

UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE



EMERGING THREATS AND HOW TO STAY SAFE



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The United States Marshals Service's Judicial Security Division (JSD) is committed to the protection of the judicial process by ensuring the safe and secure conduct of judicial proceedings, and protecting federal judges, jurors, and other members of the federal judiciary.

Judicial figures will likely experience a heightened threat environment as federal and state courts hear divisive cases relating to the 2024 general election and other sociopolitical issues linked to grievances that have motivated some domestic violent extremists to violence.



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Federal Judges Identified as Targets in Protective Investigations FY 2015 - 2024

FY	Total Investigations	Federal Judges	<i>% of Total</i>
2015	926	374	<i>40.39%</i>
2016	1,329	186	<i>14.00%</i>
2017	1,818	179	<i>9.85%</i>
2018	2,786	237	<i>8.51%</i>
2019	854	179	<i>20.96%</i>
2020	1,048	220	<i>20.99%</i>
2021	1,343	224	<i>16.68%</i>
2022	1,362	300	<i>22.03%</i>
2023	1,061	457	<i>43.07%</i>
2024	822	364	<i>44.28%</i>



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WORKPLACE SECURITY

- Attend and offer security training for your staff
- Identify and report Activities of Concern
- Understand the importance of communication with law enforcement
- Develop awareness and a plan with your staff
- Do not allow unauthorized people into your chambers
- Know where duress buttons are located and how to use them



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Any contact from a subject that goes beyond the normal course of business, it can be a letter, a phone call, an email, or a personal meeting.

- A threat does not necessarily mean danger.
- The lack of a threat does not necessarily mean safety.

Because of you I will never be able to enjoy time with my family together. and neither would they. Cosme, Berto, Larara are separated forever, you Ruined are Live, and I can't wait to Fuckin Kill you or have you Killed, All these Lives Lost because of you, I can't wait for the opportunity to Kill you, you Gotta pay for what you've Done to our Family, every day I've thought of how to repay you for how you've made us suffer. I can't wait to Kill you, till your Dead, Bitch, you have to pay for what you've Done #I'll Get you Bitch, I want you Dead, Die....

ACTIVITY OF CONCERN



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RESIDENTIAL SECURITY

Simple practices and security systems, utilized by you and your family, can harden your home as a target and save lives.

- Enroll in the Home Intrusion Detection Systems (HIDS) reimbursement program offered by the U.S. Marshals Service if federal or find a security system provider. (HIDS can recommend)



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Threats have always existed and will always be with us.
- You are vital to your own security.
- Targeted violence is a process that escalates over time.
- Practice good security habits.
- Implement residential security.
- Lower your internet footprint.
- Remain vigilant and be pro-active in reporting activity of concern.
- Communicate with USMS district contacts or state/local LE contacts.



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THANK YOU

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Self-Serve Judicial Security

- Stay Alert and Affirmatively Aware -
Be Mindful of Your Surroundings

With enormous thanks to Todd Nukes
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Environment

- Evaluate your surroundings
 - Detail your movement
 - Start to list out the points where information goes out and comes in
 - Understand your family's needs and movements
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- These are the points that potential threats can exploit

Trust Your Instincts

- Is there contact from a person that is out of the ordinary
 - Litigant reaching out to an email address or phone number that they shouldn't have
 - Someone is overly aggressive or intense in awkward situations
 - Receiving persistent letters that are outside the normal course of business
 - Personal contact (or near-contact) in an out-of-place setting (grocery store, school event, neighborhood walks)

Types of Contact

- In-Person
- US Mail or Deliveries
- Verbal
- Email
- Telephonic
- Signaling
- Proxy

Safeguards at Home

- Cut back shrubbery so they aren't blocking the view to the street
- Put good locks on all doors AND windows
- Put up additional exterior lighting and a peephole
- Use remote access “doorbell” and camera (eg. Nest)
- Display “Guard Dog” or “Security Alarm Service” signs
- Or, you know, actually ~~buy~~ adopt a dog

Safeguards in Transit

- Vacation plans are on a Need To Know basis
- Have an alternate route between work and home - and USE it
- Know where the police/fire/security stations are
- Avoid chokepoints (especially on local routes), if possible
- Never get in bumper to bumper traffic
- Give yourself enough space to get away
- Be aggressive (I mean don't get arrested or cause road rage)
- Avoid parking in assigned spots
- Don't advertise your parking space

Safeguards at Work

- Lock your doors
- Do not allow anyone into chambers that isn't authorized
 - Staff
 - Family
 - ~~Friends~~
 - Legal Counsel, on appointment
- LISTEN to the security professionals
 - Just because you don't like it, doesn't mean they are wrong
- Take protective measures and know how to use “panic buttons”

Packages and Mail

- Regularly communicate with family what is expected to be delivered
- Look for packages with excessive postage
- Does the return address match the postmark
- Familiar with the sender without grammatical errors
- Look for damaged packaging, like oily spots, protruding wires, unwrapped sharp edges
- Consider a Post Office Box or virtual address
- Consider the court or agency as a mailing address (if allowed)

Proper Mindset

- Recognize that threats exists
- Apathy, denial, complacency will get you hurt
 - Worse it will get a loved one hurt and that's a guilt that doesn't shake off
- Take responsibility for your safety
- Police, Sheriff, Courtroom security can NOT be everywhere
- Communicate with loved ones about plans, location, guests
- Be vigilant
- Communicate your concerns to your security

Social Media

Don't do it.

FANTASY!!
Yeah, right, like that's gonna
happen

Social Media

- The very nature of social media is communicating a chosen version of yourself to as broad an audience as possible
- Assume that nothing is private
- Know that anything that goes into the internet never goes away
- Don't get adventurous
- Political statements are dangerous and toxic
- Sane people don't win arguments on the Internet
- Resist leaving reviews on products or services

Be Careful, Consistent, and Conscious

- Be discreet about personal information
- Delete emails and text with personal information as soon as read
- Screen lock your computer when you leave (Windows Key + L)
- Turn devices off (Power them down) more often
- Talk with your family (the chill'uns) about posting information
- Screen posted pictures for background information
- Avoid allowing devices to use geolocation; or
- Remove GPS apps from memory when you finish using it
- HESITATE before pressing the 'Send' key

Not Your Fault

H – Hear them out. Listen to why they are so upset. Let them tell their story.

E – Empathize. Let them know that you understand why they feel angry and threatened.

A – Ask questions. Show interest in them. Affirm your interest and understanding of their feelings.

R – Respond in a way that is calming. An angry or overly authoritative response makes matters worse.

T – Thank them for sharing their story with you. Thank them for regaining control of their emotions.

Don't Be Afraid to Discuss Your Concerns

- Trust your instincts
- Try to be aware of your environment
- Tell Law Enforcement you trust
- Talk to Court Staff and Family/Friends
- Try not to be alone

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TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

COURTHOUSE SECURITY INTELLIGENCE

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TCSO CAD# 01-00000

TCSO COURTHOUSE INTEL

09/06/2024

SPECIAL ATTENTION:

TRAVIS COUNTY CIVIL AND FAMILY COURTS FACILITY (CFCF)
BLACKWELL-THURMAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER (CJC)

PHOTO FROM SEP 2024

NAME: DOE, JOHN

Sex: MALE
Race: WHITE
Date of Birth: 10/04/1999
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 168 LBS
Eyes: BROWN
Hair: BLACK



On 09/06/2024 at around 10:55 hours Courthouse Intel received an email from a Travis County Sheriff's Office Clinical Mental Health Professional. The email was to inform us of individual listed above made the comment "I'm going to kill the

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judge" during intake (09/01/2024). Doe was released from TCSO custody on 09/03/2024.

Doe is a mental health consumer but denies having mental health and refuses to take his medications. Doe has recently uploaded concerning posts on his Facebook page. One of which refers to his father.

Doe is currently clear of warrants. He does have an expired TX DL and bond conditions.

Bond Conditions are as follows: MH SUPERV; NO THREATENING/HARASSING CONTACT W/PARENTS; NO FIREARMS/DANGEROUS WEAPONS; MH EVAL WITHIN 72 HOURS.

**Doe has a court hearing set for Sept. 13, 2025, with County Court 9 (0830 Hours)
Cause #'s C-1-CR-00-000000 and C-1-CR-11-111111**



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Travis County Sheriff's Office CID and CIT have been made aware
of Doe's actions.

***If you see this individual on Travis County property, please notify Court Security immediately. If you have had any interactions with this individual in your courts or offices that may have caused some concern in the past, please contact the Courthouse Security Sergeants Office at courthousesecuritysupervisors@traviscountytexas.gov**

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