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From: Oklahoma City

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Case ID #:

[Redacted] (Closed)
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Title: JOEL HENRY HINRICHS, III, (Deceased) (USPER)

[Redacted]
 Norman, Oklahoma
 IT - UNKNOWN;
 DT - OTHER

Synopsis: To close captioned investigations.

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Reference:

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[redacted] Joel Henry Hinrichs III, pursuant to Attorney General Guidelines [redacted] Hinrichs exploded an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in a public area, thereby causing his death.

Subject Assessment

Hinrichs was investigated [redacted] for numerous reasons: Hinrichs' death was caused by an IED that exploded near a crowd of over 80,000 people; thus, his act may have been an attempt at a suicide bombing. The explosives Hinrichs used in this act [redacted]

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[redacted] An official photograph of Hinrichs obtained early in the investigation shows Hinrichs with a beard.

Subject Classification

This case is being closed due to the investigation not finding any [redacted] for Hinrichs [redacted] [redacted] for Hinrichs' actions, and [redacted] [redacted] in the bombing that occurred.

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Case Summary

On October 1, 2005, at approximately 7:30 p.m. CST, witnesses reported hearing an explosion in the vicinity of the University of Oklahoma (OU), Memorial Gaylord Stadium in Norman, Oklahoma. The explosion occurred 100 yards outside of the west side of the stadium. At the time of the explosion, the OU football team was in the second quarter of a game against Kansas State University and about 84,000 people were in the stadium.

INITIAL RESPONSE AND INVESTIGATION

When law enforcement responded to the scene of the explosion, an eyewitness, [redacted] told agents he was walking north on Van Vleet Oval at the time of the explosion. [redacted] said he saw an individual appearing to be "hunched" over on a park bench, leaning over what appeared to be a backpack in his lap. The individual on the park bench appeared to be wearing clothing in layers and a baseball cap. As [redacted] continued to walk past a charter bus, he heard a loud explosion that "rocked" him forward. [redacted] looked towards the park bench where the sound of the explosion appeared to come from and saw a cloud of gray smoke as well as a human arm. The color of the arm appeared to be that of a Caucasian individual. [redacted] looked towards the park bench where the sound of the explosion had come from and

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saw what appeared to be the bottom half of the man that had been sitting on the bench. [redacted] indicated he did not see any other individuals in the area.

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Oklahoma City Division's (OCD) Special Agent Bomb Technician (SABT) searched the scene and found partial remains of a Caucasian male as well as components associated with an improvised explosive or IED, to include electrical wiring. The SABT also observed that the deceased individual exhibited signs of blast damage, consistent with damage sustained by individuals killed or injured by IEDs.

The OCD Evidence Response Team (ERT) responded to the scene and a preliminary search was conducted. ERT agents observed a severely damaged deceased individual seated at a wooden park bench. Agents believed the damage to the body appeared to be consistent with injuries caused by a blast or explosion. The following items were found in the area of the park bench: a day planner, which contained a number of names, dates of birth, email addressees and other information, and a wallet containing an Oklahoma drivers license, OU student identification card, Social Security card, credit card, U.S. currency, and a number of business cards and similar documents. The wallet was located on the person of the deceased individual. The Oklahoma drivers license in the wallet was in the name of Joel Henry Hinrichs, III, date of birth February 2, 1984, address [redacted] Norman, OK. The Social Security card showed the name Joel H. Hinrichs, III. The student identification card was in the name of Joel Henry Hinrichs.

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ERT reported a black backpack was located on the ground next to the deceased individual. The backpack was X-rayed by agents who determined the backpack appeared to contain some type of meter device and hand tools. The backpack was shot with a disrupter (water).

Agents also located a chemistry book, a crescent wrench, and some black nylon material that appeared to be the remnants of a backpack. ERT also collected [redacted]

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[redacted] Finally, a two-page letter about "selective service" was found near where the explosion occurred.

At approximately 1:00 AM on October 2, 2005, the OCD ICON team was mobilized and a command post was subsequently initiated at the OCD office. Numerous FBIHQ representatives were deployed to assist OCD (to include CART, Explosives Unit, [redacted] and Fly Team).

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In the early morning hours of October 2, 2005, agents arrived at the address listed on the Oklahoma drivers license, [redacted]. At the residence, agents contacted [redacted] who indicated he was [redacted] of Hinrichs. [redacted] stated Hinrichs was a member of the [redacted] Fraternity. [redacted] stated Hinrichs was known to "like explosives." He also indicated Hinrichs kept the majority of his explosive-making equipment in the trunk of his vehicle. [redacted] said Hinrichs' vehicle was a blue Lincoln Town car (agents determined a blue Lincoln Town car, OK tag VUL 014, was registered to Hinrichs). [redacted] also stated that Hinrichs would drive out to remote areas to try to detonate bombs. [redacted] told agents Hinrichs had moved out due to rent problems and that he was unaware of Hinrichs' current address.

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An OU Department of Public Safety Detective advised agents that OU records indicate Hinrichs was registered as an OU student (Mechanical Engineering major). The records also indicate that Hinrichs' address is listed as [redacted] Norman, Oklahoma, as of August 23, 2005. An individual by the name of [redacted] is identified in the records as Hinrichs [redacted]

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[redacted] is described as a white male, date of birth [redacted] place of birth [redacted] Social [redacted]

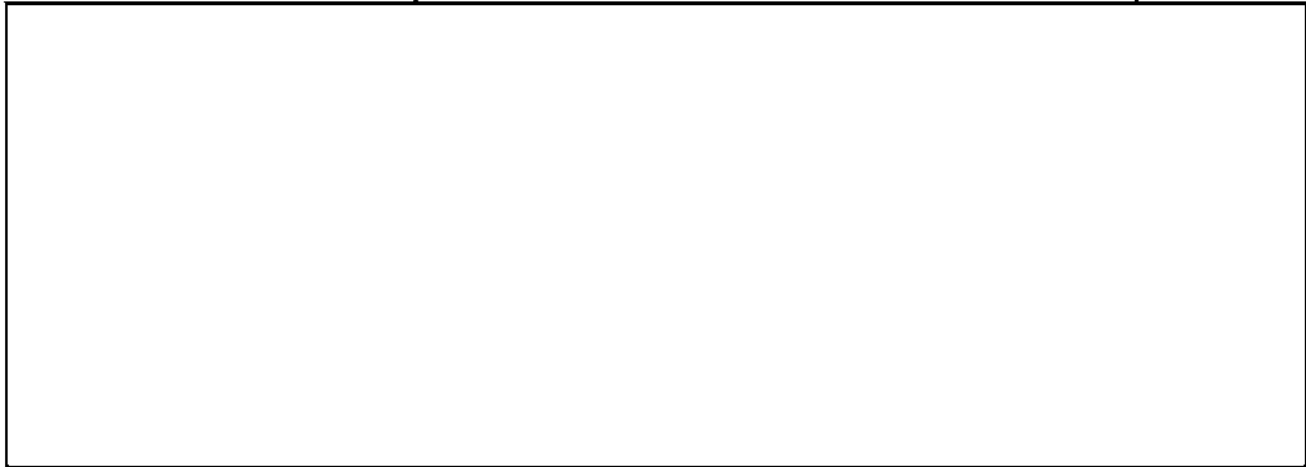
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Security Account Number [redacted] living at address [redacted]
[redacted] in Norman, Oklahoma.

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At approximately 3:30 AM on October 2, 2005, agents arrived at the residence of [redacted] Norman, Oklahoma. Agents described the residence as a multi-unit apartment building. Agents observed a blue Lincoln Town car, Oklahoma tag number VUL 014, parked in the parking lot of the apartment building. While at the location, agents observed an individual leave [redacted] and enter the apartment next door, [redacted]. A short time later, a person who appeared to be the same individual left [redacted] at which time he was contacted by agents. The individual identified himself to agents as [redacted] and agreed to be interviewed.

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[redacted] advised the agents that Hinrichs was [redacted] and that [redacted] lived in [redacted]. He advised the agents that he had [redacted] since approximately [redacted] indicated that in approximately [redacted] on the Internet. He advised Hinrichs responded and moved into [redacted] approximately June 6, 2005. [redacted] told agents that Hinrichs was quiet and kept to himself. He advised that he and Hinrichs did not socialize. He also stated [redacted] was a two bedroom apartment and [redacted] and Hinrichs each had their own rooms and shared the common areas. He indicated no other person lived at [redacted] other than [redacted] and Hinrichs. [redacted] told the agents he was aware that Hinrichs had a laptop computer. [redacted] indicated he had no knowledge of explosives and was unaware of any activities by Hinrichs in that regard. [redacted] signed a written waiver consenting to a search of the residence. [redacted] also provided a description to agents of the interior of [redacted]

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the apartment and described which of the rooms had been occupied by Hinrichs.

At approximately 4:30 AM on October 2, 2005, OCD's SABT entered the residence of [REDACTED] and observed the room believed to have been occupied by Hinrichs. A number of items that appeared to be associated with the possession and manufacture of improvised explosives (firecrackers dipped in Triacetone Triperoxide (TATP), burned hobby fuse, and matches) were observed. Also observed were a number of mixing bowls, a Crock Pot-type slow cooker, a thermometer, and a number of other plastic containers. One of the containers contained a popsicle-type stick with a white powder residue. The SABT observed that each of the items appeared to be "non-sparking," a characteristic necessary to manufacture and handle explosive material. The SABT observed a number of the containers to have varying quantities of white-colored powder from residue to larger amounts. The SABT also reported he detected a strong odor of a chemical that he associated with peroxide or a similar chemical, which he further described would be consistent with a location where peroxide-based explosives were located or manufactured. The SABT indicated that his observations at the scene suggested the explosion was consistent with a high explosive, and that his observations at the apartment were consistent with the manufacture or preparation of a high explosive. After discovering the materials, agents withdrew from the residence and secured the area. The building was cleared of all residents and placed under surveillance.

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Along with obtaining consent from [REDACTED] to search the common areas (as well as [REDACTED] laptop) of apartment [REDACTED] agents obtained a search warrant to specifically search Hinrichs' room and laptop computer in [REDACTED]. Agents obtained consent to search apartment [REDACTED] (and the residents' laptop and desktop computers) from its residents. Bomb technicians and ERT arrived at the scene of the searches at 7:00 PM on October 2, 2005.

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Apartment [REDACTED] was cleared by SABTs at 12:01 AM on October 3, 2005, and ERT began processing the scene. Bomb technicians initiated the search of [REDACTED] at 12:10 AM, followed by ERT at 12:40 AM. Searches of both apartments concluded at 3:08 AM on October 3, 2005.

SABTs found significant varieties of precursors along with approximately 0.4 pounds of TATP explosives at Hinrichs' residence (the TATP explosives were later destroyed at a local range).

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Hinrichs' laptop was located during the search and discovered to be on and in screen-saver mode. A CART examiner on the search team moved the mouse to end the screen-saver mode and was able to view the screen. A text document was open on the screen. The text document contains a class schedule, homework due, and other miscellaneous items. In the middle of the text document is the line, "Fuck all this. None of you are worth living with. You can all kiss my ass." Of interest, the cursor was at the end of this line (which could indicate this was the last input).

At the morgue, FBIHQ/Explosives Unit determined that approximately one to two kilos of TATP were the cause of Hinrichs' death.

IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATION

Writer and co-case agent SA [REDACTED] organized the case by splitting investigators into seven separate teams. An SSA/SA/TFO was the team leader for each team. The following teams were responsible for one aspect of the investigation, allowing the case agents to manage the case more efficiently: INTERVIEWS, CART, EMAIL, EVIDENCE, FIG, SOG, and LEGAL PROCESSES.

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INTERVIEWS

Approximately 200 interviews were completed in this investigation. Significant interviews are summarized below.

Within the first 24 hours, all of Hinrichs' immediate family members throughout the US were provided death notifications and interviewed. All painted a picture of a lonely, depressed individual [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] All describe Hinrichs' fascination with explosives since age 7 or 8, characterize him as religiously neutral (Christian), and feel he is more conservative than liberal. [REDACTED] stated

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Numerous interviews of [REDACTED] fraternity members (many of which were listed in Hinrichs' day planner) were conducted within hours of the incident. Hinrichs was described by these individuals as lonely, weird, depressed, and someone who was having academic problems at OU. Most believe if he was a bomber, it was as an accident rather than terrorism. Several stated he was fascinated with guns and explosives, and one initially stated Hinrichs spent one (1) or two (2) days last week at the frat house as he "gassed his apartment" with chemicals and the vapors were too strong to withstand (this initial statement was subsequently corrected by the individual interviewed -

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Hinrichs DID NOT spend the night at the fraternity house). Some fraternity members indicated Hinrichs did not like government gun-control laws, but Hinrichs was not described as radical in his views. Hinrichs collected empty shell casings as a hobby.

[redacted] took a polygraph examination on the morning of October 3, 2005.

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On October 6, 2005 [redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] Fly Team, in Norman. The interview [redacted]

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who believes in [redacted] stated that [redacted] the [redacted] such as the [redacted]

[redacted] He does not [redacted] a strict manner; for example, he stated that he did not [redacted]

[redacted] but he is [redacted] which is true because [redacted] He

does not subscribe to the [redacted]

[redacted] believes in the [redacted] and [redacted] (this is in stark contrast to what [redacted]

believes or what the [redacted] and its benefits and not in [redacted] as the way to achieving certain things.

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belongs [redacted] but the nature of the conflict should not be violent. [redacted] peaceful struggles have proven

themselves over violent struggles for years. [redacted] Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King because, through peaceful means,

they brought about a resolution to the conflict they were facing. However, violent conflicts [redacted]

[redacted] are ongoing because hatred and violence beget hatred and violence.

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[redacted] the U.S. war in Afghanistan because [redacted] the Taliban and what they stand for. Besides, the U.S.

had a right in going to war in Afghanistan. [redacted] what the U.S. did in Iraq [redacted] the removal of Saddam Hussein. [redacted] the U.S.

action in Iraq is because in the end it brought and continues to bring suffering to innocent civilians who do not deserve it.

[redacted] as evidenced by [redacted]

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with the U.S. involvement in Iraq. [redacted]

[redacted] On the

[redacted] appeared [redacted]

[redacted] by

religious leaders to manipulate the masses. [redacted]

to have a narrow perspective on life. [redacted]

simple person, although not a simpleton. [redacted]

air of arrogance or sophistication. [redacted]

[redacted] that the media [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] at OU's Memorial Stadium on the night of the explosion. They saw Hinrichs' photograph on the October 2, 2005, evening news and claimed they saw Hinrichs get turned away from the stadium's Gate 6. When interviewed on October 3, neither individual could provide descriptive data on the individual they saw at Gate 6.

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[redacted] Ellison's Feed and Seed in Norman, Oklahoma, was interviewed on October 3 regarding Hinrichs' attempted purchase of ammonium nitrate fertilizer days before the explosion. [redacted] stated that on September 28, 2005, a white male entered the store and inquired about purchasing ammonium nitrate fertilizer. The white male wanted "3600" (36%) and was not interested in synthetic "4600" (which is not used in explosives) [redacted] identified a photograph of Hinrichs as being the white male who made the inquiry (an OCD agent canvassed other fertilizer stores in the Norman area but no stores recognized Hinrichs as having purchased or attempted to purchase fertilizer).

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On October 3, 2005 [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed regarding contact and emails she had received from Hinrichs. She met him at a meeting of Society of Women Engineers (SWE) held on September 13, 2005. [redacted] discussed with Hinrichs the possibility of him participating in the SWE "Hamburger Feed" event on October 1, 2005. On September 14, 2005, she then received an email from Hinrichs that read, "I guess if you want me to I could volunteer for the hamburger feed, although I need to get the food handler's permit for it. Of course, that's only if you really want me there; I might be a bit oversensitive, but I kind of got the vibe that I wasn't very welcome, like when you turned your back directly toward me to talk to some other people. If you don't like me, please say something so I can stop wasting your and my

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time. It really hurts to be me and see a lot of backs. That being said, I hope I'm wrong (and sorry if I am). I was really surprised to see that a girl as attractive as you is single, or dating or whatever :) I never figured out how to ask a girl out or what I'd take her out to do, but if you can help me figure out how that works, maybe I could buy you dinner or something :) Anyway, since my picture doesn't show my face, I was the tall guy who fumbled around and tried to help out a bit at the SWE info session. -Joe." On September 18, 2005, [redacted] received another email from Hinrichs that read, "Have you checked facebook yet? I sent you a message volunteering to help out with the 10/1 hamburger fee(d), but never heard back. I need to know whether you'll need me or not soon so I can make plans for that weekend. -Joe."

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Contact was made with [redacted]
Oklahoma [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] have seen Hinrichs [redacted] One of the
[redacted] heard talk at OU that [redacted]

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[redacted] He stated that he had
never seen Hinrichs before and [redacted]
[redacted] Hinrichs prior to Hinrichs' death.

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From interviews it was determined that there was a National Merit Scholar presentation immediately prior to the game at the stadium on October 1, 2005. Hinrichs was a National Merit Scholar and poor grades caused Hinrichs to lose part of his scholarship money for the fall semester of 2005.

A neighborhood canvass was conducted in the vicinity of Hinrichs' residence. The information obtained from neighbors supports earlier descriptions of Hinrichs as a loner.

The OU Athletic Department indicated that Hinrichs did not purchase OU football season tickets or a single game ticket from the OU Athletic Department, but there is no way to know if Hinrichs purchased a scalped ticket or bought a ticket at a game-day booth. OU Athletic Department records do not show that Hinrichs ever purchased any athletic ticket while at OU.

Numerous leads were set to locate and interview
individuals with whom Hinrichs [redacted]
[redacted] No information

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of significance was gained from these interviews. It was learned that Hinrichs [redacted]

[redacted] This information corroborated what had been learned through interviews of Hinrichs' associates at OU.

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CART

Hinrichs' laptop 20GB hard drive, 120GB external drive, and 8.5GB disconnected external drive were imaged on October 3, 2005, and analyzed. Almost 600 CD-Rom disks/DVDs and about 30 3.5" floppy disks were also imaged. In-depth analysis was completed and the following items of interest are noted:



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[redacted] was located in Norman, Oklahoma, and interviewed regarding [redacted] Hinrichs. She met Hinrichs through the fraternity house approximately one year ago. She did not start talking to him regularly until the end of the summer of 2005. She never went to Hinrichs apartment but shared quite a lot of emails and in-person conversations at the fraternity house [redacted] was confident that Hinrichs was a non-denominational Christian and there was "absolutely nothing Islamic" about him. Although they had just started to become friends, [redacted] thought she might have been as close to Hinrichs as anyone. Hinrichs did not have many friends and was not a social person [redacted] was not aware of anyone who helped Hinrichs make the bomb which killed him, nor was she aware of anyone who had knowledge that he had made the bomb. She was not aware of any bomb-making group or any terrorist group or affiliates nor of anyone else thinking of committing suicide. She described Hinrichs mental state as depressed in general, but not aggressive toward others [redacted] stated Hinrichs was smart and if he had wanted to hurt others with a bomb, he would have been successful. Hinrichs told [redacted] he found ammunition and explosives interesting and then added, "Not that I would ever use them for anything.")

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CART examiners determined [redacted]

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[redacted] laptop 20GB hard drive and two 200GB external drives were imaged. [redacted]

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The 30GB laptop and the double hard drive (40GB and 6.4GB) desktop from apartment [redacted] were imaged but not reviewed.

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Because Hinrichs was a student, he had access to

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[redacted] pursuant to nine lawful search warrants, [redacted] provided Agents with [redacted]

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A search warrant for [redacted]

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[redacted] Numerous leads were set to numerous divisions to locate and interview individuals [redacted]

[redacted] No information of significance was gained from these interviews; [redacted]

[redacted] This information corroborated what had been learned through interviews of Hinrichs' associates at OU.

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On October 5, 2005, OU voluntarily provided OCD with the contents of Hinrichs' OU email account, hinrichs@ou.edu. A review of email traffic from Hinrichs' OU email account indicates Hinrichs contacted [redacted] on September 22, 2005. The email reads as follows, "I'm not doing so well. I seem to be getting worse and worse. I actually asked a girl out for the first time last week, but she said she was already dating someone. I missed my classes today and didn't finish or turn in a lab that was worth 1/9th of the grade in one of them. I missed the career fair, so I don't even have a way of getting a job next summer, much like I can't seem to get around to getting a job now. So I feel really bad."

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[redacted]
[redacted] and a FGJ subpoena was requested for [redacted]. The results of the FGJ subpoena show that [redacted]
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[redacted] conducted analysis of [redacted]
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On October 2, 2005, during an interview of [redacted] in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Denver Division requested and obtained a compact disk (CD) that [redacted] voluntarily provided to the FBI. According to [redacted] the CD contained email communication between Hinrichs and himself [redacted]. OCD reviewed this CD and discovered the CD was labeled "Joel H. Hinrichs, III, emails 12/31/2004 - 09/28/2005." [redacted]

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OU email accounts. No information of significance was obtained.

As an OU student, Hinrichs had access to a nationwide communications tool provided by a California company known as Facebook.com. OCD contacted Facebook.com and discovered that this company's services include the provision of subscriber profiles and an internal messaging capability for high school and college students throughout the country.

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[redacted]
[redacted] A follow-on interview revealed that Hinrichs [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] provided limited information and no clues. When asked about information related to [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that no information was available. No further action was taken regarding Hinrichs' [redacted]

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EVIDENCE

All physical evidence collected during the previous searches was reviewed. [redacted]

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Receipts recovered at Hinrichs' residence indicate one gallon of acetone was purchased from WalMart on September 26, 2005, and one gallon of acid from ACE Hardware on September 27, 2005, by Hinrichs. Receipts also indicate the purchase of gloves, funnels, and drain cleaner. Hinrichs made these purchases with his debit/credit card. [redacted]

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[redacted] One transaction from WalMart was self-check out and the cashier from the other WalMart transaction was interviewed but had no recollection of Hinrichs. The cashier from ACE Hardware was interviewed and remembered Hinrichs and that he was alone but was not acting in a suspicious manner.

Video surveillance footage covering OU's Memorial Stadium [redacted] was retrieved and review for Hinrichs was completed on October 4, 2005, with negative results. The stadium [redacted]

[redacted] OCD obtained video footage from [redacted] the stadium. Review of these tapes were negative for Hinrichs.

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Video surveillance footage covering OU's Bizzell Library was retrieved (information was received that Hinrichs was at this library within an hour of the bombing) and review for Hinrichs was negative.

DNA samples from the deceased were forwarded to the FBIHQ Lab from the local Medical Examiner. DNA samples from Hinrichs' mother and father were sent directly to the FBIHQ Lab from Denver Division. FBIHQ Lab conducted nuclear and mitochondrial DNA tests and provided a final report to OCD. This report was provided to the local Medical Examiner who, on November 22, 2005, stated that his analysis indicated a positive identification of the deceased as Hinrichs. Appropriate family notifications were completed.

The local Medical Examiner's report did not indicate the presence of alcohol in Hinrichs' body. Minimal traces of decongestant, which could have come from cough medicine or allergy medicine, were present in the body.

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Within the first 24 hours of the investigation, OCD's FIG [redacted] regarding Hinrichs.

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[redacted] Norman, Oklahoma. There were no indications from this analysis that Hinrichs, [redacted] have [redacted] The [redacted] conducted searches of classified databases for OCD and no derogatory data was discovered.

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[redacted]
OU Police Department provided the FBI with the counseling and medical records of Hinrichs from the OU Health Services. FIG analysis shows that the counseling records, dated April and May 2003, contain numerous handwritten notes, miscellaneous forms, and letters by [redacted]

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[redacted] from the OU Scholars Program referred Hinrichs to [redacted] [redacted] expressed concerns about Hinrichs' slipping grades, social withdrawal, and possible depression. After having consulted with Hinrichs, [redacted] concluded that Hinrichs was depressed and had developed a pattern of reoccurring depression which had become progressively more severe over the last three years, prior to the above mentioned date of letter. In addition, Hinrichs reported a number of [redacted]

On October 5, 2005, OCD's FIG completed scrutinizing Hinrichs' day planner that was located at the scene of the bombing and no further information of value was found.

On October 6, 2005, [redacted] (these were received via FGJ subpoena). It was noted that [redacted]

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[redacted] Investigation revealed that [redacted] located in Norman, Oklahoma) on [redacted]

[redacted] It should be noted that Hinrichs' vehicle was found in the parking lot of his apartment complex [redacted]

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On October 6, 2005, [redacted] provided OCD with specific [redacted] information. Shortly thereafter, a response to [redacted] was provided by OCD FIG to [redacted]. In summary, the response advised that all [redacted]

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OCD began 24/7 surveillance on [redacted] on October 2, 2005.

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Dallas Division and Kansas City Division SOG teams arrived and assisted OCD's SOG team surveil [redacted] on October 3, 2005.

After consultations between OCD management and ERIHO, OCD discontinued [redacted]

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LEGAL PROCESSES

During this investigation, 12 search warrants were obtained and executed, 11 FGJ subpoenas were obtained and issued, and eight [redacted] were obtained and served.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Local media interest was significant and OCD's Media Representative coordinated appropriate press releases with the investigative team. [redacted]

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CIRG's Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU) was initially consulted and feels this incident was a suicide; Hinrichs may have meant to kill others but BAU does not feel this is a national security matter. BAU did not have official statistics concerning individuals who have committed suicide by IED.

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OCD provided CTD [redacted] with images of Hinrichs' laptop hard drive, connected external hard drive, disconnected external hard drive, and loose media as requested by CTD.

OCD's command post was operational from October 2, 2005, until October 13, 2005. ICON was discontinued on October 27, 2005.

Disposition of all evidence is ongoing and has been documented to date.

To: All Field Offices From: Oklahoma City
Re: [redacted] 02/13/2006

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Investigative Techniques Utilized

- Subpoenas issued
- Sources tasked
- [redacted]
- 24/7 FISUR (OCD SOG and multiple divisions' SOG)
- [redacted]
- Consensual search of computer/media
- Consensual search of property
- Search Warrants
- CART assistance (OCD and FBIHQ CART)
- Bomb Tech assistance (OCD and FBI Lab)
- Polygraph
- Evidence Response Team
- [redacted]
- [redacted] assistance
- FBI Laboratory assistance
- Critical Incident Response Team/Behavior Analysis Unit assistance
- Fly Team assistance
- [redacted] assistance
- [redacted] assistance
- [redacted] assistance
- [redacted] assistance

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United States Attorney Recommendation

- This case was not submitted to the USAO for criminal prosecution.

Reason for Closure of Case

- Investigation into this matter did not reveal any [redacted] connections for Hinrichs [redacted] Hinrichs' actions, and no evidence of a conspiracy in the bombing that occurred. Evidence did reveal that Hinrichs was a depressed individual with numerous social problems who had a keen interest in, and experience with, explosives. OCD considers this investigation to be complete and this matter to be closed.

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To: All Field Offices From: Oklahoma City
Re: [redacted] 02/13/2006

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Descriptive Data:

Main Subject

Name -

Last: Hinrichs

First: Joel

Middle: Henry

DDN: III

Race: W

Sex: M

DOB: 02/02/1984

DLN: 082427253 Oklahoma

DLN: 001720603 Colorado

SOC: 268-88-0439

Event Date: 10/01/2005

Address(es) -

House #:

Street Name:

City: Oklahoma City

State: OK

House #:

Pre Direction:

Street Name:

City: Norman

State: OK

House #:

Street Name:

Street Suffix:

Post Direction:

City:

State:

Phone #:

Miscellaneous -

USPER

Religion: Christian

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RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally _____ Written Communication 08/24/2006
(date) (date)

Information concerning: (Include DRUG MATTERS here.)

LHM - summarization of University of Oklahoma bombing incident
on October 1, 2005.

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

[Redacted]

On 08/24/2006 a continuing disclosure was initiated with
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Columbus Police Department and will be maintained until the conclusion
(agency)
of the investigation.

Information furnished to: Police Officer [Redacted] Columbus Police
Academy Training Instructor

Remarks:

SA [Redacted] *rl*
Employee Furnishing Information

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Deadline: 10/23/2006

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/22/2006

To: Counterterrorism
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From: Counterterrorism

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Contact: [Redacted]

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Approved By:

[Redacted Signature Box]

Drafted By:

[Redacted] ckc [Redacted]

Case ID #: (U) [Redacted]
(U) [Redacted]
(U) [Redacted]

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DATE 10/5

Same lead on all breaks listed.

Print report for [Redacted]

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To: Counterterrorism From: Counterterrorism

Re: (U) [Redacted]

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(U)	[Redacted]	(Pending)
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(U)	[Redacted]	(Pending) [Redacted]
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(U)	[Redacted]	(Pending)
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(U)	[Redacted]	(Pending)
(U)	[Redacted]	(Pending inactive)

Title: (U) [Redacted]

Synopsis: (X) To direct receiving offices to reclassify to the correct alpha designator for the above captioned cases per [Redacted] policy.

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(U) (X) Derived From : ~~G-3~~
Declassify On: ~~X1~~

Administrative: (U) (X) [Redacted]

(U) [Redacted] the subject is unknown, the case should initially be classified as [Redacted]. The [Redacted] openings should be directed to the [Redacted] for preliminary review and eventual re-routing if and when a more appropriate substantive unit is identified. Cases designated as [Redacted] should be used only infrequently -- after consultation with [Redacted] -- they should be reclassified to an appropriate alpha designator within 90 days.

(U) (X) The [Redacted] alpha designator should not be used for an [Redacted]. Instead, and as appropriate, consider the use of [Redacted].

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To: Counterterrorism From: Counterterrorism
Re: (U) [redacted]

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(U) Conversely, if a criminal matter is identified with no discernable or articulated facts indicating a connection to a [redacted] to include [redacted] organizations, then the case should be opened as a criminal matter under CID guidelines and classifications.

(U) ~~S~~ [redacted] have embarked on a program to identify and correct [redacted] and files that have been mis-classified. Appropriate classification of [redacted] cases results in handling of the cases by the [redacted] units that have the most substantive knowledge of the subjects under investigation. The most frequent errors involve the [redacted] and [redacted] classifications. [redacted] designation is only appropriate when there is a known [redacted] by as yet unidentified parties. The [redacted] designation is for identified [redacted] that do not fit other alphas (ie. [redacted]). The [redacted] designation is, as described in the [redacted] reserved for [redacted] subjects; thus this designation applies exclusively to [redacted] are cases in which the [redacted] are the [redacted] or are [redacted] including the [redacted] and [redacted] cases should be classified [redacted] and are handled by [redacted]. The following paragraph delineates the order of association in which agents should classify their cases.

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(U) ~~S~~ [redacted] and [redacted] are the only [redacted] with their own designations. If a subject does not appear to have defined ties to one of these [redacted] subjects should be classified with [redacted]

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To: Counterterrorism From: Counterterrorism

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Re: (U [redacted])

under [redacted] These designators are listed under [redacted]

(U) ~~(S)~~ As the [redacted] classification can only be used for a 90 day period, this precludes any [redacted] being designated as [redacted]. The above Field Offices are directed to reclassify their [redacted] (UNKNOWN) investigations to an appropriate [redacted] alpha designator; reopen as a criminal matter under CID guidelines and classifications or close the investigation following the policy and procedures outlined in [redacted] and 66F-HQ-C1384970 Serial 18299.

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To: Counterterrorism From: Counterterrorism

Re: (U) [redacted]

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

(U) [redacted] Squad Supervisors: [redacted] Classify all listed [redacted] investigations, and any [redacted] or [redacted] cases that may not be appropriately classified, per above guidance.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/25/2006

To: Oklahoma City

From: Oklahoma City

Contact: [Redacted]

Approved By: [Redacted] *W*

Drafted By: [Redacted] :drl *drl*

Case ID #: [Redacted]

Title: EVIDENCE AND EXHIBITS

Synopsis: Reporting of bio-hazard destruction.

Reference: [Redacted]

91A-OC-65568 Serial 123
89B-OC-64912 Serial 72

[Redacted]

7A-OC-62820 Serial 52
91A-OC-62137 Serial 85

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Details: On 10/25/2006 Evidence Control Technician (ECT) [Redacted] and ECT [Redacted] met with [Redacted] and [Redacted] Environmental Control Technicians for the Veterans Administration Medical Center located at 921 NE 13th, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, regarding the destruction of bio-hazard material.

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At approximately 9:15AM ECT [Redacted] and ECT [Redacted] observed the following 1B's being destroyed.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

91A-OC-65568

1B's: 10,11,12,13,14

89B-OC-64912

1B's: 2,5,13,14

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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7A-OC-62820

1B's: Both 1B1's

91A-OC-62137

1B's: 2,3,4,5

To: Oklahoma City From: Oklahoma City
Re: 10/25/2006

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All documentation was completed and FD-192's, evidence package copies, were placed in 1A envelopes to the appropriate cases.

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From: [redacted] (LD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2006 9:09 AM
To: [redacted] (OC) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (LD) (FBI)
Subject: OC case [redacted]
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This is to advise that all evidence retained by the laboratory has been destroyed per your EC request dated 2/13/06. The evidence was destroyed as follows:

1B13-1B18, 1B26-1B28, 1B34-1B39, 1B59, 1B89, 1B90 and DNA secondary- all items were dropped off at the biohazard waste disposal at the laboratory on 6/21/2006

1B81, 1B85-items were dropped off to chemical waste on 6/21/2006 you will receive an EC from [redacted] when waste is picked up

1B84, 1B86, 1B88- items were destroyed as part of EU training on range on 6/15/2006

1B75-1B78, 1B82-1B83, 1B96- items were disposed of on 7/18/2006

Please forward this to your evidence control room as well.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at [redacted]

Thanks

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From: [redacted] (OC) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2006 4:59 PM
To: [redacted] (OC) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (OC) (FBI); [redacted] (OC) (FBI); [redacted] (OC) (FBI); [redacted] (OC) (FBI); [redacted] (LD) (FBI); [redacted] (LD) (FBI); [redacted] (OC) (FBI); [redacted] (OC) (FBI); [redacted] (OC) (FBI); [redacted] (OC) (FBI)
Subject: Hinrichs Evidence

All -

I appreciate everyone's help on trying to get this evidence taken care of. The case has been basically closed since 2/2006 but has been pending inactive due to evidence matters since then. Officially closing this case is long overdue, so here's the status of the evidence and a list of what needs to happen:

STATUS:

The Lab's [redacted] has taken care of the evidence at the Lab as per the attached email. She has written an EC documenting what is in the attached email, but that has not been uploaded yet. Once it is uploaded, the proper disposition of the evidence can be documented in ACS.

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OCD's ECT [redacted] has taken care of the evidence in OCD as per the below email text.

Besides the evidence from the Lab that has been destroyed but not officially noted as such in ACS because [redacted] EC has not been uploaded, the only outstanding items that need attention (as I understand) are 1B93 and 1B113.

1B93 consists of three DNA samples from Hinrich [redacted]. This evidence was collected in Denver Division, put in storage on 10/5/2005 by [redacted] and logged in at the Laboratory on 10/17/2005 for DNA testing.

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1B113 is a copy of the digital/computer evidence that OCD sent to DG [redacted]. It was sent to DG on 1/23/2006 by [redacted] and put into storage on 1/23/2006 by [redacted]. This is not truly evidence, rather it is a copy of the digital/computer evidence that was placed on one hard drive and sent to [redacted] as requested by [redacted] (request was made via email to writer by SSA [redacted] on 12/28/2005). [redacted] discusses 1B113. The ACTUAL digital/computer evidence has either been returned or destroyed - 1B113 is merely a copy of this evidence. Serial 441 discusses the status of 1B113, but there is a typo in the serial and 1B113 is mentioned in the serial as 1B112 (FYI 1B112 was an Oklahoma University computer returned by SA [redacted] on 11/2/2005 and documented in serial 347).

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WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN:

1. [redacted] - please get your EC through the proper channels so it can be uploaded soon. Once this is done, [redacted] can properly annotate the evidence disposition in ACS.
2. [redacted] - please see if 1B93 has been destroyed or if it still remains at the Lab. If it remains, please destroy it and coordinate with [redacted] and Denver's ECC so we can get this item properly annotated in ACS as being destroyed.
3. [redacted] - please contact [redacted] at FBIHQ and determine the status of 1B113 and what needs to be done with it. Coordinate with OCD CART as necessary.
4. Once items 1 - 3 happen, we can have [redacted] officially close this case.

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Thank you all for your help in this matter.

SA [redacted]
FBI Oklahoma City [redacted]
[redacted]

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From: [redacted] (OC) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2006 1:53 PM
To: [redacted] (OC) (FBI)
Subject: bio

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Just wanted to give you an update.

All bio hazard evidence has been destroyed as of 10/25/06. The only evidence that remains is the explosives from the lab.

1b93 that Denver collected and sent to the lab. (You probably need to contact the lab and have them destroy the evidence and then have Denver disposition it in ACS)

1b113 a hard drive that we sent to the lab.

Any questions give me a call.

[redacted]
[redacted]
Evidence Technician
Oklahoma City Division

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Evidence Technician
Oklahoma City Division

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[Redacted] (FBI)

From: [Redacted] (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2006 9:09 AM
To: [Redacted] (FBI)
Cc: [Redacted] (FBI)
Subject: OC case [Redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 11/17/2006

To: Oklahoma City

Attn: ECT

From: Oklahoma City

Contact: SA [Redacted]

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Approved By: [Redacted]

Drafted By: [Redacted] dwz

Case ID # [Redacted] (Pending Inactive) [Redacted]
(Pending Inactive) [Redacted]

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Title: JOEL HENRY HINRICHS, III, (Deceased) (USPER)
[Redacted]
Norman, Oklahoma
IT - UNKNOWN;
DT - OTHER

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Synopsis: Evidence 1B113 to 1A.

[Redacted]

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Reference: [Redacted]

Details: OCD has returned or destroyed almost all evidence in captioned case. One outstanding evidence item is 1B113. As per referenced serials, 1B113 is a copy of CART evidence from captioned case. A copy of this evidence is no longer officially needed and 1B113 is being placed into a 1A envelope and entered into case file. This 1A will be available in the event that a future inquiry is raised concerning this investigation.

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To: All Field Offices From: Oklahoma City
Re: [REDACTED] 11/17/2006

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Set Lead 1: (Action)

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Writer requests the OCD ECT make appropriate entries into ACS reflecting this action.

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