. These sessions will open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment and response by law enforcement.

“Threats against public servants are not only illegal, they run counter to our nation’s core values,” wrote Attorney General Garland. “Those who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring that our children receive a proper education in a safe environment deserve to be able to do their work without fear for their safety.”

According to the Attorney General’s memorandum, the Justice Department will launch a series of additional efforts in the coming days designed to address the rise in criminal conduct directed toward school personnel. Those efforts are expected to include the creation of a task force, consisting of representatives from the department’s Criminal Division, National Security Division, Civil Rights Division, the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, the FBI, the Community Relations Service and the Office of Justice Programs, to determine how federal enforcement tools can be used to prosecute these crimes, and ways to assist state, Tribal, territorial and local law enforcement where threats of violence may not constitute federal crimes.

The Justice Department will also create specialized training and guidance for local school boards and school administrators. This training will help school board members and other potential victims understand the type of behavior that constitutes threats, how to report threatening conduct to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, and how to capture and preserve evidence of threatening conduct to aid in the investigation and prosecution of these crimes.

Threats of violence against school board members, officials, and workers in our nation’s public schools can be reported by the public to the FBI’s National Threat Operations Center (NTOC) via its national tip line (1-800-CALL-FBI) and online through the FBI website (<http://fbi.gov/tips>). To ensure that threats are communicated to the appropriate authorities, NTOC will direct credible threats to FBI field offices, for coordination with the U.S. Attorney’s Office and law enforcement partners as appropriate. Reporting threats of violence through NTOC will help the federal government identify increased threats in specific jurisdictions as well as coordinated widespread efforts to intimidate educators and education workers.

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**Subject:** FW: Letter  
**To:** Newman, David A. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** October 8, 2021 4:04 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** 2021.10.08 -- Letter -- Re Oct. 4 Memorandum.pdf

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**From:** Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 8, 2021 3:36 PM  
**To:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)(b) (6); Lin, Frank (ODAG)(b) (6); Brockman, Audrey (ODAG)(b) (6)  
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Let me know if you will provide or if I should (or if Audrey - copied) should include in the weekend book!

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**Anita M. Singh**  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General  
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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI  
**Subject:** FBI Component Report  
**To:** Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO)  
**Cc:** Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 8, 2021 3:21 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** FBI\_ComponentReport 10-08-2021 - Copy.docx

Good Afternoon,

Hope this finds you both well! Just sending over the Component Report, please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

Public Affairs Specialist  
National Press Office

(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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DOJ Law Enforcement Component Report

Oct. 8, 2021

FBI

Contact: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

## Stories

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- [FOX News: Continued Coverage of Reactions to the DOJ's Directive for the FBI](#)  
FBI to respond to threats against educators. According to the article, Republican members of the Senate Judiciary Committee sent a letter on Thursday to Attorney General Merrick Garland calling on him to tell Americans that the Justice Department will not and should not attempt to silence people who vocalize opposition to their state and local school board policies.

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- [Washington Post: Continued Coverage of AG Garland's Directive for FBI to Address 'Increase in Harassment' of School Officials](#)

Attorney General Garland ordered the FBI to work with local leaders nationwide to help address what he called a “disturbing spike in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence” against educators and school board members over highly politicized issues such as mask mandates and interpretations of critical race theory.

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**Inquiries**

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- *Fox News* asked if the FBI or other agencies have set up a task force to discuss threats to school officials with state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners. OPA referred to DOJ.

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats  
**To:** Polite, Kenneth (CRM); McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM); Clarke, Kristen (CRT); Moosy, Robert (CRT); Greenberg, Jay (CID) (FBI); Langan, Timothy R. Jr. (CTD) (FBI); Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI); Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO); Wong, Norman (USAEO); Lesko, Mark (NSD); Toscas, George (NSD); Wiegmann, Brad (NSD); Ratliff, Gerri L (JMD); Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC); Monroe, Becky (OASG); Solomon, Amy (OJP)  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. (ODAG); Braden, Myesha (ODAG); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** October 8, 2021 2:32 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks to those who have provided names for their component designees. If you have not yet provided names, please forward along as soon as practicable. Many thanks.

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 9:03 AM  
**To:** Polite, Kenneth (CRM) (b) (6); McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6); Clarke, Kristen (CRT) (b) (6); Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6); Greenberg, Jay (CID) (FBI) (b) (6); (b) (7) (E) per FBI; Langan, Timothy R. Jr. (CTD) (FBI) (b) (6); (b) (7) (E) per FBI; Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI) (b) (6); (b) (7) (E) per FBI; Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) (b) (6), (b) (7) (C) per EOUSA; Wong, Norman (USAEO) (b) (6), (b) (7) (C) per EOUSA; Lesko, Mark (NSD) (b) (6); Toscas, George (NSD) (b) (6); Wiegmann, Brad (NSD) (b) (6); Ratliff, Gerri L (JMD) (b) (6); Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC) (b) (6); Monroe, Becky (OASG) (b) (6); Solomon, Amy (OJP) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6); Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

To: CRM, CRT, FBI, EOUSA, NSD, OJP and CRS

As announced in the Attorney General's Memorandum of October 4, 2021, the Department is taking steps to combat the uptick in unlawful threats of violence against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff. One of those steps is the establishment of a Departmental task force charged with:

- (1) determining how federal enforcement tools can be used to prosecute threat of violence that constitute federal crimes;
- (2) identifying how best to assist state, tribal, territorial and local law enforcement in addressing threats of violence;
- (3) developing appropriate training for school administrators, board members, teachers and staff regarding how to identify, report, and preserve evidence related to criminal threats of violence; and
- (4) coordinating with our interagency partners, (b) (5), on these efforts and sharing strategies and best practices.

Your components have been selected to serve on this task force. Please designate at least two people who can represent your component on this task force, each of whom should have authority to make decisions in principle on your behalf. Please send me the names of your component's representatives by noon on Friday, October 8, 2021. I will be in touch first thing next week to set up our initial meeting.

Thank you so much for your attention to these important issues.

Kevin Andrew Chambers (he/him/his)  
Associate Deputy Attorney General  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General

(b) (6)  
(b) (6)

**From:** Moosy, Robert (CRT)  
**Subject:** RE: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** October 14, 2021 11:31 AM (UTC-04:00)

Great, just wanted to be sure!

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 9:44 AM  
**To:** Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

Oh yeah. (b)(6) per CRT have been very much engaged. There is clearly very limited CRT equities here, but they've both been helpful in going through the analysis.

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**From:** Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 9:35 AM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

Did CRT get back to you on this?

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 8, 2021 2:32 PM  
**To:** Polite, Kenneth (CRM) (b) (6); McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6)  
Clarke, Kristen (CRT) (b) (6); Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6); Greenberg, Jay  
(CID) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Langan, Timothy R. Jr. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI)  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA; Wong, Norman (USAEO)  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA; Lesko, Mark (NSD) (b) (6); Toscas, George (NSD)  
(b) (6); Wiegmann, Brad (NSD) (b) (6); Ratliff, Gerri L (JMD)  
(b) (6); Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC) (b) (6); Monroe,  
Becky (OASG) (b) (6); Solomon, Amy (OJP) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6); Braden, Myesha (ODAG)  
(b) (6); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

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**From:** Navas, Nicole (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Fred Lucas Lucas - The Daily Signal in ref AG memo to Address Threats Against School Officials and Teachers  
**To:** Blevins, Danielle (PAO); Bradford, Aryele (PAO)  
**Cc:** Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 8, 2021 11:35 AM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** [EXTERNAL] Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers.eml

This is CRT and OAG. Added Anthony FSA and Kendall to flag for CRT. Kendall, please cc me when you flag for CRT seeking concurrence that we not comment beyond our attached press release and memo.

Thank you,

Nicole Navas Oxman  
Senior Communications Advisor for International Law Enforcement/Spokesperson  
U.S. Department of Justice  
(b) (6)  
(b) (6)  
@USDOJ\_Intl

-----Original Message-----

From: Blevins, Danielle (PAO) (b) (6)  
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 11:03 AM  
To: Bradford, Aryele (PAO) (b) (6)  
Cc: Navas, Nicole (PAO) (b) (6)  
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Fred Lucas Lucas - The Daily Signal

Duplicative Material, Document ID: 0.7.1451.5190

**From:** Hyun, Peter (OASG)  
**Subject:** FW: School Board memo letters  
**To:** Gupta, Vanita (OASG); Colangelo, Matthew (OASG)  
**Sent:** October 7, 2021 9:40 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** SJC to DOJ re Schools (21.10.07).pdf, Buck.incoming.ltr.10.5.2021.pdf, Hawley.incoming.ltr.10.5.2021.pdf, Roy.incoming.ltr.10.7.2021.pdf, McClain.incoming.ltr.10.7.2021.pdf, Foxx.incoming.ltr.10.7.2021.pdf, Garland Letter CRT 10.7.21.pdf, Sasse.incoming.ltr.10.7.2021.pdf

FYI incoming from OLA.

**Peter S. Hyun** | Chief of Staff  
Office of the Associate Attorney General  
(b) (6)  
Desk: (b) (6)  
Cell: (b) (6)

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**From:** Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 6:59 PM  
**To:** Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Lewis, Megan (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)  
(b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
(b) (6); Calce, Christina M. (OLA) (b) (6); Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA)  
(b) (6); Antell, Kira M. (OLA) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** School Board memo letters

Duplicative Material, Document ID: 0.7.1451.46087

**From:** Colangelo, Matthew (OASG)  
**Subject:** FW: OLA incoming congressional correspondence 10/7/2021  
**To:** Vanita Gupta (OASG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** October 7, 2021 7:05 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Roy.incoming.ltr.10.7.2021.pdf, McClain.incoming.ltr.10.7.2021.pdf, Foxx.incoming.ltr.10.7.2021.pdf, Sasse.incoming.ltr.10.7.2021.pdf, Grassley.incoming.ltr.10.7.2021.pdf

Looks like these are all on the school boards letter.

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**From:** Schwartz, Leah F. (OLA) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 6:11 PM  
**To:** Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6); Colangelo, Matthew (OASG)  
(b) (6); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6); Hyun, Peter (OASG)  
(b) (6); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6); Lewis, Megan (ODAG)  
(b) (6); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) (b) (6); Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6);  
Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) (b) (6); Calce, Christina M. (OLA)  
(b) (6); Antell, Kira M. (OLA) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** OLA incoming congressional correspondence 10/7/2021

Duplicative Material, Document ID 0.7.1451.21445

**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** FBI Reach out  
**To:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** October 7, 2021 1:37 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Re\_ Threats to School Boards.eml, Re\_ Threats to School Boards (1).eml, Re\_ Draft Documents to be Circulated Later Today.eml, school board threats.eml, RE\_ IMPORTANT\_ Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators , Board Members, Teachers, and Staff.eml, Threats to School Boards.eml, RE\_ Threats to School Boards (2).eml, RE\_ Threats to School Boards (3).eml, Re\_ Threats to School Boards (4).eml, RE\_ Threats to School Boards (5).eml, FOR REVIEW\_ Draft Documents Re\_ School Board Threats.eml, RE\_ FOR REVIEW\_ Draft Documents Re\_ School Board Threats.eml

Here are the (many) message sent.

**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: Draft Documents Re: School Board Threats  
**To:** Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI); McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM); Moosy, Robert (CRT); Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO); Toscas, George (NSD); Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC); Tarasca, James A. (CTD) (FBI); Blue, Matt (NSD); Langan, Timothy R. Jr. (CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI); Vorndran, Kevin (CTD) (FBI); Lesko, Mark (NSD); Wiegmann, Brad (NSD); Driscoll, Kevin (CRM); Rossi, Rachel (OASG); Monroe, Becky (OASG); Wong, Norman (USAEO)  
**Cc:** Carlin, John P. (ODAG); Braden, Myesha (ODAG); Newman, David A. (ODAG); Lan, Iris (ODAG)  
**Sent:** October 2, 2021 4:02 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Draft School Board Threats Response Strategy (10.2.21).docx, DRAFT AG MEMO TO USAOs AND SACs (10.2.21).docx, NSBA Letter to President Biden Concerning Threats to Public Schools and School Board Members.pdf

**DRAFT/DELIBERATIVE/PREDECISIONAL**

All,

Attached are two documents proposing Department responses (b) (5)

**Draft AG Memo to USAOs and SACs – draft guidance to USAOs and SACs (b) (5)**

**Components Affected: (b) (5)**

**Draft School Board Threats Response Strategy – (b) (5)**

**Components Affected: (b) (5)**

The timeline on these documents is short, but we want to provide awareness to your components and give potentially affected components the opportunity to voice views/red-flag concerns.

Best,  
Kevin

Kevin Andrew Chambers (he/him/his)  
Associate Deputy Attorney General  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General

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(b) (6)

**From:** Steven Jensen  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Documents to be Circulated Later Today  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM); Moossy, Robert (CRT); Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO); Toscas, George (NSD); Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC); Tarasca, James A. (CTD) (FBI); Blue, Matt (NSD); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Braden, Myesha (ODAG); Newman, David A. (ODAG); Lan, Iris (ODAG); Langan, Timothy R. Jr. (CTD) (FBI); Vorndran, Kevin (CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** October 2, 2021 12:11 PM (UTC-04:00)

+Ad Langan, DADs Vorndran and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 2, 2021, 11:58 AM  
**To:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM); Moossy, Robert (CRT); Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO); Toscas, George (NSD) (JMD); Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC); Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI); Tarasca, James A. (CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI); Blue, Matt (NSD) (JMD)  
**Cc:** Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (JMD); Newman, David A. (ODAG) (JMD); Lan, Iris (ODAG) (JMD)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Draft Documents to be Circulated Later Today

All,

Later today I will be circulating a couple documents (b) (5). I want to flag for your attention so that you can prepare to review them later today for any red-flag concerns.

**Document 1** (primarily (b) (5)) will be a draft memo from the AG to the field (b) (5).

**Document 2** will be a narrative document that sets forth certain steps that the Department may take to address threats against school administrators and officials. Possibilities include (b) (5).

I've spoken to some, but not all of you, on these issues. If others in your components need to review the documents when they come in, please forward this email (and the documents later today) to their attention.

With apologies for the Saturday fire drill,  
Kevin



**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: Draft Documents Re: School Board Threats  
**To:** Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI); McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM); Moosy, Robert (CRT); Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO); Toscas, George (NSD); Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC); Tarasca, James A. (CTD) (FBI); Blue, Matt (NSD); Langan, Timothy R. Jr. (CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI); Vorndran, Kevin (CTD) (FBI); Lesko, Mark (NSD); Wiegmann, Brad (NSD); 'Driscoll, Kevin (CRM)'; Rossi, Rachel (OASG); Monroe, Becky (OASG); Wong, Norman (USAEO)  
**Cc:** Braden, Myesha (ODAG); Newman, David A. (ODAG); Lan, Iris (ODAG)  
**Sent:** October 3, 2021 7:27 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** DRAFT AG MEMO TO USAOs AND SACs (10.3.21) (b) (5) .docx

Team,

FYI, the proposed memo to USAOs and SACs is now (b) (5) . Draft attached.

Best,  
Kevin

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 2, 2021 4:02 PM  
**To:** Steven Jensen (b)(6), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6); Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6); Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA; Toscas, George (NSD) (b) (6); Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC) (b) (6); Tarasca, James A. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Blue, Matt (NSD) (b) (6); Langan, Timothy R. Jr. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Vorndran, Kevin (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Lesko, Mark (NSD) (b) (6); Wiegmann, Brad (NSD) (b) (6); Driscoll, Kevin (CRM) (b) (6); Rossi, Rachel (OASG) (b) (6); Monroe, Becky (OASG) (b) (6); Wong, Norman (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA  
**Cc:** Carlin, John P. (ODAG) (b) (6); Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6); Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6); Lan, Iris (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: Draft Documents Re: School Board Threats

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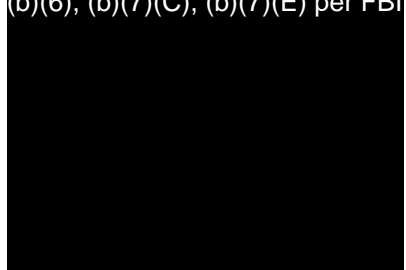
**From:** Jay Greenberg  
**Subject:** RE: IMPORTANT: Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators , Board Members, Teachers, and Staff  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Peeples, Carlton L. (INSD) (FBI); Tarasca, James A. (CTD) (FBI); Langan, Timothy R. Jr. (CTD) (FBI); Cohen, Brian M. (CID) (FBI); Coakley, Miriam M. (OGC) (FBI); Kelly, Stephen D. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 6:03 PM (UTC-04:00)  
Kevin - thank you for this. We look forward to further engagement on this tomorrow morning.

Regards,

Jay

Deputy Assistant Director  
Public Corruption and Civil Rights  
Financial Crimes

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI



-----Original Message-----

**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:27 PM  
**To:** Greenberg, Jay (CID) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW: IMPORTANT: Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators , Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

As discussed

**From:** Steven Jensen  
**Subject:** Re: Threats to School Boards  
**To:** (b)(6) per NSD (NSD); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. (ODAG); Blue, Matt (NSD); Toscas, George (NSD); Lan, Iris (ODAG); Tarasca, James A. (CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** October 1, 2021 8:36 PM (UTC-04:00)

(b)(6) per NSD

(b)(5) per FBI

Steve

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**From:** (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 1, 2021 7:41:08 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (JMD) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Newman, David A. (ODAG) (JMD)  
(b) (6); Blue, Matt (NSD) (JMD) (b) (6); Toscas, George (NSD) (JMD)  
(b) (6); Lan, Iris (ODAG) (JMD) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Re: Threats to School Boards

Kevin,

Steve and I conferred on this matter this afternoon.

(b)(5) per FBI

Steve — did I get that right?

(b)(6) per NSD

(b)(6) per NSD

U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6)

On Oct 1, 2021, at 7:04 PM, Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

Checking to see you have any feedback about FBI's capabilities in this area. DOJ may need to make a public statement tomorrow.

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**From:** (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, October 1, 2021 2:39 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6); Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6); Blue, Matt (NSD) (b) (6)  
Toscas, George (NSD) (b) (6); Lan, Iris (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Threats to School Boards

Kevin,

I will confer with Steve on this right away.

(b)(6) per NSD

(b)(6) per NSD

U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 1, 2021 2:00 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) (b) (6); Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6); Blue, Matt (NSD) (b) (6)  
Toscas, George (NSD) (b) (6); Lan, Iris (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Threats to School Boards  
**Importance:** High

(b)(6) per NSD

and Steve,

Good afternoon, David Newman suggested that I reach out to you.

Leadership has asked me to reach out to the FBI regarding a request from a national school board association for assistance in dealing with the recent spate of threats occurring at school board meetings, often related to the imposition of COVID-19 vaccine or mask mandates. NSBA letter attached to this email. Link to [article here](#).

We realize that many of these threats are local in nature and may not obviously implicate federal laws (especially when they do not involve the mail or wires), but we are nonetheless interested in understanding how FBI can

1. (b) (5)
2. (b) (5)
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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Threats to School Boards  
**To:** Toscas, George (NSD); Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) per NSD (NSD); Newman, David A. (ODAG); Blue, Matt (NSD); Lan, Iris (ODAG); Tarasca, James A. (CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** October 2, 2021 11:47 AM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks, George:

Unclear whether a public statement will be made today, but I will be circulating a couple documents later today regarding possible proposals to address these threats to provide awareness to components and get any red flag comments back.

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**From:** Toscas, George (NSD) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 1, 2021 8:53 PM  
**To:** Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**cc:** (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) (b) (6); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6); Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6); Blue, Matt (NSD) (b) (6); Lan, Iris (ODAG) (b) (6); Tarasca, James A. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** Re: Threats to School Boards

Kevin: What kind of public statement do you think will be made? I will defer to the FBI on the answers to your original questions, but just wanted to flag that (b) (5) [redacted]. And, of course, with respect to (b) (5) [redacted], we also defer to the Bureau on those questions.

(b) (5)

On Oct 1, 2021, at 8:36 PM, Steven Jensen (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI wrote:

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**From:** Steven Jensen  
**Subject:** Re: Threats to School Boards  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) per NSD (NSD); Newman, David A. (ODAG); Blue, Matt (NSD); Toscas, George (NSD); Lan, Iris (ODAG); Tarasca, James A. (CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** October 1, 2021 9:34 PM (UTC-04:00)

NTOC processes tips from the tipline (1800callfbi) as well as online tips.

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 1, 2021 9:13:28 PM  
**To:** Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) (JMD) (b) (6) Newman, David A. (ODAG) (JMD)  
(b) (6); Blue, Matt (NSD) (JMD) (b) (6); Toscas, George (NSD) (JMD)  
(b) (6) Lan, Iris (ODAG) (JMD) (b) (6); Tarasca, James A. (CTD) (FBI)  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Re: Threats to School Boards

Does this include calls to 1-800-CALL-FBI?

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Threats to School Boards  
**To:** (b)(6) per NSD (NSD); Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. (ODAG); Blue, Matt (NSD); Toscas, George (NSD); Lan, Iris (ODAG)  
**Sent:** October 1, 2021 2:40 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thank you both. Once you've been able to do that, we can set up a call to discuss.

Best,  
Kevin

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**From:** (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 1, 2021 2:39 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6); Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6); Blue, Matt (NSD) (b) (6); Toscas, George (NSD) (b) (6); Lan, Iris (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Threats to School Boards

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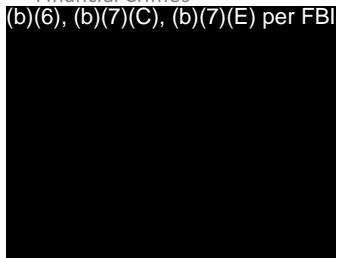
**From:** Jay Greenberg  
**Subject:** school board threats  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 5:20 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hi Kevin – I have been brought in on some recent conversations regarding threats to school board officials and contemplated paths forward. Can you call my cell (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI to discuss when you have a chance to discuss? Thanks.

Jay

Deputy Assistant Director  
Public Corruption and Civil Rights  
Financial Crimes

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI





**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats  
**To:** Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO)  
**Sent:** October 7, 2021 12:36 PM (UTC-04:00)

This looks good to me, Monty.

Could I get 2 minutes related to this item when you have a chance? (b) (6)

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**From:** Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 11:06 AM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6); Wong, Norman (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA  
**Subject:** RE: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

Kevin and Norm-I drafted the following. Before I hit send, any questions/comments/suggested edits? Thanks, M

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(b) (5)  
[Redacted]

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 9:17 AM  
**To:** Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA  
**Cc:** Wong, Norman (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA  
**Subject:** RE: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

Great. On two, please feel free to (b) (5)  
[Redacted]. Thanks.

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**From:** Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 9:14 AM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Wong, Norman (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA  
**Subject:** RE: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

Good morning, Kevin-

With respect to (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)  
[Redacted]

With respect to #2, (b) (5)  
[Redacted]

Please let us know what you think.

Thanks,  
Monty

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 8:50 AM  
**To:** Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA  
**Cc:** Wong, Norman (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA  
**Subject:** RE: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

Thanks, Monty. A couple questions:

1. (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ?
2. (b) (5) . I think (b) (5) , but wanted to see if you have a different view.

Many thanks, guys.

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**From:** Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 10:11 AM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

Kevin-  
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA and (b)(6) per EOUSA will represent EOUSA on the Task Force.  
Please let us know if you have any questions.  
Thanks,  
Monty

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 9:03 AM  
**To:** Polite, Kenneth (CRM) (b) (6); McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6); Clarke, Kristen (CRT) (b) (6); Moossy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6); Greenberg, Jay (CID) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Langan, Timothy R. Jr. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA; Wong, Norman (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA; Lesko, Mark (NSD) (b) (6); Toscas, George (NSD) (b) (6); Wiegmann, Brad (NSD) (b) (6); Ratliff, Gerri L (JMD) (b) (6); Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC) (b) (6); Monroe, Becky (OASG) (b) (6); Solomon, Amy (OJP) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6); Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: Fox News Question -  
**To:** Gibson, Jake  
**Sent:** October 7, 2021 11:33 AM (UTC-04:00)

Not yet

On Oct 7, 2021, at 11:27 AM, Gibson, Jake (b) (6) wrote:

Has that task force been stood up already?

On Oct 6, 2021, at 4:51 PM, Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

Hey Jake,

The task force will be DOJ lead and will consist of certain DOJ components. From the memo: department's Criminal Division, National Security Division, Civil Rights Division, the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, the FBI, the Community Relations Service and the Office of Justice Programs

On Oct 6, 2021, at 4:36 PM, Gibson, Jake (b) (6) wrote:

FBI kicking to DOJ.  
Do you have anything on this?

Thanks very much,

-Jake

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 4:20 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Jake (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Fox News Question -

Hi Jake,

How are you doing?

Please reach out to DOJ for particulars relating to AG's memo.

Many thanks.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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**From:** Gibson, Jake (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:36 AM  
**To:** (b)(7)(E) per FBI Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (JMD)  
(b) (6)  
**cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Fox News Question -

Has the FBI setup a special task force for the effort laid out below in a memo from AG Garland?  
Or is it a Joint Task Force with other law enforcement entities?  
The announcement below refers to the creation of a task force... Has that task force been stood up already and who all is part of it?

Thanks very much,

Jake Gibson  
Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer  
Fox News Washington

(b) (6)  
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### **Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers**

WASHINGTON – Citing an increase in harassment, intimidation and threats of violence against school board members, teachers and workers in our nation's public schools, today Attorney General Merrick B. Garland directed the FBI and U.S. Attorneys' Offices to meet in the next 30 days with federal, state, tribal, territorial and local law enforcement leaders to discuss strategies for addressing this disturbing trend. These sessions will open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment and response by

law enforcement.

“Threats against public servants are not only illegal, they run counter to our nation’s core values,” wrote Attorney General Garland. “Those who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring that our children receive a proper education in a safe environment deserve to be able to do their work without fear for their safety.”

According to the Attorney General’s memorandum, the Justice Department will launch a series of additional efforts in the coming days designed to address the rise in criminal conduct directed toward school personnel. **Those efforts are expected to include the creation of a task force, consisting of representatives from the department’s Criminal Division, National Security Division, Civil Rights Division, the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, the FBI, the Community Relations Service and the Office of Justice Programs, to determine how federal enforcement tools can be used to prosecute these crimes, and ways to assist state, Tribal, territorial and local law enforcement where threats of violence may not constitute federal crimes.**

The Justice Department will also create specialized training and guidance for local school boards and school administrators. This training will help school board members and other potential victims understand the type of behavior that constitutes threats, how to report threatening conduct to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, and how to capture and preserve evidence of threatening conduct to aid in the investigation and prosecution of these crimes.

Threats of violence against school board members, officials, and workers in our nation’s public schools can be reported by the public to the FBI’s National Threat Operations Center (NTOC) via its national tip line (1-800-CALL-FBI) and online through the FBI website (<http://fbi.gov/tips>). To ensure that threats are communicated to the appropriate authorities, NTOC will direct credible threats to FBI field offices, for coordination with the U.S. Attorney’s Office and law enforcement partners as appropriate. Reporting threats of violence through NTOC will help the federal government identify increased threats in specific jurisdictions as well as coordinated widespread efforts to intimidate educators and education workers.

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI  
**Subject:** DOJ Component Report/FBI  
**To:** Gelber, Sophie (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 1, 2021 2:28 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** FBI\_ComponentReport 10-01-2021.docx

Good afternoon, Sophie.

Please see the attached report from the FBI.  
My apologies for being late.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI  
FBI Office of Public Affairs  
National Press Office  
Cell: (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
Desk: (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

DOJ Law Enforcement Component Report

Oct. 1, 2021

FBI

Contact: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

**Stories**

Scoped Out Per Agreement - Also (b)(5)





# Scoped Out Per Agreement - Also (b)(5)

- [\*The Washington Post\*: School boards are ‘under an immediate threat,’ organization says in request for federal help](#)  
... The organization called for a joint collaboration among federal, state and local law enforcement to investigate the threats, asking specifically for the involvement of the FBI, the Justice Department, the Department of Homeland Security and the Secret Service.

# Scoped Out Per Agreement - Also (b)(5); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

**From:** Newman, David A. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: School Boards Letter  
**To:** Lan, Iris (ODAG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Braden, Myesha (ODAG)  
**Sent:** October 1, 2021 1:48 PM (UTC-04:00)

(b) (5), I would loop in Steve Jensen.

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**From:** Lan, Iris (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 1, 2021 1:32 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Braden, Myesha (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG)  
<(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Re: School Boards Letter

Depending on what aspect of the FBI, (b) (5), the FBI aspect of this may also reside in David's lane or someone else's. Will call.

Deliberative//Pre-Decisional

On Oct 1, 2021, at 1:29 PM, Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Including Iris

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 1, 2021 1:21 PM  
**To:** Braden, Myesha (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG)  
<(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE: School Boards Letter

Completely understood.

@David, JPC suggested that we get input from someone in NSD to consider (b) (5). Thoughts on who that would be?

@Iris: Please see discussion below and let's talk about who from FBI we can have consider these issues.

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**From:** Braden, Myesha (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 1, 2021 12:28 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG)  
<(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE: School Boards Letter

Hi, Kevin.

Happy to be helpful, but I've spoken with CRT about this and it's really outside their lane. (b) (5)

(b) (5)

Best,

Myesha

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 1, 2021 12:02 PM  
**To:** Braden, Myesha (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG)  
<(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** School Boards Letter

Myesha/David:

Have been asked to work on department response to letter to POTUS from the association of school boards (attached and at this [link](#)). The letter speaks about various threats that local school board members have been subjected to in recent months related to COVID-19 mandates/protocols and teaching of critical race theory. The letter asks for federal assistance from multiple agencies including Justice and invokes a number of federal statutes and components of DOJ including NSD, CRT, FBI, and CRM.

As I've mentioned to Myesha previously, (b) (5)

We ought to consider (b) (5)

Do you guys have thoughts on (b) (5)

kAC

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2021/09/30/school-boards-threat-help/>



half of which had already been used. The issue did not affect reliability of negative results. Users will be notified in the app that the test has been recalled.

The US Attorney General directed the FBI and US attorneys' offices to meet with local leaders nationwide to help address a "disturbing spike in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence" against educators and school board members over politicized issues, including COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

AstraZeneca has asked the FDA to grant emergency authorization of its antibody treatment to prevent symptomatic COVID 19 infection in those at high risk for the disease. Effective for up to 12 months, it would be the first long acting drug for people who don't mount a sufficient protective response from vaccination.

Students and staff at Suffolk Public Schools will be given at-home COVID-19 testing kits if they show symptoms of, or were exposed to, COVID-19. The kits are part of the **Virginia** Department of Education and VDH **Virginia** School Screening Testing for Assurance program.

Data shows that Molnupiravir, an investigational oral antiviral for COVID-19 produced by Merck and Ridgeback Biotherapeutics, is capable of cutting COVID-19 hospitalization or death risk approximately in half.

A National Institute of Health study suggested fully vaccinated people with substance use disorders may be at higher risk for SARS-CoV-2 breakthrough infections than people without substance use disorders.

The **Los Angeles** City Council has implemented one of the strictest COVID 19 vaccine mandates in the country, requiring patrons to show proof of vaccination or recent negative test results to enter indoor spaces such as restaurants, gyms, salons, and entertainment venues. Retail establishments, such as grocery stores and pharmacies, were not included in the ordinance. The mandate goes into effect next month and businesses found in violation could be subject to fines.

Rob McCloy

National Coordinator, ESF #13

Cell: (b) (6)

"ESF #13 are askers, not taskers."

**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per USMS (USMS)  
**Subject:** 10.9.21 DAG Monaco OSINT Checks  
**To:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per USMS (USMS); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per USMS (USMS); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per USMS (USMS); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per USMS (USMS)  
**Sent:** October 8, 2021 4:50 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** 10.9.21 Monaco Checks.docx

Good afternoon,

There is likely an uptick in attention toward DAG Monaco following Senate questions on a DOJ memo regarding threats against teachers, school board members. Attached are a few screenshots of comments on BitChute videos and media articles. (b)(5), (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F) per USMS

[REDACTED] . There is likely more out there and I'll continue reviews next week.

Vr,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per USMS  
Intelligence Analyst (Con)  
Judicial Security Division - Office of Protective Intelligence  
U.S. Marshals Service  
Cell: (b) (6)  
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**From:** Carlton Peeples  
**Subject:** RE: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats  
**To:** Greenberg, Jay (CID) (FBI); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CID) (FBI)  
**Sent:** October 12, 2021 7:55 AM (UTC-04:00)

ADAG Chambers,

The two TF Representatives selected to address school board and school workers threats are Unit Chiefs (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI who are Cc... on this email.

Respectfully,

Carlton Peeples  
A/Deputy Assistant Director  
Criminal Division  
(b)(6), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (office)  
(b)(6), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (cellular)

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**From:** Greenberg, Jay (CID) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 9:25 AM  
**To:** Tapp, Aaron G. (CID) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Cohen, Brian M. (CID) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Peeples, Carlton L. (INSD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Reinhardt, James Raymond (CID) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CID) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** FW: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

Let's discuss at the 9:30

Deputy Assistant Director  
Public Corruption and Civil Rights  
Financial Crimes

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 9:03 AM  
**To:** Polite, Kenneth (CRM) (b) (6); McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6); Clarke, Kristen (CRT) (b) (6); Moossy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6); Greenberg, Jay (CID) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Langan, Timothy R. Jr. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA; Wong, Norman (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA; Lesko, Mark (NSD) (JMD) (b) (6); Toscas, George (NSD) (JMD) (b) (6); Wiegmann, Brad (NSD) (JMD) (b) (6); Ratliff, Gerri L (JMD) (b) (6); Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC) (b) (6); Monroe, Becky (OASG) (JMD) (b) (6); Solomon, Amy (OJP) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) (JMD) (b) (6); Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (JMD) (b) (6); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (JMD) (b) (6)

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