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SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY & INCIDENT REPORTS

Ohio Man Charged With Attempted Murder After Allegedly Attacking Three People On Bus With A Knife

WTRF, 2/19/2025

[Ohio] An Ohio man has been charged with attempted murder after allegedly attacking three people on a bus with a knife. Jason A. Stanek, age 43, from Cleveland, Ohio, is being charged with attempted murder, according to the Guernsey County Sheriff's Office. Stanek was booked into the Guernsey County jail on February 6 after officials say he attacked three other passengers on a charter bus with a knife. The victims were transported to area hospitals by ground ambulance and were reported to have non-life-threatening injuries. Officials say Stanek was also transported to a local hospital for minor injuries. <https://www.wtrf.com/ohio/ohio-man-charged-with-attempted-murder-after-allegedly-attacking-three-people-on-bus-with-a-knife/>

Suspect Stabs Man At MTA Bus Stop, Flees In Bus, Police Say

FOX 5, 2/19/2025

[Baltimore, Maryland] The Baltimore Police Department has released images of a suspect wanted in connection to a stabbing at an MTA bus stop in southwest Baltimore. The stabbing occurred near the intersection of West Franklin Street and Edmondson Avenue around 1:30 am February 9th. According to the Department, the suspect stabbed the victim in the back while the two men were waiting at the bus stop after the victim asked him for a cigarette. The suspect then boarded the MTA bus and fled the scene. The victim was transported to an area hospital. <https://foxbaltimore.com/news/local/stabs-man-mta-bus-stop-flees-in-bus>

Driver Charged With Reckless Homicide, DUI In Fatal Crash With Metra Electric Train

CBS, 2/19/2025

[Chicago, Illinois] A Chicago man is facing drunk driving and reckless homicide charges, after he allegedly drove around railroad warning gates, causing a deadly crash with a Metra Electric train last week. Moises Perez, 19, has been charged with one count of reckless homicide, two counts of aggravated DUI causing death, four counts of aggravated DUI causing great bodily harm, two counts of aggravated DYUI for

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driving without a license, and disobeying a railroad crossing. Metra police said Perez was driving with three passengers in his SUV near 87th and Baltimore around 12:30 a.m. on Feb 12, when he ignored working crossing gates and lights at the 87th Street crossing for the Metra Electric line. One person, 19-year-old Elissa Hernandez, was killed, and three people were injured when a northbound Metra Electric train hit the SUV. <https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/fatal-metra-electric-crash-dui-reckless-homicide-charges/>

South Western Train Derailed At 85mph After Hitting ‘Hazardous’ Piece Of Track

Independent, 2/19/2025

[United Kingdom] A South Western passenger train derailed at 85mph after striking a “hazardous” section of “redundant rail” that had been left on the track by workers, a rail accident report has found. The incident occurred as the train was approaching Walton-on-Thames in Surrey at around 5.40am on 4 March last year. A Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) investigation said that the front coach derailed after colliding with a piece of rail before the train came to a standstill after 500 metres. None of the 100 passengers onboard the Basingstoke to Waterloo service were injured when the train derailed, but several hundred metres of railway infrastructure was damaged. According to the report, the piece of track had been left in a “hazardous position” by a maintenance team who had completed work in the area the previous weekend. <https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/south-western-train-derailed-report-b2700818.html>

TERRORISM & EXTREMISM

Austrian Authorities Arrest Teenager Who Apparently Planned An Attack At A Railway Station

Associated Press, 2/19/2025

[Austria] Austrian investigators have arrested a 14-year-old who was planning an attack at a railway station in Vienna and found material that suggested he supported the Islamic State group, authorities said Wednesday. The Interior Ministry said that the boy, an Austrian with Turkish roots, was arrested in the capital on Feb. 10 and had been radicalized online. The arrest was triggered by tips to Austrian intelligence that a supporter of IS had posted stories and videos with Islamic extremist content on several TikTok profiles. The suspect was identified and prosecutors ordered his arrest on suspicion of membership in a terrorist group or criminal organization. <https://apnews.com/article/austria-islamic-extremism-arrest-attack-vienna-6f78b5948df8dd1f42d1217b139a3cfc>

ANALYST COMMENTARY: On 19 February 2025, the Austrian Ministry of the Interior, which oversees most of the nation’s federal law enforcement bodies, announced that Austrian law enforcement had arrested a 14-year-old on 10 February for “suspicion of planning a militant attack on a Vienna train station” after receiving tips that the boy was spreading radical Islamist ideology on TikTok. The 14-

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year-old is alleged to be an Austrian citizen of Turkish ancestry and subscribed to Islamic State Group (ISG) ideology after becoming radicalized online. Ministry officials claimed that the 14-year-old was planning on attacking the Westbahnhof commuter station which is one of the biggest stations in the city and serves as the terminus for multiple international train lines. The station also serves as a convergence point for six different tram lines and operates a small bus service. Over 40,000 travelers use the station every day. It is unclear at what stage in the planning process the suspect was in; however, Austrian officials claimed that they found knives, “handwritten instructions for producing explosives to be used as a detonator for a bomb,” and bomb making materials like aluminum pipe at the suspect’s home. This case demonstrates that public transportation remains a popular target for those intending to cause mass casualty attacks and underscores the importance of recognizing the signs of radicalization and alerting the appropriate authorities before an act is committed. The British Counter Terrorism Policing has a campaign called Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) that has a thorough guide to recognizing the signs of radicalization, which can be found at: <https://actearly.uk/spot-the-signs-of-radicalisation/what-to-look-for/>

‘Consider Yourself Warned’: ASIO Details Extremism Rise

The New Daily, 2/20/2025

[Australia] Australia’s top spy chief has called on social media companies to not use harmful algorithms to target vulnerable children as the risk of extremism increases. Australian Security Intelligence Organisation director general Mike Burgess warned of a rising tide of children being targeting by extremist content online during his annual threat assessment speech. Minors were particularly vulnerable to radicalisation with AI-fuelled online algorithms making it easier to find extremist material and the digital world influencing some children more than the real world. Calling for large tech companies to work with authorities, Mr Burgess said they needed to “step up to the plate” and act responsibly by stopping harmful algorithms. “I hope they want that for their child,” he said. ASIO disrupted five terror plots in 2024 and of all the potential terrorist matters investigated in that year, almost all involved minors, he said. <https://www.thenewdaily.com.au/news/2025/02/20/asio-extremism-warning>

US Declares Tren De Aragua, Other Cartels Are Global Terrorist Organizations

Reuters, 2/19/2025

[Europe] The United States on Wednesday designated Tren de Aragua, the Sinaloa Cartel and other drug cartels as global terrorist organizations, according to a Federal Register notice, a move that comes as President Donald Trump steps up immigration enforcement against alleged gang members in the U.S. The notice issued by Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the groups pose a risk to U.S. national security, foreign policy and economic interests. Trump, a Republican, issued an executive order after taking office on January 20 that called on officials to evaluate whether any criminal cartels or transnational gangs

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should be designated as terrorism groups. Trump earlier this month delayed a move to impose steep tariffs on Mexico and Canada over what he said was insufficient cooperation to thwart illegal immigration and trafficking of illicit fentanyl. <https://www.reuters.com/world/us-declares-tren-de-aragua-other-cartels-are-global-terrorist-organizations-2025-02-19/>

ANALYST COMMENTARY: On 19 February 2025, the U.S. formally designated the Sinaloa Cartel, the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG), Carteles Unidos, Cartel del Noreste, Cartel del Golfo, La Nueva Familia Michoacana, Tren de Aragua (TdA), and Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) as foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs), citing a “sufficient factual basis” that the organizations engage in terrorist activity, threaten the security of U.S. persons, and pose a threat to U.S. national security. Following the designation, Elon Musk, head of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), announced on Twitter that the designated entities are “eligible for drone strikes,” and CNN reported that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is actively operating surveillance aircraft over Mexico to presumably collect on the designated entities without express permission from the Mexican government. In response to the FTO designations and the news of the CIA surveillance flights, Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum announced that she would be proposing constitutional reforms in Mexico to strengthen Mexican sovereignty, stating that “the Mexican people will not accept under any circumstances interventions, interference or any other act from abroad that could be harmful to the integrity, independence and sovereignty of the nation ... this cannot be an opportunity for the United States to invade our sovereignty.” The designation of the cartels and gangs as FTOs will add sanctions to the designated entities that disrupt their finances by freezing their assets, placing travel bans on their members and associates, and preventing U.S. persons from doing business with them. More specifically, the designation legally bars any U.S. person from providing members of designated entities with “any property, tangible or intangible, or service, including currency or monetary instruments or financial securities, financial services, lodging, training, expert advice or assistance, safehouses, false documentation or identification, communications equipment, facilities, weapons, lethal substances, explosives, personnel (1 or more individuals who maybe or include oneself), and transportation, except medicine or religious materials.”

SECURITY & SAFETY AWARENESS

L.A. Metro’s Bus Lane Enforcement Program Begins Ticketing Violators

Mass Transit Magazine, 2/19/2025

[Los Angeles, California] In partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s (L.A. Metro) bus lane enforcement program has begun ticketing violators. Originally announced Nov. 1, 2024, the bus lane enforcement pilot program is rolling out on major corridors where bus lanes have been established to prioritize public

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transit in areas with high bus ridership and traffic congestion, including bus lines 720 servicing Wilshire Boulevard and 212 servicing LA Brea Avenue. During the initial 60-day period of phase one of the program (December – January), motorists illegally parked in bus lanes on those lines received notices by mail warning that future violations would be subject to fines. Effective Feb. 17, L.A. Metro says violators will face a penalty starting at \$293 for illegally parking in designated bus lanes, helping to ensure buses can travel without obstruction and reduce delays for passengers.

<https://www.masstransitmag.com/bus/infrastructure/press-release/55269091/los-angeles-county-metropolitan-transportation-authority-metro-la-metros-bus-lane-enforcement-program-begins-ticketing-violators>

EPA Visits Winthrop Schools As Part Of Electric Bus Investigation

Press Herald, 2/17/2025

[Maine] Federal agents visited Winthrop schools in late January as part of an investigation into Lion Electric Co.'s electric buses, interim Superintendent Becky Foley told the school board earlier this month. Foley said Feb. 5 that a representative from the Environmental Protection Agency interviewed her and Josh Wheeler, the district's director of transportation, about the four electric buses Winthrop has received from Lion Electric Co., which have been plagued with problems since they arrived in Winthrop in late 2023. Megan Walton, CEO of the Southern Maine Agency on Aging will sit down for a conversation with Maine Trust for Local News managing director, Stefanie Manning. Doors open at 7:30 a.m., coffee and light breakfast will be available. "I met with an EPA special agent last week to see if there was any fraud committed by Lion," Foley said. "I think whatever resolution may occur will take some time, and I will keep the board posted." Lion Electric Co., a Quebec-based company that recently filed for credit protection, was the first to provide Maine with electric buses through a federal program designed to replace diesel buses with no-emission electric vehicles.

<https://www.pressherald.com/2025/02/17/epa-visits-winthrop-schools-as-part-of-electric-bus-investigation/>

CYBERSECURITY

Threat Researchers Spot 'Device Code' Phishing Attacks Targeting Microsoft Accounts

Cyberscoop, 2/14/2025

Microsoft threat researchers discovered a series of what they are calling "device code" phishing attacks that allowed a suspected Russia-aligned threat group to gain access to and steal data from critical infrastructure organizations, the company said in research released Thursday. The group, which Microsoft tracks as Storm-2372, has targeted governments, IT services and organizations operating in the telecom, health, higher education and energy sectors across Europe, North America, Africa and the Middle East. Microsoft observed attackers generating a legitimate device code sign-in request and then duping targeted users to input the code into a login page for productivity apps. By exploiting the device code authentication flow, Storm-2372 has gained access to targeted systems, captured authentication

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tokens and used those valid tokens to achieve lateral movement and steal data. "They've been successful in these attacks, though Microsoft itself is not affected," Sherrod DeGrippe, director of threat intelligence strategy at Microsoft, said in a video summarizing the report's findings.

<https://cyberscoop.com/russia-threat-groups-device-code-phishing-microsoft-accounts/>

ANALYST COMMENTARY: The device code authentication flow was exploited by Storm-2372 and exposes a concerning blind hole in contemporary authentication techniques. Device code sign-ins were created for applications such as command-line interfaces and smart TVs where conventional authentication is difficult. Since they do not rely on interactive logins or multi-factor authentication like traditional logins do, this approach frequently lacks strong phishing defenses. Because of this, it is often a desirable target for attackers, and has been frequently targeted by threat actors associated with adversarial nation states. Keyword searches for "password," "admin," and "gov" suggest the attackers had an espionage motive and were most likely attempting to gain further access in lateral moves. Even one successful phishing attempt can lead to a wider network attack since hacked accounts can be used to pivot inside an organization. Companies should evaluate their authentication procedures, and ensure they are limiting or keeping an eye on the use of device code authentication. Where and how device codes are used can be restricted by using Conditional Access controls in Microsoft Entra (previously Azure AD). Organizations are encouraged to ensure their personnel receive training on social engineering techniques, not just as they appear in emails, but also including those that utilize chat apps like Microsoft Teams, WhatsApp, and Signal. This goes beyond simply raising awareness of phishing scams. Several Russian-affiliated groups have been observed using similar tactics, which suggests this is part of a deeper, emerging trend that defenses should be aware of.

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