

JUDICIAL SECURITY

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NC SBI Behavioral Threat Assessment (BeTA) Unit

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You receive a threat...now what?

- How was threat received? Verbal, written, electronic communication.
- Direct communicated threat vs. concerning communication.
- NCGS 14-17.7- Threats Against Executive, Legislative or Court Officer. (Class I Felony)

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Analyzing a Threat


- How was the threat communicated?
- Is the suspect known or unknown?
- Specificity-time, place, method of attack, etc.
- Any previous involvements between the suspect and Judge.
- Suspect's history- criminal history, 50-B/50-C history, weapons access.
- Is there an identifiable grievance?

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First Steps

- Immediately notify the Sheriff's Office where you hold court as well as the local law enforcement agency where you reside.
- Do not engage with the individual communicating threats.
- Retain all voicemails, text messages, e-mails, etc.
- Be mindful of your social media presence.
- Be vigilant of surroundings and aware of your pattern of life and routines someone may be able to observe.
- Report any unusual activity to law enforcement.

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How does the SBI become involved?

- Pursuant to a request from a Judge, District Attorney, or local law enforcement agency.
- Criminal investigation, NC ISAAC intelligence support, Behavioral Threat Assessment (BETA) Investigation.

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Criminal Investigations

- Limited or Full Assistance pursuant to request from Judge, District Attorney, or local law enforcement agency.
- Criminal investigations conducted through the Field Operations Division's 8 District Offices throughout the state.
- General investigative functions as well as assistance from specialized units of the SBI may be utilized in investigating a threat.
- Example: most appropriate for a directly communicated threat clearly constituting a criminal offense.
- Threat management can occur in partnership with District Attorney's Office.

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North Carolina Information Sharing and Analysis Center (NC ISAAC)

- Task Force of federal, state and local law enforcement dedicated to the prevention and disruption of terrorism, organized crime, and targeted violence.
- Task Force Officers from three Sheriff's Offices work in a full-time capacity to serve as liaisons with Sheriff's Offices can assist in threats against judicial officials.
- NC ISAAC is currently collaborating with the NC Supreme Court Marshals and the United States Marshal's Service on threats against judicial officials and the courts.
- Example: analytical research into suspect background, inter-agency coordination.

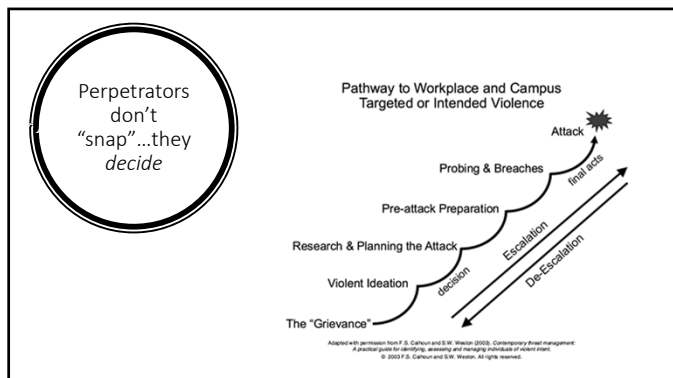
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Behavioral Threat Assessment Unit (BETA)

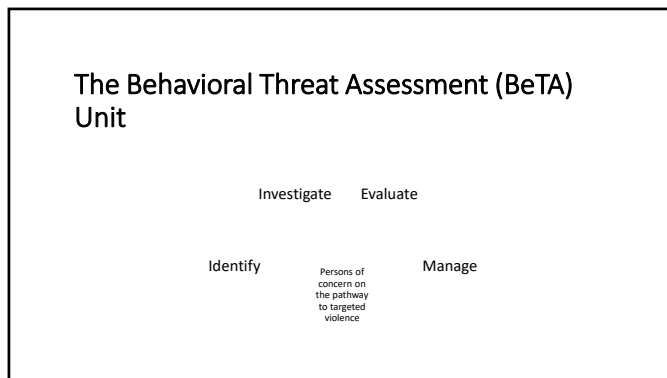
- Investigative unit staffed by SBI Agents, Intelligence Analysts, Psychologists, and the SBI General Counsel.
- Primary mission is to identify, investigate, evaluate, and assist in the management of persons of concern for targeted violence in North Carolina.
- Non-criminal investigations.
- BETA cases require partnership of the relevant local law enforcement agency.
- Example: identified person of concern, repeat concerning communications and/or suspicious activity, but no crime committed.



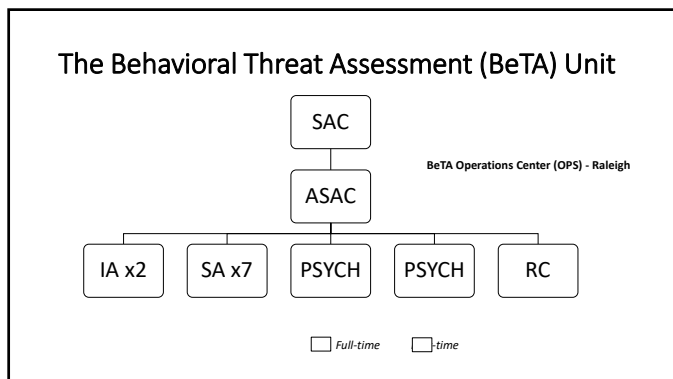
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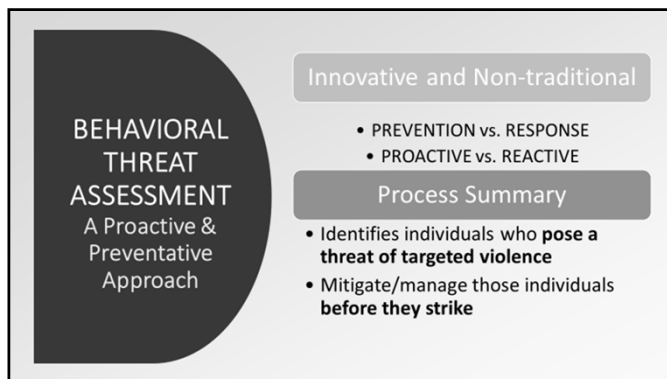
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What does a BeTA case look like?

Non-traditional


- Not looking for facts or elements of a crime
- End goal is not an arrest
- Rapport & alliance building vs obtaining information, admissions, or confessions

Extended Timeframe

- Behavioral background investigation
- Ongoing but not intensive
- Local Agency involved in all steps of the investigation, threat assessment, and management plan building

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