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ATTENTION—SURFACE TRANSPORTATION STAKEHOLDERS

(U) On 10/31/17, a 29 year-old man in a rented pickup truck sped down a bike lane in New York City, killing eight people and injuring 11. According to media reports, after the pickup truck collided with a school bus, the suspect exited the truck brandishing what was later determined to be a pellet gun and a paintball gun. He was shot by local police and taken into custody. Media reports state that notes found at the scene indicated that the suspect was supportive of the Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS). The incident is being investigated as a possible act of terrorism, and if so, this would be the first known use of a rental vehicle for a ramming attack in the United States.

(U) Several recent terrorist attacks in Canada and Europe involved the use of rental vehicles for ramming attacks. On 3/22/17, a rental sport utility vehicle was used in a ramming attack on Westminster Bridge in London. Four people died in the attack, and an unarmed police officer was fatally stabbed. On 6/3/17, a rental van was used in a ramming attack on pedestrians on London Bridge killing eight and injuring 48. On 8/17/17, a rented commercial van was used in a ramming attack in Barcelona, Spain killing at least 13 and injuring more than 100. On 10/1/17, the driver of a rental truck fled from a police checkpoint in Edmonton, Alberta and, during the ensuing chase, attempted to hit pedestrians in crosswalks, injuring four.

(U) At this time, the TSA Office of Intelligence and Analysis (TSA OIA) is not aware of any current or credible plots to attack transportation within the United States; however, TSA OIA remains concerned with terrorist organizations' efforts to conduct attacks against transportation. Threat actors in the Homeland may be influenced by successful overseas attacks to target transportation in the United States. The current National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin issued regarding the threat from Homegrown Violent Extremists (HVEs) remains in effect (<http://www.dhs.gov/advisories>).

(U) Surface transportation operators should encourage their employees to secure their vehicles to prevent theft or unauthorized use. Employees of companies and businesses that rent vehicles should be aware of circumstances that may seem suspicious or customers that exhibit suspicious behaviors. The attached poster provides additional details. Employees should review their company's security policies and procedures. Persons whose behavior does not fit their circumstances or surroundings should be brought to the attention of law enforcement—"If you See Something, Say Something.™" Contact information for company supervisors, local law enforcement, and [the local FBI field office](#) should be readily available to employees to assist them in reporting suspicious activity. In May 2017, TSA released a report analyzing vehicle ramming attack indicators and countermeasures. The document is unclassified and copies may be requested by emailing HighwaySecurity@tsa.dhs.gov.

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