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(U//LES) Anarchist Violent Extremist (AVE) Actors Targeting Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) and Federal Facilities

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(U//LES) FBI New York is releasing this Situational Information Report (SIR) to raise awareness among law enforcement and public safety officials regarding Anarchist Violent Extremist (AVE) actors targeting law enforcement officers (LEOs) and federal facilities.

(U//LES) As of late May 2025, an identified USPER participated in a debrief session held via a Signal call within the

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"courtwatch"[1] Signal groupchat. The USPER discussed how to improve future activities near federal facilities in New York City, including 26 Federal Plaza, 201 Varick Street, and 290 Broadway. Collecting media of activities was "critical information"; media included photos and videos of law enforcement officers including their badges, faces, names, license plates, law enforcement vehicles, and the interior of federal facilities.

(U//LES) Discussions within the "courtwatch" group chat also included instructions on where to go and what to say in order to gain access to federal courtrooms. Specifically at 26 Federal Plaza, individuals were told to say "I'm offering support for a Master Hearing on the 12th floor." At 201 Varick Street, individuals were told to visit the 5th floor and 11th floor, and advised to state they were observing a case with specific unnamed judges, or "I'm due at a 9:30 hearing" on either the 5th or 11th floor.

[1](U//LES) FBI Comment: "Courtwatch" is a private/invite only, encrypted Signal application group chat created by the identified USPER. In private encrypted online chats, the identified USPER is known to instruct protest participants to use violence against LEOs.

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