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Mayor Sarno and Commissioner Barbieri,

Thank you so much for taking the time to meet with me on Tuesday, May 15th, regarding **KTI's 'False Alarm Solution Technology' (FAST)** software solution that is designed to help curb wasted police resources that are deployed responding to false alarms.

Sorry it took me a few days to follow up with you but I had to speak with Shahram Karimian, Principal of **KTI**, to give him a report of our meeting, and discuss the Mayor's expressed concerns on the cost, and the Commissioner's questions regarding the need for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that may be needed.

I am also sorry to be sending you such a long email, but I wanted you to provide you some additional background that you both should digest, as it gives you my reasoning for approaching **Amazon** to become a potential partner to the city of Springfield.

While our meeting was primarily focused on introducing you to **KTI's** software solution that would help the city reduce the 2,500 hours of wasted police resources that were spent by the city last year, responding to 'False Alarms'. On a larger scale, I saw that look in Commissioner Barbieri's eyes, when he realized how this cloud based software solution could augment, enhance and compliment the city's current efforts to develop a City-wide camera & surveillance network.

By being equipment agnostic, **KTI's** ability to capture and stream video from hundreds of home security camera systems (that currently **CANNOT** interface with the city's camera system), besides offering the city with a way of reducing wasted officer time spent in responding to false alarms also can offer the Springfield Police Department the ability to add an additional 100-150 eyes in the city's neighborhoods. **KTI's** software solution, could be used in concert with the city's existing camera system.

I believe this possibility merits additional discussions between us.

There were **5 Action items** that I identified from our meeting that I want to confirm with you:

1). **Financial considerations** - The Mayor's concern that his budget resources would limit the city's ability to pursue this further. The Mayor had asked if I could speak to **KTI's** Management to see about discussing a 'home town' discount and reduced the fee considering the fact that Springfield would be the first city willing to pursue implementing use of **KTI's FAST** software solution.

The initial proposed cost of the program for **KTI's 'FAST' Program** was quoted at:

- Population of 156,000 x \$2.00 a person =

- \$308,000 per year,
- plus 20% of the contract as a set up fee =
a one time setup fee of - \$61,000.

KTI bases their pricing as follows:

- Pricing of \$2 per citizen
- 20% of the annual contract as a setup fee
- 5% annual increase
- \$150 per hour for any special programming IE: integration into a CAD, Shotspotter.
- Minimum price is \$100k per year
(Higher education and smaller cities will fall into this category)

- **Action proposed:** I spoke to Shahram Karimian, Principal of KTI, and he said he would definitely be willing to sharpen his pencil, and give the city of Springfield a '**home town**' discount as the first community to adopt and implement KTI's 'False Alarm Solution Technology' software.

2). Need to identify other possible funding sources:

- **Action proposed** - the Commissioner said that he'd be willing to have his two Department grant writers seek grant funding opportunities with State and Federal Agencies.

- approach State Representative Hank Naughton to see about proposing a 'Pilot program' that would select a few municipalities to participate in this initiative, and seek funding support from the Baker Administration and the Executive Office of Public Safety. Hank could also reach out to the Mass Chiefs of Police Association to ask for their help and support in lobbying the Baker Administration for funding of this proposed 'Pilot Program'.

- directly approaching **Amazon** to partner with the city of Springfield by seeking their willingness to fund this 'Pilot Program'. Amazon, who recently announced their entry in the '**Home Security Industry**' (announced on April 29th), and their subsequent announcement on May 1st of a huge expansion in Boston that will bring 2,000 technology jobs to a new building in Seaport Square. On May 1st, **Amazon** announced this new space will focus on developing its Alexa voice-activated technology, as well as cloud computing and robotics. I believe the new '**Alexa Research Center**' in Boston's Seaport District, could end up being home base of **Amazon's** new '**Home Security Business**'. **Amazon** also controls a \$100 Million Dollar Venture Capital Fund that they are using to make strategic investments in start up companies that give their products greater market exposure. (Under separate cover, I will send you 4 articles about **Amazon's** recent activity that leads me to believe that they might be receptive to a partnership with the city of Springfield and give them the opportunity to be affiliated with the city's very sophisticated 'Crime Analyst Center'. Those 4 articles are:

- Amazon Enters 'Home Security Industry'
- Amazon has announced a massive expansion in Boston - Boston Globe, May 1, 2018

- The Alexa Fund - provides \$100 Million in venture capital funding to fuel voice technology innovation.
- **Amazon** pushes 'Facial Recognition' to police.)

3). Commissioner Barbieri discussed the need to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Springfield Police Department and the individual Home Owner.

- **Action proposed** - I would be more than happy to put the Commissioner's Legal Staff in contact with KTI's legal people to discuss this further.

KTI uses a 'Terms of Use' Agreement, that is signed by the participants and any First Responder that is using the system.

Everyone has to agree to these terms or they can not use PSO. Think of it as what you digitally sign before you use Facebook or Google There is no MOU. It does not exist in this scenario. **KTI** is the proxy between the municipality and the public.

Also, **KTI** sells the service to Springfield, they give access to all their First Responders and all neighboring agencies (Sheriff etc). The neighboring agency only has access to Springfield's cameras for mutual aid. Those agencies do not pay for access. This also gets **KTI** into those other agencies. All they would do is pay us, flip a switch, and they are on the system. Scalability at its finest. **(Attached to this email is the 'Terms of Use' Agreement currently used by KTI.)**

4). Arrange for me to visit the Springfield Crime Analyst Center.

- **Action proposed** - I would like to arrange a time to tour the city's Crime Analyst Center, and engage with the Center's Director, Bill Schwartz, and the Commissioner, to further discuss this software solution in greater detail.

5). Arrange for a visit to Springfield 'Crime Analyst Center' by State Representative Hank Naughton, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety, and someone from the Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, to see and personally observe the scope of its ability.

- **Action proposed** - I will see about arranging a visit and tour of the Center by State Representative Hank Naughton, House Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety, and someone from the Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

- **ACTION ITEM for Commissioner Barbieri** is to send me a brief summary of the city's '**Crime Analyst Center**' that I can use to brief Representative Naughton and the Secretary of Public Safety and get them to come out and tour the Center.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Commissioner Barbieri, I would urge you to read the article about **Amazon** pushes 'Facial Recognition' to police. **This is where I see Amazon recognizing the value of partnering with Springfield's sophisticated 'Crime Analyst Center'**, especially if **Amazon** chooses to locate its new '**Home Security Headquarters**' in Boston's Seaport District!

Once again, thank you

All The Best,

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Commissioner,

I wanted to make sure that you were aware of Amazon's push in the 'Facial Recognition' software field. I truly believe that the city of Springfield should reach out to Amazon and their Amazon Web Services and explore the possibility of having them become a strategic partner in enhancing the capability of Springfield's Crime Analysis Center. Included in this article is a video clip of **AMAZON's Amazon Web Service (AWS)** recent conference in Korea where a company official spoke about the company's facial recognition system. (Of interest is a portion at the 30.00 minute mark which speaks about the technologies' Public Safety application's! CreditVideo by Amazon Web Services Korea
As you may be Aware, on April 26, Amazon announces its entry into the 'Home Security Industry.

<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2018/05/22/technology/amazon-facial-recognition.html>

Amazon Pushes Facial Recognition to Police. Critics See Surveillance Risk.

May 22, 2018



Amazon promotes its facial recognition technology on the company's website, saying that the service can track people in a video even when their faces are not visible. Amazon

SEATTLE — In late 2016, Amazon introduced a new online service that could help identify faces and other objects in images, offering it to anyone at a low cost through its giant cloud computing division, Amazon Web Services.

Not long after, it began pitching the technology to law enforcement agencies, saying the program could aid criminal investigations by recognizing suspects in photos and videos. It used a couple of early customers, like the Orlando Police Department in Florida and the Washington County Sheriff's Office in Oregon, to encourage other officials to sign up.

But now that aggressive push is putting the giant tech company at the center of an increasingly heated debate around the role of facial recognition in law enforcement. Fans of the technology see a powerful new tool for catching criminals, but detractors see an instrument of mass surveillance.

On Tuesday, the American Civil Liberties Union led a group of more than two dozen civil rights organizations that asked Amazon to stop selling its image recognition system, called Rekognition, to law enforcement. The group says that the police could use it to track protesters or others whom authorities deem suspicious, rather than limiting it to people committing crimes.

Facial recognition is not new technology, but the organizations appear to be focusing on Amazon because of its prominence and what they see as a departure from the company's oft-stated focus on customers.

“Amazon Rekognition is primed for abuse in the hands of governments,” the group said in the letter, which was addressed to Jeff Bezos, Amazon's chief executive. “This product poses a grave threat to communities, including people of color and immigrants, and to the trust and respect Amazon has worked to build.”

With the letter, the A.C.L.U. released a collection of internal emails and other documents from law enforcement agencies in Washington County and Orlando that it obtained through open records requests. The correspondence between Amazon and law enforcement officials provides an unusual peek into the company's ambitions with facial recognition tools, and how it has interacted with some of the officials using its products.

Many of the companies supplying the technology are security contractors little known to the public, but Amazon is one of the first major tech companies to actively market technology for conducting facial recognition to law enforcement. The efforts are still a tiny part of

Amazon's business, with the service one of dozens it offers through Amazon Web Services. But few companies have Amazon's ability to effectively push widespread adoption of tech products.



Amazon's campus in downtown Seattle. The American Civil Liberties Union and other civil rights groups are asking the company to stop selling its image-recognition system, Rekognition, to law enforcement authorities. Ruth Fremson/The New York Times

"The idea that a massive and highly resourced company like Amazon has moved decisively into this space could mark a sea change for this technology," said Alvaro Bedoya, executive director at the Center on Privacy & Technology at the Georgetown University Law Center.

In a statement, a spokeswoman for Amazon Web Services stressed that the company offered a general image recognition technology that could automate the process of identifying people, objects and activities. She said amusement parks had used it to find lost children, and Sky News, the British broadcaster, used it last weekend to automatically identify guests attending the royal wedding. (The New York Times has also used the technology, including for the royal wedding.)

The spokeswoman said that, as with all A.W.S. services, the company requires customers to comply with the law.

The United States military and intelligence agencies have used facial recognition tools for years in overseas conflicts to identify possible terrorist suspects. But domestic law

enforcement agencies are increasingly using the technology at home for more routine forms of policing.

The people who can be identified through facial recognition systems are not just those with criminal records. More than 130 million American adults are in facial recognition databases that can be searched in criminal investigations, the Center on Privacy & Technology at Georgetown Law estimates.

Facial recognition is showing up in new corners of public life all the time, often followed by challenges from critics about its efficacy as a security tool and its impact on privacy. Arenas are using it to screen for known troublemakers at events, while the Department of Homeland Security is using it to identify foreign visitors who overstay their visas at airports. And in China, facial recognition is ubiquitous, used to identify customers in stores and single out jaywalkers.

There are also concerns about the accuracy of facial recognition, with troubling variations based on gender and race. One study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology showed that the gender of darker-skinned women was misidentified up to 35 percent of the time by facial recognition software.

“We have it being used in unaccountable ways and with no regulation,” said Malkia Cyril, executive director of the Center for Media Justice, a nonprofit civil rights organization that signed the A.C.L.U.’s letter to Amazon.

The documents the A.C.L.U. obtained from the Orlando Police Department show city officials considering using video analysis tools from Amazon with footage from surveillance cameras, body-worn cameras and drones.

Amazon may have gone a little far in describing what the technology can do. This month, it published a video of an Amazon official, Ranju Das, speaking at a company event in Seoul, South Korea, in which he said Orlando could even use Amazon’s Rekognition system to find the whereabouts of the mayor through cameras around the city.

Video from an Amazon event where a company official spoke about the company's facial recognition system. Video by Amazon Web Services Korea

In a statement, a spokesman for the Orlando Police Department, Sgt. Eduardo Bernal, said the city was not using Amazon’s technology to track the location of elected officials in its jurisdiction, nor did it have plans to. He said the department was testing Amazon’s service now, but was not using it in investigations or public spaces.

“We are always looking for new solutions to further our ability to keep the residents and visitors of Orlando safe,” he said.

Early last year, the company began courting the Washington County Sheriff’s Office outside of Portland, Ore., eager to promote how it was using Amazon’s service for recognizing faces, emails obtained by the A.C.L.U. show. Chris Adzima, a systems analyst in the office, told Amazon officials that he fed about 300,000 images from the county’s mug shot database into Amazon’s system.

Within a week of going live, the system was used to identify and arrest a suspect who stole more than \$5,000 from local stores, he said, adding there were no leads before the system identified him. The technology was also cheap, costing just a few dollars a month after a setup fee of around \$400.

Mr. Adzima ended up writing a blog post for Amazon about how the sheriff’s office was using Rekognition. He spoke at one of the company’s technical conferences, and local media began reporting on their efforts. After the attention, other law enforcement agencies in Oregon, Arizona and California began to reach to Washington County to learn more about how it was using Amazon’s system, emails show.

In February of last year, before the publicity wave, Mr. Adzima told an Amazon representative in an email that the county’s lawyer was worried the public might believe “that we are constantly checking faces from everything, kind of a Big Brother vibe.”

“They are concerned that A.C.L.U. might consider this the government getting in bed with big data,” Mr. Adzima said in an email. He did not respond to a request for comment for this article.

Deputy Jeff Talbot, a spokesman for the Washington County Sheriff’s Office, said Amazon’s facial recognition system was not being used for mass surveillance by the office. The company has a policy to use the technology only to identify a suspect in a criminal investigation, he said, and has no plans to use it with footage from body cameras or real-time surveillance systems.

“We are aware of those privacy concerns,” he said. “That’s why we have a policy drafted and why we’ve tried to educate the public about what we do and don’t do.”

As reported in TechCrunch.com on April 26, 2018:

Amazon is now selling home security services, including installations and no monthly fees

Ingrid Lunden@ingridlunden / Apr 26, 2018









A screenshot of an Amazon website banner. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home & Business Services, Home, Yard & Outdoors, Automotive, Computers & Electronics, Lessons & Classes, Smart Home Services, and Business & Professional. The main banner features a black and white photograph of a family (a man, a woman, and a child) gathered around a kitchen island, looking at a laptop. To the left of the photo, the text reads: "Take control of your home security" in large, bold letters. Below this, there is a bulleted list: "• LIVE ALERTS AND FEEDS", "• NO CONTRACTS", and "• AMAZON EMPLOYEES".

Five smart security packages designed for peace of mind

Amazon's made a slew of acquisitions in the area of smart home services, and now it's offering a product that brings them together under one roof — your roof.

Amazon has quietly launched a portal offering home security services — which include all the equipment you would need and in-person visits from Amazon consultants to advise and install the kit. The packages are being sold in five price tiers, at a flat fee — no monthly service contracts, a significant disruption of how many home security services are sold today.

The least expensive, \$240 for Outdoor Base, gives you an Echo Dot plus indoor and outdoor lighting designed “to make it look like you’re home.” The most expensive tier, \$840 for Smartest, includes an alarm siren, motion sensors, safety sensors, a camera, and Echo Dot, the lighting and a video doorbell — potentially rolling in previous security launches from the company like Amazon Key and Cloud Cam. All include two visits from Amazon employees to consult you and help with the installation.

SMART SECURITY FEATURES	OUTDOOR BASE \$240 total	OUTDOOR PLUS \$490 total	INDOOR BASE \$320 total	SMART \$575 total	SMARTEST \$840 total
 Siren			✓	✓	✓
 Motion/Contact Sensors			✓	✓	✓
 Safety Sensors					✓
 Camera			✓		✓
 Echo Dot	✓	✓		✓	✓
 Indoor Lighting	✓	✓			
 Video Doorbell		✓		✓	✓
 Outdoor Lighting	✓	✓			✓

Last July it emerged that Amazon was quietly working on its own answer to Best Buy’s Geek Squad — offering repairs and installations of home WiFi, smart home devices, Alexa installations, and other hardware-related services.

Amazon never appeared to confirm it at the time, but that service now officially seems to be called “Smart Home Services” and it has expanded to Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Texas, Nevada, North Carolina, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, Washington D.C. and Florida.

The security offering we are describing here — which was initially flagged to us by a reader — falls under that general banner, and it is being promoted at the top of the Smart Home Services homepage. Judging by the user reviews of the consultants, it appears to have been around since at least December.

Giving consumers the option of a more full-service security offering, beyond selling alarms and other devices a la carte, makes sense for a couple of reasons.

The first is that while there are some early adopters who might like the challenge of installing these services themselves, there will be many middle and later adopters who will not be interested in facing that learning curve.

Amazon has positioned itself in the smart home security space as more than just a reseller of third-party devices — although it sells those, too — with acquisitions of the smart doorbell startup Ring and the smart camera and doorbell startup Blink.

The second is that most often, home security systems are coupled with service installations in your home that include maintenance contracts. So if Amazon hopes to eat up some of that market, it needs to offer something comparable.

It’s an interesting development also of the company’s wider strategy to move into selling services, beyond physical products. Services is one of Amazon’s various efforts to diversify its business by targeting different categories of commerce and different demographics.

Another foray into human-powered services was its Thumbtack-style competitor Amazon Home Services, a marketplace it launched back in 2015 for finding tradespeople and other freelance service providers like

masseurs and language tutors. (Notably, Amazon makes a big deal on its security pages of using Amazon employees to install its security systems.)

Earlier this month, it also emerged that Amazon was stealing a march on Apple in smart homes, specifically by inking deals with smart home builders, who were opting for Amazon as their preferred supplier for consulting and installing such services for their home buyers.

A report in The Information noted that one such home builder, Lennar, was “prioritizing Amazon” in its recommendations, while still working with Apple, in part because of the former company’s stronger efforts to integrate with more third-party products, giving buyers a wider range of choices.

Ramping up into security services fits with this, too. Lennar, as it happens, is directly linked now on Amazon’s security homepage, but to be clear, the offering is not exclusive to Lennar homeowners.

We’ve asked Amazon about the security service pages, and the company has acknowledged the question but still has not replied. We’ll update this post as and if we learn more.

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Mexico's next president plans his own border police force



Bloomberg

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6 myths preventing you from achieving maximum online privacy



By Harold Kilpatrick

Data plays a significant role in our everyday lives, something that has been made all too clear over the last few years. The enormous amount of false and misleading information about online privacy that's floating around isn't helping the situation, either. With so much conflicting advice out there, it can be hard to know what the best practices for maintaining online privacy are. Correcting the following common myths is the first step towards living a more private online life. **READ MORE**

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Law enforcement agencies have a new partner: Amazon



By Bambi Majumdar

Amazon has made its entry into the surveillance business with a facial recognition system, Rekognition. The product is geared towards law enforcement use, and has already been used in select police departments around the country. The AI-based program can track, identify and analyze people in real-time. It is powerful enough to identify up to 100 people in a single image and scan the information quickly against databases. Some are calling it a "first-of-its-kind public-private partnership." **READ MORE**

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LA gangs stockpile untraceable 'ghost guns' that members make themselves

Los Angeles Times

A small arsenal of weapons that authorities seized from gang members during a six-month undercover operation lay across the tables at LAPD's Hollywood station. It's not unusual for the Los Angeles Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to grab high-power weapons during these types of sweeps. But these AR-15-style semiautomatic rifles and pistols were different — homemade, untraceable "ghost guns" without the traditional serial numbers, built from parts purchased over the internet. **READ MORE**



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Subject: Facial Recognition Survey

Dear Chief,

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TECHNOLOGY

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The Orange County (CA) Register   (9/18, Robinson) reports that Irvine, California police “may join a growing number of public safety agencies using drones to help catch criminals, fight fires and locate missing people.” According to the Register, “If the City Council agrees on Tuesday, Sept. 25, to create a drone team, Irvine police would become Orange County’s second law enforcement agency – after Laguna Beach police – to use unmanned aircraft.” Anaheim Fire and Rescue “has used drones to monitor wildland fires, and several public safety agencies in Los Angeles County and the Inland area also have drone programs.” Drones “can help police in cases where it’s physically difficult or dangerous to send an officer, such as a hostage situation or a rescue from rough terrain, Irvine police spokeswoman Kim Mohr said.”



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Reuters   (9/18) reports from London, "British police chiefs said on Tuesday a no-deal Brexit would hamper their efforts to tackle terrorism and crime as they announced contingency plans were being put in place in case they lost access to the bloc's intelligence systems." Reuters adds, "If Britain leaves the EU next March without any agreement, British authorities could be frozen out of the bloc's policing mechanisms such as the European Arrest Warrant (EAW) or the data held by its law enforcement agency Europol. 'Existing EU tools allow us to respond quickly and intelligently to crime and terrorism in the UK and the EU – they make us better at protecting the public,' said Sara Thornton, chair of the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC). 'The alternatives we are planning to use, where they exist, are without exception slower, more bureaucratic and ultimately less effective.'"

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


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POLICING & POLICY

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The AP   (9/18) reports, "Philadelphia has agreed to overhaul its civil forfeiture laws as part of a proposed lawsuit settlement announced Tuesday, limiting what law enforcement officers can seize and how it can use the proceeds." According to the AP, "The city's civil forfeiture law allows law enforcement officials to confiscate property if someone is suspected of a crime and to keep the proceeds for its coffers," and "the 2014 class action lawsuit, filed by the Institute for Justice, alleges that the law violates defendants' due process because of the lack of oversight and a financial incentive for the confiscations since the proceeds have been used to pay salaries." The AP adds, "Nationwide, lawsuits have been filed with mixed success alleging the state and local forfeiture laws are unconstitutional."

Minnesota Task Force To Examine Problems In Sex Crime Investigations.



The Minneapolis Star Tribune (9/18, Van Berkel) reports, "A task force of law officers, public health officials and victim advocates vowed Tuesday to scrutinize the way sexual assaults are investigated in Minnesota, with the goal of recommending reforms to the Legislature before it convenes in January." Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson "said the group will have a broad mandate, from reworking sex crime statutes, to proposing more funding for officers and training, to issuing best practices for police investigations." Swanson "announced the task force in late July as the Star Tribune began publishing a series that has documented pervasive breakdowns in rape investigations across the state." The Star Tribune adds, "A review of more than 1,200 sexual assault files found hundreds of cases in which police failed to take basic steps, such as collecting evidence and interviewing witnesses, even as very few cases resulted in convictions."

COMMUNITY

Virginia Sheriff Seeks To Boost Partnership Work Through SHIELD Program.

The [Richmond \(VA\) Times-Dispatch](#)   (9/18, Kinser) reports from Hanover, Virginia, "In keeping with his department's theme of partnership, Col. David R. Hines, Hanover County sheriff, hosted the first-ever National SHIELD Network Conference last week outside of New York City." SHIELD "allows the sheriff and the Hanover County Sheriff's Office to be in close – if not immediate – contact with the community through these programs: Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, and Worship Watch." Hines "said he is committed to maintaining this type of outreach with the county he and his department serve. 'The SHIELD Conference served as a tangible reminder of the strength found in partnerships,' Hines said. 'It allowed the Hanover Sheriff's Office the opportunity to share this initiative of crime and terrorism prevention at an international level and through professional peer and community partnerships, continue to keep Hanover a great place to live, work and raise a family.'"

Texas Lawmaker Hopes New Training For Drivers, Officers, Students Will Ease Tensions.

The [Dallas Morning News](#)   (9/18, Stone) reports from Austin, Texas, "A peaceful protest in downtown Dallas over the police shootings of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile turned violent in July 2016, when a gunman took the lives of five police officers." According to the Morning News, "At the time, Dallas Sen. Royce West called Dallas 'ground zero for change' and said he wanted to address the tension between law enforcement and the minority community," and "the result is a law the Legislature passed last year to require that Texas students, drivers and law enforcement be taught how to behave during traffic stops. 'Sometimes people get pulled over and fumble around in their car trying to get their driver's license, and if you're a police officer, you may take that the wrong way,' West said. 'We want to make sure drivers understand what they should and shouldn't do when they're stopped and understand their rights.'"

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CRIME & DRUGS





Miami Task Force Efforts Lead To Convictions Of 13 Drug Gang Members.

The [Miami Herald](#)   (9/18, Neal) reports, "Flashing cash and dead bodies on social media, a cocaine-concentrated business gang of many names – Site 16 Blood Gang, Dub Side Blood Family, Smackville – tyrannized Allapattah's South Gwen Cherry public housing residents for 15 years with swaggering violence," but "10 convictions Friday plus three previous guilty pleas mean 13 gang members, including leaders Antonio Glass and Jerimaine Bryant, will have new permanent addresses in the public housing called 'federal prison.'" According to the Herald, "It's the kind of prosecutorial climax envisioned in May 2017 when the Operation Northern Light Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force announced federal indictments of 14 alleged gang members." The task force "consists of federal agencies FBI, ATF, DEA and the U.S. Attorney's Office assisted on the ground by Miami and Miami-Dade police departments."

Report Finds Black People In Louisiana Nearly Three Times More Likely To Be Arrested For Marijuana Possession.





The [New Orleans Times-Picayune](#)   (9/18) reports, "Black people in Louisiana are nearly three times as likely as whites to be arrested on a charge of marijuana possession, according to a report from the Southern Poverty Law Center on racial profiling." The report "states black people in the state are 2.9 times more likely to be arrested for pot possession, even though a 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health found black and white people use marijuana 'at similar rates.'" The Times-Picayune adds, "The analysis of marijuana possession arrests, published in the report made public on Tuesday, is based on 2016 FBI *Uniform Crime Reporting* data – data individual law enforcement agencies voluntarily provide to the U.S. Department of Justice, as well as U.S. Census Bureau population data."

Man Who Threatened Trump Continues To Elude Authorities.



The [Washington Post](#)   (9/18, Horton) reports, "A man who threatened President Trump in June has eluded federal agents across six states and Canada, prompting school closures in an Ohio town after authorities said he sped off the road there in a stolen truck." According to the Post, "Authorities say Shawn Richard Christy, 27, has made threats against numerous officials, including Trump, former Alaska governor Sarah Palin (R) and a Pennsylvania district attorney. A federal warrant for his arrest was issued June 19." Christy "is a self-proclaimed survivalist familiar with dense wooded areas in eastern Pennsylvania, said Robert Clark, the US marshal supervising deputy of the investigation. 'He feels he can operate in the woods without human contact, and that has presented a challenge for us,' Clark told The Washington Post on Tuesday." Clark "said authorities involved in the search, including the FBI and Secret Service, think he is still in Ohio." The [New York Times](#)   (9/19, Gomez) reports that the FBI and Secret Service "became involved after the [threat] about the president, the authorities said, adding that Mr. Christy had also threatened to use 'full lethal force on any law enforcement officer that tries to detain me.'"

Christy's Father "Hoping He Surrenders Himself." The [Mansfield \(OH\) News Journal](#) (9/18) reports Christy's parents, Craig and Karen, said to the News Journal on Tuesday that they are "just hoping he surrenders himself." The News Journal adds that Craig "also hopes people realize the \$20,000 reward for information leading to Shawn's arrest isn't a license to kill him." Officers "say Shawn is armed and dangerous, but Craig said his son means no harm." Craig "said he has since notified the U.S. Marshals, FBI, Secret Service and other law enforcement agencies of his son's location any time he learns of an update."



Missing 10-Year-Old Colorado Girl Found Safe.

The [Denver Post](#) (9/18) reports that 10-year-old Daniela Ruano-Morales of Aurora "has been found safe Tuesday afternoon more than 24 hours after she went missing, officers said." The girl's family "reported her missing about 4 p.m. Monday after searching for her themselves." More than "100 law enforcement officers from a variety of agencies – including the FBI, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and the Denver Police Department – searched the area around the girl's home." [KMGH-TV](#)   Denver (9/18) reports that "it appeared that [Ruano-Morales] had left on her own and on foot, [Aurora police spokeswoman Crystal] McCoy said." McCoy added, "She did tell her family that she was leaving." [KRDO-TV](#)   Colorado Springs, CO (9/18) also reports.

FBI, Bomb Squad Investigating Wisconsin Explosion.

The [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#)   (9/18) reports, "A local bomb squad and the FBI are among the agencies investigating the source of an explosion along West Coffee Road in New Berlin on Sept. 17." Officer Tony Fus "declined to discuss how large the explosion was, but said nobody reported any injuries."



Nine Members Of Georgia Gang Indicted.



The [Augusta \(GA\) Chronicle](#)   (9/18) reports, "The Richmond County Sheriff's Office, along with federal and local law enforcement partners, announced Tuesday the arrest and indictments" of nine members "of an Augusta gang that has been under investigation for nearly a year." Tara Lyons, "the assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Georgia...spoke at the



news conference and reiterated the commitment by her boss, U.S. Attorney Bobby Christine, in fighting gang activity in the Augusta area." Lyons "said Christine feels that the partnership between the FBI, the sheriff's office and the district attorney's office has restored confidence in the security of Augusta neighborhoods."



Senate Passes Opioids Package.

Several outlets reported on the Senate's passage of legislation to address the opioid epidemic.

Colby Itkowitz writes in the Washington Post   (9/17) that the Senate "overwhelmingly" passed a package of bills aimed at the nation's opioid epidemic Monday by a 99 to 1 vote. The package includes 70 bills covering \$8.4 billion in funding for programs across multiple agencies. The legislation requires the US Postal Service to screen packages from overseas, typically China, for synthetic opioids and provides greater access to treatment.



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Sacramento Bee: [Following Darell Richards shooting, Sacramento police change placement of body cameras on officers](#)

Sacramento police officers are changing the position of their body cameras to minimize accidental shut-offs when officers use their rifles, a police spokesman said Monday. The change was implemented after police learned that the body cameras of multiple officers were turned off when officers fatally shot 19-year-old Darell Richards in September - including the camera of one of the SWAT officers who fired shots, said Vance Chandler, Sacramento police spokesman.

CRIME STRATEGY

Washington Post: In Sacramento, trying to stop a killing before it happens

In Sacramento, gang-related violence accounts for more than a quarter of the city's 30 to 40 annual homicides, according to police. Because the violence is typically retaliatory and witnesses refuse to cooperate, police often struggle to solve such killings, leading to the next round of retaliation. So, city officials are flipping the script: intervening directly with young men who are closest to the violence - including known shooters - before they either pull the trigger or become a victim themselves. The strategy is part of a program called Advance Peace, which offers financial incentives to the young men it targets if they stay out of trouble, a relatively radical approach to reducing gang violence.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Robert Ferullo discusses his tenure as police chief in Woburn, Massachusetts

In this edition of "In Their Own Words," Robert Ferullo, who will be retiring as Woburn police chief next Friday, spoke with Chuck Wexler about responding to the opioid crisis, supporting his agency after an officer was killed, and advice he'd give to future police chiefs.

TRAINING

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: New West Allis police training facility is designed to simulate some of the job's most challenging encounters

What's it like to be a cop who needs to do the right thing when faced with some of the most tension-filled moments? West Allis police want to give more cops that experience in simulation, so they are ready to react properly when faced with the real thing. They already train hard to be letter perfect, but come spring they will move that training up to the next level, said Deputy Police Chief Christopher Botsch. A training facility is going up right now that will be used to put officers through their paces like never before.

OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS

Chicago Tribune: Security guard killed by Midlothian police officer, 4 injured in Robbins bar gunfight

A security guard at a tavern in south suburban Robbins was fatally injured when shot by a police officer early Sunday, officials said. Jemel Roberson, 26, was at Manny's Blue Room, 2911 S. Claire Blvd., when gunfire erupted, officials said. Police officers from several south suburban police departments responded to the call of shots fired at about 4 a.m., and a Midlothian police officer shot a security guard who subsequently was pronounced dead at a local hospital, according to Sophia Ansari, a sheriff's office spokeswoman. The medical examiner's office identified Roberson, of Chicago, as the man who died at the tavern.

OFFICER DEATHS

ABC News: Inmates send letter to sheriff after officer is shot dead: 'Your service and sacrifice make the world a better place'

After a Georgia police officer was shot dead in the line of duty, inmates at the local jail sent a "heartfelt" letter to the sheriff. Gwinnett County Police Officer Antwan Toney was shot dead while responding to a call on Oct. 20. He had been with the department for three years.

HATE CRIMES

USA Today: Hate crimes in US surge in 2017 with big jump in anti-Semitic attacks, FBI says

Hate crimes spiked by nearly 17 percent last year and included a corresponding jump in anti-Semitic attacks, a new FBI review found. In all, 8,437 offenses were reported to the FBI last year, up from 7,321 in 2016.

HATE CRIMES

FBI: FBI Releases 2017 Hate Crime Statistics

Today the FBI released Hate Crime Statistics, 2017, the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's latest compilation about bias-motivated incidents throughout the nation. The 2017 data, submitted by 16,149 law enforcement agencies (up from 15,254 agencies in 2016), provide information about the offenses, victims, offenders, and locations of hate crimes.

DRONES

Hartford (CT) Courant: Hartford Council will consider plan to more closely regulate drones by law enforcement

Hartford Police Chief David Rosado is questioning a city council proposal to oversee the use of drones and other technology by law enforcement. With police planning to deploy drones throughout Hartford neighborhoods, the council wants a say over what equipment, monitoring and data retention officers use. Under a proposal that the American Civil Liberties Union helped draft, city agencies would need permission for all current and new methods of surveillance, including unmanned aerial devices, license plate readers, body cameras, video and audio recording systems, facial and voice recognition software and gunshot detection hardware.

OPIOIDS

The Atlantic: A narcotics officer ends his war on drugs

Kevin Simmers relished locking up drug users, no matter how little crack they had on them. "If they just had a pipe-fine," he said. "At the end of the night, I wanted to have an arrest. I wanted a body." Decades later, despite his efforts, the opioid epidemic was in full swing in Hagerstown, "a small town with big-city problems" an hour outside Baltimore. In 2013, Simmers received an unusual phone call from his 18-year-old daughter, Brooke, who was typically defensive of her independence: "I need your help, Dad." Brooke told Simmers that she was addicted to opioid pain pills and didn't know how to stop. Simmers sprung into action, and over the next year he helped Brooke into a half-dozen rehabs, but none seemed to work. Eventually, out of options and fearing a fatal overdose, Simmers used his police connections to jail his own daughter. But the disaster that followed made him reconsider not just his decision to lock up Brooke, but also his role as a willing combatant in the decades-long War on Drugs.

MARIJUANA

Newsweek: Where will weed be legal next? Asian countries race toward cannabis legalization

Several Asian nations have taken note of cannabis legalization movements in North America and other countries, with several moving to chart a similar path. Last Friday, Thailand's National Legislative Assembly sent a proposed amendment to the country's Health Ministry, which would reclassify marijuana as medicinally legal and regulate its possession and distribution, British online newspaper The Independent reported. In Malaysia, where trafficking marijuana has led many to receive the death penalty, legalization campaigners have

recently seen glimpses of serious reform as well. On Tuesday, Malaysia announced that it would abolish the death penalty for 32 offenses, including drug charges.

POLICE EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: After 2½ years as police chief in Ferguson, Delrish Moss is leaving the spotlight

The role of this city's top cop has taken on significance well beyond its 6.2 square miles. Since the 2014 fatal shooting of Michael Brown by a police officer here, decisions made in what was once just another St. Louis suburb can make international headlines. Every move the police chief makes has been monitored by the federal government since a 2015 agreement. National and international law enforcement groups seek him out to make speeches or appear on panels. The man who has held the title for the last 2½ years knew the spotlight would be on him from the beginning. But Friday is his last day, and Delrish Moss says he's happy to be leaving behind some of that pressure.

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Richmond (VA) Times-Dispatch: Richmond Police Chief Alfred Durham to retire at end of year

Richmond Police Chief Alfred Durham on Tuesday announced that he will retire at the end of the year, ending a nearly four-year stint as head of the department. Durham, 55, steps down after four years as the top law enforcement officer in the city citing a desire to spend more time with family. His retirement is effective Dec. 31.

POLICE EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Syracuse.com: Frank Fowler to retire this month after 9 years as Syracuse police chief


Syracuse police Chief Frank Fowler will retire at the end of this month after 29 years on the job. Fowler's last day is Friday, Nov. 30, Mayor Ben Walsh said today. His replacement, Kenton Buckner, will start Monday, Dec. 3.

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Sacramento Bee: [Following Darell Richards shooting, Sacramento police change placement of body cameras on officers](#)

Sacramento police officers are changing the position of their body cameras to minimize accidental shut-offs when officers use their rifles, a police spokesman said Monday. The change was implemented after police learned that the body cameras of multiple officers were turned off when officers fatally shot 19-year-old Darell Richards in September - including the camera of one of the SWAT officers who fired shots, said Vance Chandler, Sacramento police spokesman.

CRIME STRATEGY

Washington Post: In Sacramento, trying to stop a killing before it happens

In Sacramento, gang-related violence accounts for more than a quarter of the city's 30 to 40 annual homicides, according to police. Because the violence is typically retaliatory and witnesses refuse to cooperate, police often struggle to solve such killings, leading to the next round of retaliation. So, city officials are flipping the script: intervening directly with young men who are closest to the violence - including known shooters - before they either pull the trigger or become a victim themselves. The strategy is part of a program called Advance Peace, which offers financial incentives to the young men it targets if they stay out of trouble, a relatively radical approach to reducing gang violence.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Robert Ferullo discusses his tenure as police chief in Woburn, Massachusetts

In this edition of "In Their Own Words," Robert Ferullo, who will be retiring as Woburn police chief next Friday, spoke with Chuck Wexler about responding to the opioid crisis, supporting his agency after an officer was killed, and advice he'd give to future police chiefs.

TRAINING

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: New West Allis police training facility is designed to simulate some of the job's most challenging encounters

What's it like to be a cop who needs to do the right thing when faced with some of the most tension-filled moments? West Allis police want to give more cops that experience in simulation, so they are ready to react properly when faced with the real thing. They already train hard to be letter perfect, but come spring they will move that training up to the next level, said Deputy Police Chief Christopher Botsch. A training facility is going up right now that will be used to put officers through their paces like never before.

OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS

Chicago Tribune: Security guard killed by Midlothian police officer, 4 injured in Robbins bar gunfight

A security guard at a tavern in south suburban Robbins was fatally injured when shot by a police officer early Sunday, officials said. Jemel Roberson, 26, was at Manny's Blue Room, 2911 S. Claire Blvd., when gunfire erupted, officials said. Police officers from several south suburban police departments responded to the call of shots fired at about 4 a.m., and a Midlothian police officer shot a security guard who subsequently was pronounced dead at a local hospital, according to Sophia Ansari, a sheriff's office spokeswoman. The medical examiner's office identified Roberson, of Chicago, as the man who died at the tavern.

OFFICER DEATHS

ABC News: Inmates send letter to sheriff after officer is shot dead: 'Your service and sacrifice make the world a better place'

After a Georgia police officer was shot dead in the line of duty, inmates at the local jail sent a "heartfelt" letter to the sheriff. Gwinnett County Police Officer Antwan Toney was shot dead while responding to a call on Oct. 20. He had been with the department for three years.

HATE CRIMES

USA Today: Hate crimes in US surge in 2017 with big jump in anti-Semitic attacks, FBI says

Hate crimes spiked by nearly 17 percent last year and included a corresponding jump in anti-Semitic attacks, a new FBI review found. In all, 8,437 offenses were reported to the FBI last year, up from 7,321 in 2016.

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FBI: FBI Releases 2017 Hate Crime Statistics

Today the FBI released Hate Crime Statistics, 2017, the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's latest compilation about bias-motivated incidents throughout the nation. The 2017 data, submitted by 16,149 law enforcement agencies (up from 15,254 agencies in 2016), provide information about the offenses, victims, offenders, and locations of hate crimes.

DRONES

Hartford (CT) Courant: Hartford Council will consider plan to more closely regulate drones by law enforcement

Hartford Police Chief David Rosado is questioning a city council proposal to oversee the use of drones and other technology by law enforcement. With police planning to deploy drones throughout Hartford neighborhoods, the council wants a say over what equipment, monitoring and data retention officers use. Under a proposal that the American Civil Liberties Union helped draft, city agencies would need permission for all current and new methods of surveillance, including unmanned aerial devices, license plate readers, body cameras, video and audio recording systems, facial and voice recognition software and gunshot detection hardware.

OPIOIDS

The Atlantic: A narcotics officer ends his war on drugs

Kevin Simmers relished locking up drug users, no matter how little crack they had on them. "If they just had a pipe-fine," he said. "At the end of the night, I wanted to have an arrest. I wanted a body." Decades later, despite his efforts, the opioid epidemic was in full swing in Hagerstown, "a small town with big-city problems" an hour outside Baltimore. In 2013, Simmers received an unusual phone call from his 18-year-old daughter, Brooke, who was typically defensive of her independence: "I need your help, Dad." Brooke told Simmers that she was addicted to opioid pain pills and didn't know how to stop. Simmers sprung into action, and over the next year he helped Brooke into a half-dozen rehabs, but none seemed to work. Eventually, out of options and fearing a fatal overdose, Simmers used his police connections to jail his own daughter. But the disaster that followed made him reconsider not just his decision to lock up Brooke, but also his role as a willing combatant in the decades-long War on Drugs.

MARIJUANA

Newsweek: Where will weed be legal next? Asian countries race toward cannabis legalization

Several Asian nations have taken note of cannabis legalization movements in North America and other countries, with several moving to chart a similar path. Last Friday, Thailand's National Legislative Assembly sent a proposed amendment to the country's Health Ministry, which would reclassify marijuana as medicinally legal and regulate its possession and distribution, British online newspaper The Independent reported. In Malaysia, where trafficking marijuana has led many to receive the death penalty, legalization campaigners have

recently seen glimpses of serious reform as well. On Tuesday, Malaysia announced that it would abolish the death penalty for 32 offenses, including drug charges.

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St. Louis Post-Dispatch: After 2½ years as police chief in Ferguson, Delrish Moss is leaving the spotlight

The role of this city's top cop has taken on significance well beyond its 6.2 square miles. Since the 2014 fatal shooting of Michael Brown by a police officer here, decisions made in what was once just another St. Louis suburb can make international headlines. Every move the police chief makes has been monitored by the federal government since a 2015 agreement. National and international law enforcement groups seek him out to make speeches or appear on panels. The man who has held the title for the last 2½ years knew the spotlight would be on him from the beginning. But Friday is his last day, and Delrish Moss says he's happy to be leaving behind some of that pressure.

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Richmond (VA) Times-Dispatch: Richmond Police Chief Alfred Durham to retire at end of year

Richmond Police Chief Alfred Durham on Tuesday announced that he will retire at the end of the year, ending a nearly four-year stint as head of the department. Durham, 55, steps down after four years as the top law enforcement officer in the city citing a desire to spend more time with family. His retirement is effective Dec. 31.

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Syracuse.com: Frank Fowler to retire this month after 9 years as Syracuse police chief

Syracuse police Chief Frank Fowler will retire at the end of this month after 29 years on the job. Fowler's last day is Friday, Nov. 30, Mayor Ben Walsh said today. His replacement, Kenton Buckner, will start Monday, Dec. 3.

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In Homeland Security

From July 25: Border security is once again in the headlines as the Trump administration tries to deal with another immigration crisis. President Donald Trump and many of his GOP counterparts have been demanding a significant increase in the number of U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the southwest border as a way of preventing more illegal crossings and apprehending more migrants attempting to enter the U.S. illegally. However, a recent government report indicates that Border Patrol is losing more agents than it can hire. **READ MORE**

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By Bambi Majumdar

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The Associated Press via Tampa Bay Times

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CBS News

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'We haven't seen the big one': Coats fears 'cyber 9/11,' terrorist use of WMD



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As 2018 comes to a close, the Global Society of Homeland and National Security Professionals would like to wish its members, partners and other industry professionals a safe and happy holiday season. As we reflect on the past year for the industry, we would like to provide the readers of the Weekly Security Report a look at the most accessed articles from the year. Our regular publication will resume Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Border Patrol losing more agents than it can hire



In Homeland Security

From July 25: Border security is once again in the headlines as the Trump administration tries to deal with another immigration crisis. President Donald Trump and many of his GOP counterparts have been demanding a significant increase in the number of U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the southwest border as a way of preventing more illegal crossings and apprehending more migrants attempting to enter the U.S. illegally. However, a recent government report indicates that Border Patrol is losing more agents than it can hire. **READ MORE**

Inside the top-secret Israeli anti-terrorism operation that's changing the game



Vanity Fair

From Oct. 10: Governments around the world are quietly turning to YAMAM, Israel's special police force, for help with their most intractable security problems. And now, elite commandos publicly reveal the tactics that have made it one of the most fearsome counterterrorism units in the world. **READ MORE**

Law enforcement agencies have a new partner:



Amazon

By Bambi Majumdar

From July 11: Amazon has made its entry into the surveillance business with a facial recognition system, Rekognition. The product is geared towards law enforcement use, and has already been used in select police departments around the country. The AI-based program can track, identify and analyze people in real-time. It is powerful enough to identify up to 100 people in a single image and scan the information quickly against databases. Some are calling it a "first-of-its-kind public-private partnership." [READ MORE](#)

New facial recognition tech catches 1st impostor at DC airport



NBC News

From Aug. 29: Facial recognition technology caught an impostor trying to enter the U.S. on a fake passport that may have passed at face value with humans, federal officials said. And the groundbreaking arrest came on just the third day the biometric technology has been used at Washington Dulles International Airport. [READ MORE](#)

Florida shooting raises questions of security



The Associated Press via Tampa Bay Times

From Aug. 29: A shooting at a video game competition in Florida has left two people dead along with the suspect and prompted calls from gamers for more security at esports tournaments. "It's very clear that we need to be more proactive for 2019 and beyond," tweeted Joey Cuellar, the tournament director for the Evolution Championship Series, an esports event that focuses on fighting games. The tournament is held in Las Vegas and draws some 15,000 people. [READ MORE](#)

DNA detectives are searching for killers in your family tree



Bloomberg

From June 20: Consumer genetic-testing services are wrestling with a new threat to users' privacy: detectives hauling a dragnet through their DNA. In April, investigators arrested a suspect in the decades-old case of the Golden State Killer after sifting through online genetic data. The arrest has set off one of the most vigorous recent debates about privacy in the digital age. [READ MORE](#)

An ISIS-inspired tactic is raising concerns in US ports



Business Insider

From Oct. 10: The U.S. Coast Guard has a number of threats it needs to worry about when dealing with boats and their crews on U.S. waterways, but boats without crews are adding a new wrinkle to the problem. "There is an emergence in the Middle East with ISIS of using unmanned remotely controlled vessels that are packed with explosives, and that would pose a significant challenge," Lt. Cmdr. Devon Brennan, the commander of the Coast Guard's Maritime Safety and Security Team in New York, said recently during a use-of-force demonstration. [READ MORE](#)

Mexico's next president plans his own border police force



Bloomberg

From July 11: After months of Donald Trump's controversial clampdown on immigration, Mexico's President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador is planning his own border police force to stop undocumented immigrants, drugs and guns from crossing into the country from Central America, his future chief of public security said. Picked by Lopez Obrador, Alfonso Durazo stressed that the new force would be part of a larger regional development effort to ease the poverty and violence that lead so many Central Americans to cross into Mexico. [READ MORE](#)

DHS experts warn it's a 'matter of time' before hackers hit commercial airliners



CBS News

From June 20: Cybersecurity experts working for the Department of Homeland Security issued a sobering warning about the vulnerability of commercial airliners to hackers. The same group of experts hacked a Boeing 757, and now CBS News is learning more about the government's ongoing efforts to learn about the vulnerabilities. In a presentation in January, researchers from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory warned it is "a matter of time before a cybersecurity breach on an airline occurs," according to 119 pages of heavily redacted documents provided by DHS to CBS News. [READ MORE](#)

'We haven't seen the big one': Coats fears 'cyber 9/11,' terrorist use of WMD



Homeland Security Today

From July 25: Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats warned at the Aspen Security Forum that he fears a "cyber 9/11" or terrorist use of weapon of mass destruction that could inflict 100 times the casualties seen on September 11th, 2001. Coats recently declared in a speech at the Hudson Institute in D.C. that, like before 9/11, "the warning lights are blinking red again" as "the digital infrastructure that serves this country is literally under attack." [READ MORE](#)

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