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Keeping our valued clients and employees informed on what they can do to help spot mitigate and prevent a terror attack.

TERROR AWARENESS, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

In light of the recent discoveries of explosive devices aboard cargo planes bound for the US from Yemen and the increased concern over terror plot activities, particularly as we approach the holidays, SecurAmerica thought it appropriate to distribute a Special Edition of our monthly newsletter, SecurAlert. The information contained herein is based on a variety of governmental and private information terrorism sources.

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Terrorism 101

Before we discuss some actions you can take to help spot a possible terror plot in the making, it's important that we share some basic information about terrorism.

Terrorist operations are typically conducted by small, specially trained elements that are task-organized for each operation. Normally, there will be at least three elements involved in the actual execution of a terrorist act: The Command Element, The Assault Element and The Security Element. This is in keeping with the principles of simplicity and the terrorists' hit and run tactics. Terrorists employ strict security measures throughout the planning and preparation of an operation. Terrorist cells and groups are also usually well financed and employ a trusted cadre of associates that, unlike what people think, are extremely intelligent, strategic in their thinking and technologically advanced.

Over the past two years, Al Qaeda and other terror organizations have been actively recruiting American citizens from across the country to help plan, support, assist and carry out terrorist activities on American soil. Many of these operatives are female, young and come from wide socio-economic backgrounds who do not fit one profile or

appearance characteristic. That's why the focus of law enforcement, security, property management and the general public must be focused on suspicious ACTIVITY and not what people look like.

In order to ensure a high degree of security, terrorists use the principles of compartmentalization. Each element of their operation is separated during the planning and rehearsal stages of the impending attack in order to prevent penetration by the opposition or create information leaks.

Multiple targets are usually considered with the primary final target not selected until the last possible moment. In fact, multiple targets may be hit simultaneously without the individual target teams knowing about the other operational targets. In this manner, one attack group will act as a diversion for the others, thereby increasing the likely success of the operation.



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