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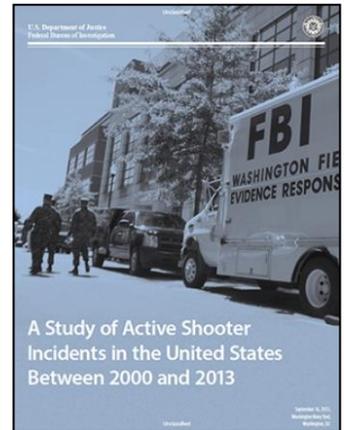


WFO Welcomes Assistant Director in Charge Andrew G. McCabe

Earlier this month, WFO welcomed Andrew G. McCabe as our assistant director in charge. Mr. McCabe began his career as a special agent with the FBI in 1996, where he was assigned to the New York Field Office. In 2006, was promoted to FBI Headquarters in the Counterterrorism Division. In 2008, Mr. McCabe was promoted to assistant special agent in charge of WFO's Counterterrorism Division. The following year, Mr. McCabe was selected as the first director of the High-Value Interrogation Group. He was appointed as assistant director of the Counterterrorism Division in May 2012. Most recently, Mr. McCabe served as executive assistant director of the National Security Branch. Before entering the FBI, Mr. McCabe worked as a lawyer in private practice.

FBI Releases Study on Active Shooter Incidents

This month, the FBI released a [study of 160 active shooter incidents](#) that occurred throughout the U.S. between 2000 and 2013. The primary purpose of the study was to provide FBI's law enforcement partners—normally the first responders on the scene of these dangerous and fast-moving events—with data that will help them to better prepare for and respond to these incidents, saving more lives and keeping themselves safer in the process. The information contained in this study can benefit anyone who could potentially be in an active shooter situation—like emergency personnel, employees of retail corporations and other businesses, educators and students, government and military personnel, or members of the general public, by giving them a better understanding of how these incidents play out. Due in part to the Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act and a federal multi-agency initiative targeting violent crime—the study is just one of the resources the FBI offers to its law enforcement partners.



Pakistani Man Indicted for Selling “StealthGenie” Spyware App

In the first-ever criminal case involving a mobile device spyware app, the WFO investigated and arrested a Pakistani man for allegedly conspiring to advertise and sell StealthGenie, a spyware application (app) that could monitor calls, texts, videos and other communications on mobile phones without detection. According to the indictment, Hammad Akbar, of Lahore, Pakistan, is the chief executive officer of InvoCode Pvt Ltd, the company that advertises and sells StealthGenie online. Akbar and his co-conspirators allegedly created the spyware, which could intercept communications to and from mobile phones, including Apple's iPhone, Google's Android, and Blackberry Limited's Blackberry. StealthGenie was undetectable by most users and was advertised as being untraceable. The FBI received a court order to temporarily disable StealthGenie's website, which was hosted at a data center in Ashburn, Va. [Learn more](#) about how to remove this spyware from a mobile device.

Former College Student Pleads Guilty To Unregistered Possession of Ricin

Daniel Milzman, of Bethesda, Md., pled guilty this month to a federal offense stemming from the discovery of a plastic bag of lethal ricin in a dormitory room where he was staying while he was a student at Georgetown University. Milzman pled guilty to a charge of unregistered possession of a biological agent or toxin. On the night of March 17, 2014, Milzman showed his Resident Advisor a double-wrapped plastic bag containing an off-white powdery substance, indicated that it was ricin, and said that he had made the substance over a period of four days, while on a school break. Law enforcement officials were notified and Milzman admitted that he had made ricin. In light of the tests performed on the ricin in this case, the ricin toxin produced by Milzman could have been lethal to an average person weighing 220 pounds, if either inhaled or injected.

D.C. Man Sentenced for Role in 2013 String of Armed Bank Robberies

This month, James Link, of Washington, D.C., was sentenced to 35 years in prison for two counts of brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence. Link and his co-defendants James McNeal and Alphonso Stoddard were suspects in a string of bank robberies in late 2013. On Dec. 27, 2013, Link, McNeal and Stoddard cased two banks in Arlington, Va. On Dec. 31, Stoddard and Link entered the Wells Fargo on George Mason Drive. Inside the bank, Link brandished a firearm while Stoddard removed approximately \$47,000 in cash from teller drawers. The two men exited the bank and returned to the vehicle where McNeal was waiting. The FBI and Arlington police officers arrested them, shortly after exiting the bank.