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SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY & INCIDENT REPORTS

1 Man Killed In Union Station Garage Shooting *NBC*, *2/11/2025*

[Washington, D.C.] A man was shot and killed at the Union Station parking garage Monday just before 5 p.m. The shooter fled the scene, and police say that it was not an active shooter situation. The shooting took place outside near the escalator leading to the parking garage, according to an Amtrak spokesperson. Police initially said it occurred inside the station. The victim ran inside, collapsed and fell down the escalator, police said. First responders performed CPR at the scene. That area leading to the parking garage is still blocked off. While it's still early in the investigation, it seems that the shooter and the victim had a conversation and walked together before the violent confrontation, according the Metropolitan Police Department Chief Pamela Smith. She added that video footage shows the victim taking something off the shooter's person. https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/one-person-critically-injured-in-union-station-shooting/3840954/

'Until Further Notice': Stretch Of Idaho Highway 21 Remains Closed After Major Avalanche Idaho Statesman, 2/10/2025

[Idaho] A section of Idaho Highway 21 is closed following an avalanche Sunday that caused slides up to 40 feet deep. The Idaho Transportation Department announced that the stretch of highway between Grandjean and Banner Summit is closed "until further notice." Specifically, the highway is closed from milepost 93.7 to milepost 105.5. "We do not close highways without reason, and this slide is a perfect example," the agency said in a social media post. ITD said they are "working hard" to reopen the roadway — a common route between Boise and Stanley. The agency plans to reassess the road conditions early Tuesday. ITD did not immediately respond to an inquiry from the Idaho Statesman for more information. Last week, avalanche concerns caused the same section of the highway to close, and in December a Kuna man died in an avalanche after he was buried in snow while biking near Cascade. https://www.idahostatesman.com/news/local/traffic/article300055729.html

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Man Stabbed To Death At Bus Stop Near Arizona Capitol In Phoenix KTAR, 2/10/2025

[Phoenix, Arizona] A man was stabbed to death near the Arizona Capitol complex in Phoenix over the weekend, authorities said. Officers responded to a stabbing call at a bus stop near 15th Avenue and Jefferson Street a little after 7 p.m. Saturday, according to the Phoenix Police Department. They found a man identified as 43-year-old Walter MacDonald suffering from multiple stab wounds. MacDonald died of his injuries after being taken to a hospital. "Officers contacted a man at the scene who acknowledged his involvement with the stabbing," Sgt. Brian Bower said in a media advisory. "Detectives responded to the scene, and after speaking with witnesses and being provided statements from the man, he was released pending further investigation." https://ktar.com/arizona-news/stabbed-to-death-phoenix-capitol/5661941/

4 Killed, Including At Least 2 Teens, After Driver Hits Bus In Washington State CBS News, 2/10/2025

[Washington] Four people died and seven others were injured when a car struck a charter bus Sunday in Washington state, officials said. At least two of the individuals killed were teenagers. The collision happened early Sunday afternoon on a two-way road near Wenatchee, a city some 150 miles east of Seattle. A driver in a 2007 Toyota Camry attempted to pass another car driving ahead of it and hit a bus heading in the opposite direction in the adjacent lane, according to Washington State Patrol. The bus rolled off into a ditch with 27 passengers on board, in addition to the bus driver. Both the car and the bus were totaled, state patrol said. The Camry also struck the car it was trying to pass, which had one adult driver and two young children inside. No one in that car was hurt. A report from state patrol notes the driver of the Camry and a passenger, the only two people inside that vehicle, were pronounced dead at the scene. The driver was identified as a 17-year-old girl and the passenger, a 17-year-old boy. The 66-year-old bus driver was also confirmed dead at the scene, according to the report. https://www.cbsnews.com/news/wenatchee-washington-bus-crash-4-dead/

TERRORISM & EXTREMISM

Swedish Police Apprehend Person Suspected Of Preparing Terrorist Crimes *Reuters, 2/11/2025*

[Sweden] Swedish police said on Tuesday they had apprehended one person in the Stockholm area on suspicion of preparing terrorist crimes in a case concerning violent Islamist extremism. The person was suspected of preparation for a terrorist offence, aggravated participation in a terrorist organisation, preparation for attempted murder and preparing to violate legislation on the use of explosives, police said. The investigation was not linked to any previously ongoing cases, police said in a statement.

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Police conducted the operation in the capital area on Tuesday morning and the arrest unfolded calmly, they added, without identifying the suspect or giving detail on the potential target. Sweden in 2023 raised its terrorism alert to the second-highest level and warned of threats against Swedes at home and abroad after public burnings of the Muslim holy book, the Koran, outraged Muslims and triggered threats from jihadists. https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/swedish-police-apprehend-person-suspected-preparing-terrorist-crimes-2025-02-11/

ANALYST COMMENTARY: Islamic extremism is an ongoing security concern in Sweden. In the U.S. Department of State's most recent Country Report on Terrorism for Sweden, published in 2022, the National Center for Terrorist Threat Assessment (NCT) assessed that "lone actors from [Racially and ethnically motivated violent extremism (REMVE)] and Islamist terrorist movements posed the main terrorist threat to Sweden." The NCT assessment was in part attributed to a number of demonstrations in Sweden that resulted in demonstrators burning (and in some cases, placing pork on) Qurans in 2022, which prompted multiple global terrorist organizations to call on their supporters to carry out attacks in Sweden, and led some sympathizers to conduct violent terrorist acts. Following those acts, more Qurans were burned in 2023, including a particularly high-profile incident in June 2023 when Iraqi Assyrian refugee and anti-Islamist activist Salwan Momika burned a Quran outside the largest mosque in Stockholm, Sweden during the Eid al-Adha holiday. The following day, hundreds of Iraqi citizens stormed the Swedish embassy in Iraq and attempted to burn it down in retaliation, which in turn prompted additional Quran-burning demonstrations in Sweden and neighboring European countries, and motivated additional terrorist attacks against Swedes abroad. Salwan Momika continued to burn Qurans during both physical and digital demonstrations and received thousands of death threats for doing so. He and another demonstrator were eventually charged with "agitation against an ethnic group" for their actions by the Swedish government, and the verdict for their case was set for 30 January 2025. On 29 January 2025, the night prior to the verdict, Momika was shot in the head repeatedly by unknown assailants while on an apartment building balcony in Södertälje, Sweden. Following Momika's murder, the other demonstrator charged alongside him claimed that he had received thousands of threats claiming that he "would be next." Investigators have said that while the man recently arrested on terrorism charges in Stockholm was motivated by Islamic extremism, they are currently unaware of any connection between him and any other existing cases.

How A Wave Of Antisemitic Attacks Roiled Australia And Provoked Claims Of Foreign Influence Associated Press, 2/6/2025

[Australia] A wave of antisemitic attacks has roiled Australia, with a dozen arrests for vandalizing or setting homes, schools, and synagogues on fire since October and hundreds more charged in just over a year with crimes targeting Jews. The attacks in areas where Jewish people live have provoked an outpouring of condemnation — and a fraught and complicated debate about who's to blame. But in a rare moment of unity, Australia's federal lawmakers on Thursday advanced hate crime laws almost

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unanimously. "We want people who are engaged in antisemitic activities to be caught, to be charged and to be put in the clink," Prime Minister Anthony Albanese told reporters. "This is a time of national crisis," opposition leader Peter Dutton said. https://apnews.com/article/australia-antisemitism-sydney-melbourne-hate-crimes-a1cfd13991d79cb48080a87d2170f642

SECURITY & SAFETY AWARENESS

Protests Planned in All 50 States for Presidents' Day Against Trump Administration *GV Wires, 2/10/2025*

The 50501 Movement, which stands for "50 states, 50 protests, one day," has announced plans for another nationwide demonstration on Monday, Feb. 17, coinciding with Presidents' Day. The protest is aimed at opposing the Trump Administration, with organizers calling for a resistance against "fascism." In a post on their subreddit, the group shared a message: "President not King," accompanied by an image of President Donald Trump. The protests are set to take place at state capitols across the U.S., though other locations are also included, such as a planned gathering at Niagara Square in Buffalo, New York. Flyers promoting the event emphasize the importance of peaceful demonstration, with organizers stating that violence will not be tolerated. However, some participants on Reddit have raised concerns on social media about liability and the handling of permits for the protests. As the date approaches, questions surrounding the logistics and legal aspects of the event are unanswered.

 $\underline{https://gvwire.com/2025/02/10/protests-planned-in-all-50-states-for-presidents-day-against-trump-administration/}$

Multiagency Operation Captures Tren de Aragua Gang Leader in NY Homeland Security Today, 2/10/2025

[New York] Frank Tarentino, Special Agent in Charge of the New York division of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), appeared on "Fox & Friends" to discuss recent immigration enforcement efforts under the Trump administration. Working with its partners in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), specifically Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), the DEA has focused its efforts on removing illegal drug traffickers from the community. Those multiagency operations led to multiple arrests, including the suspected leader of the Venezuelan gang, Tren de Aragua (TdA). "This is a top priority from this administration, and the DEA has prioritized working with our partners to remove these violent offenders and keep our communities safe," said Tarentino. "There's a renewed focus to do more, to go after the most violent criminals that have violated our immigration laws, and hold those people accountable for driving violence in this city." https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/human-trafficking/multiagency-operation-captures-tren-de-aragua-gang-leader-in-ny/

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ANALYST COMMENTARY: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has recently stepped-up efforts to combat the violent prison gang known as Tren de Aragua (TdA). On 5 February 2025, ICE announced that "100+ members of the violent Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua were targeted for arrest and detention" in a joint Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), U.S. Marshals, and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) operation in Aurora, Colorado, and on 10 February 2025, ICE announced that they supported a 7 February 2025 operation in Lima, Peru that led to the arrest of 23 TdA members there. TdA is a transnational criminal organization (TCO) that originated in Venezuelan prisons in approximately 2009 and engages in illicit activity, including extortion, human trafficking, and murder, in many North and South American countries. Current estimates place the gang's international membership at approximately 5,000 people, and while it is the largest criminal organization in Venezuela, the group has a confirmed and growing presence in numerous South American countries and in multiple U.S. states. The full extent of the Venezuelan gang's activity in the U.S. remains unclear, as identifying members of the gang has presented challenges for U.S. law enforcement due to the diplomatic strains between the U.S. and Venezuela. So rather than the Venezuelan government handing the U.S. a profile that can aid in identifying existing members, the U.S. has had to create the profile from scratch. In late 2024, the Texas Department of Public Safety released a product outlining suspected identifiers of TdA members which include tattoos depicting stars, crowns, firearms and grenades, trains and locomotives, and large felines like tigers. They also claim the phrases "Real Hasta la Muerte" ("Till Death") and "Hijos de Dios" / "HJ" ("Sons of God") are associated with TdA members. The Texas Department of Public Safety product can be found at: https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/09.16.2024 TdA Slides-Combined .pdf

Oakville Transit Expands Electric Bus Fleet

Mass Transit Magazine, 2/10/2025

The town of Oakville is expanding its electric bus fleet with the introduction of 15 new Nova LFSE+ large capacity buses, set to be in service this February. This initiative is made possible through joint funding under the Public Transit Infrastructure Stream (PTIS) of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), which supports the electrification of approximately 50 percent of the town's transit fleet. Oakville Mayor Rob Burton joined Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Consular Affairs) Pam Damoff, members of town council and staff to mark this exciting milestone in the town's climate action initiatives and ongoing commitment to environmentally friendly and sustainable solutions. In addition to these new 15 large capacity buses and the 15 smaller capacity electric buses introduced in 2023, Oakville is poised to add 12 additional small capacity and 32 large capacity electric buses in the next two years, bringing the total number of electric buses purchased to 74 by 2026.

https://www.masstransitmag.com/bus/vehicles/hybrid-hydrogen-electric-vehicles/press-release/55266889/oakville-transit-oakville-transit-expands-electric-bus-fleet

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CYBERSECURITY

22 New Mac Malware Families Seen in 2024

Security Week, 2/4/2025

Nearly two dozen new macOS malware families were observed in 2024, according to Patrick Wardle, a reputable security researcher who specializes in Apple products. The number of macOS malware families that emerged in 2024 was 22. This is roughly the same as in 2023, but significantly higher than in 2021 and 2022. The latest macOS malware roundup looks at stealers, ransomware, backdoors and downloaders, and does not include adware and malware from previous years. The list of macOS stealers that emerged in 2024 includes CloudChat, Poseidon (aka Rodrigo), Cthulhu, BeaverTail, PyStealer, and Banshee. CloudChat focuses on cryptocurrency wallets and keys. PyStealer, Banshee and Poseidon steal cryptocurrency wallets, as well as browser and other data. BeaverTail is used by North Korean hackers to steal data and deploy additional payloads. https://www.securityweek.com/22-new-mac-malware-families-seen-in-2024/

ANALYST COMMENTARY: The emergence of new macOS malware families in 2024 proved that macOS is no longer a platform that can be considered "safe by obscurity." The rise of ransomware, stealers, and backdoors, many of which are associated with nation-state actors, indicates that macOS has become an appealing target for cybercriminals and advanced persistent threat (APT) groups. The emphasis on cryptocurrency theft is particularly alarming, as it implies that attackers view Mac users as financially rewarding victims. The increase in North Korean-linked malware such as BeaverTail, SpectralBlur, and DPRK Downloader also reflects broader geopolitical dynamics, where statesponsored groups exploit macOS for both espionage and financial gain. The introduction of LightSpy, initially discovered targeting iOS and Android, has now been adapted to infiltrate macOS devices. This modular espionage tool can harvest sensitive data and execute remote commands. Since many of these attacks rely on social engineering and trojanized downloads, users can not afford to rely solely on Apple's built-in protections. Tools like Wardle's Objective-See suite, along with network-level monitoring and endpoint security solutions, have become essential. Gatekeeper and run-time protection (macOS's built in security technology) alone are no longer enough. With Apple's growing presence in the enterprise sector making macOS a bigger target, organizations should prioritize threat hunting and implement dedicated macOS security policies.

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