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Activity Alert

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
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(U//FOUO) Unidentified Darknet User(s) Sent Personally Identifiable Information of Federal Law Enforcement Officials to Darknet Website Administrators

(U) Source: An anonymous tip reported to a monitored FBI e-mail account.

(U//LES) The purpose of this National Situational Information Report is to advise law enforcement personnel and public safety officials about threats to life by unidentified Darknet user(s) using the name DEEPSTATE.

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(U//LES) Based on reporting from 2018, Darknet user(s) sent personally identifiable information (PII) of six current and former federal LEOs to multiple administrators of Darknet marketplaces. The sender(s), using the name DEEPSTATE, also threatened to kill the LEOs, stating the first murder would occur within 18 months of the initial send date of the message. The LEOs in the message are publically linked to investigations involving the Darknet.

(U//LES) The sender(s) also instructed the recipients of the PII to implicate the LEOs in various activities in the following ways:

- (U//LES) Register Darknet marketplace servers in the names of the LEOs
- (U//LES) Deposit traceable drug money into offshore bank accounts and list the LEOs as beneficiaries
- (U//LES) Use the LEOs' addresses as return addresses on mail
- (U//LES) Register companies in the LEOs' names and use those companies to launder money
- (U//LES) Open cryptocurrency exchange accounts in the LEOs' names and use them to launder money
- (U//LES) Use the LEO's identities in international arms trade transactions
- (U//LES) Message chemical vendors on guidechem.com, asking for fentanyl precursor quotes
- (U//LES) Write letters to Iranian, Russian, and North Korean embassies in the LEOs' names discussing centrifuges
- (U//LES) Register domain names and web hosting services in the LEOs' names and post WikiLeaks content to the sites
- (U//LES) Use aliases that appear to belong to the LEOs when posting online
- (U//LES) Mail free computer equipment with backdoors installed to the LEOs and use the compromised equipment's Internet Protocol address to log into the Darknet marketplaces.

(U//LES) FBI Comment: The Darknet is a portion of the Internet that can be accessed only by using specialized software. The most common software used to access the Darknet is Tor, formerly known as The Onion Router. Darknet marketplaces are used to buy and sell illicit goods such as drugs, weapons, and falsified identification documents. Darknet marketplaces include sites such as the Silk Road and AlphaBay. Administrators manage the hardware and software used to run Darknet marketplaces.

(U//LES) FBI Comment: This information is from an unknown date in 2018. An anonymous individual sent it to the FBI on 23 June 2019.

(U//LES) FBI Comment: According to the information provided to the FBI, DEEPSTATE claims to be an intelligence entity set up to protect Darknet Marketplace administrators from arrest and extended prison sentences. The self-described group claims to have conducted surveillance on one of the identified federal agents.

(U//LES) FBI Comment: According to open source searches, guidechem.com is a China-based e-commerce website that allows buyers and sellers to trade chemical products globally.

(U) This report has been prepared by FBI Sacramento and the Criminal Investigative Division of the FBI. Comments and queries may be addressed to the Criminal Investigative Division at 202-324-8779.

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