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(U//FOUO) White Racially Motivated Violent Extremists Suggest Spreading the Coronavirus¹

(U//FOUO) Violent extremists continue to make bioterrorism a popular topic among themselves. White Racially Motivated Violent Extremists (WRMVEs) have recently commented on the coronavirus stating that it is an “OBLIGATION” to spread it should any of them contract the virus. Suggested targeting has focused primarily on law enforcement and minority communities, with some mention of public places in general. When WRMVEs have discussed the virus, they have been using terms such as corona-chan, bowlronavirus (referencing Dylann Roof^{USPER}, and boogaflu (modification of the term boogaloo which is used to reference a future civil war).

(U//FOUO) WRMVEs having been using the Telegram channel, which consists of WRMVE channels that support James Mason’s^{USPER} Siege Culture and accelerationism.



(U) Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs)

(U//FOUO) Listed below are recommended methods shared by WRMVEs for spreading the coronavirus:

- Spend as much time as possible in public places with their “enemies”
- Visit local FBI offices and leave saliva on door handles
- Spray saliva from spray bottle on the faces of law enforcement
- Commit crimes such as arson of a shooting and leave coronavirus laced items at the scene for detectives to find
- Spit on elevator buttons
- Spread coronavirus germs in non-white neighborhoods

(U//FOUO) Analyst Comment: This possible threat can likely happen due to the fact that WRMVEs have been known to travel abroad to adapt foreign terrorists’ tactics (FTOs). It is likely that they would be willing to travel to China to bring the coronavirus back to the U.S.

(U//FOUO) Robocalls Likely Capable of Overwhelming 911 Emergency Call Centers²

(U//FOUO) A recent surge in robocalls to the El Paso 911 District indicates unknown actors likely discovered a capability to overwhelm a 911 center with robocalls, preventing it from accepting legitimate emergency calls. The intent behind these robocalls is financial gain, which suggests that any

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disruption of the 911 center's operations would likely be inadvertent.

- (U//FOUO) On 4 November 2019, 713 Mandarin-language scam robocalls reached the El Paso 911 lines between 7:00 am to 9:40 am local time, according to the 911 District's public safety systems manager. The calls were made to the 911 system's 10-digit back-up number that routes to 911.1
- (U//FOUO) The calls made to the El Paso 911 District are identical to widespread calls made in Mandarin throughout the United States, according to the DHS National Operations Center.⁴ Between December 2017 and February 2019, the calls, which falsely claim victims owe

money, generated over \$40 million, averaging \$164,000 per victim, according to an FBI public service announcement. No, El Paso 911 District employees fell victim to the scam.

(U//FOUO) (U//FOUO) The unidentified actors behind the scam robocalls employ tradecraft to ensure their calls reach their targets. These actors use different phone numbers and spoof³ official Chinese diplomatic phone numbers to make the calls, according to the DHS National Operations Center.

Analyst Comment: If 911 call centers are overflooded with robocalls, this can impact federal facilities if an incident occurs and law enforcement officer cannot be contacted.

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² (U//FOUO) Homeland Security Intelligence Note; Robocalls Likely Capable of Overwhelming 911 Emergency Call Centers; Dated 14 February 2020; Extracted information is UNCLASSIFIED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY; Overall Classification is UNCLASSIFIED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

³ (U) *Spoofing is when a caller deliberately falsifies information transmitted to a recipient's caller ID to disguise the caller's identity, according to the Federal Communications Commission.*