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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 07/23/2003

To: Tampa

From: Tampa
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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: 9A-TP-~~NEW~~ 61777-1 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]
Unsub(s);
Louis J. Pearlman - Victim;
Trans Continental Enterprises, Inc;
Extortion

Synopsis: To open captioned matter.

Details: On July 16, 2003, [redacted] Trans Continental Talent, Inc. contacted the FBI office and advised writer regarding a possible extortion matter. She indicated that [redacted] of Trans Continental Records, Inc. had received a telephone call from an individual who identified himself as [redacted] requesting to speak to LOUIS J. PEARLMAN, Chairman of TRANS CONTINENTAL ENTERPRISES. [redacted] stated that [redacted] stated he had to speak to PEARLMAN in order to put a "positive spin" in the publicity the company has been receiving lately and he was in a position to do so as the man behind [redacted] for a fee of $150,000.

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On July 17, 2003, Duty Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] [redacted] was contacted and authorized the recording of a telephone conversation [redacted] [redacted] On the same date authorization was received from Assistant Special Agent in Charge [redacted] for a consensual recording of the conversation [redacted].

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In view of the above it is recommended a case be opened and a determination be made whether a criminal violation has occurred.

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 02/28/2005

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From: Tampa
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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 9A-TP-61777 (Pending) -2

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Title: [redacted]
ET. AL;
EXTORTION

Synopsis: To close case.

Details: As all logical investigation has been conducted it is recommended that this case be closed.

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Complaint Form

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Subject's name and aliases	Character of case 9A. EXTORTION - NON-AGGRAVATED THREATS;
[redacted] Lou Pearlman - Victim EXTORTION - INJURE REPUTATION	Complainant ☐ Protect Source AUSA [redacted]
	Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 04/05/2000 Time 9:30 am
Address of Subject	Complainant's address and telephone number [redacted]
	Complainant's DOB / Sex

Subject's Description						
	Race	☒ Male	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and birth place
	Age	☐ Female	Weight	Eyes	Complexion	Social Security Number
	Scars, marks and other data					

Employer | Address | Telephone

Vehicle Description

Facts of Complaint

AUSA [redacted] received a complaint from attorney [redacted] who has been retained by Lou Pearlman in regards to civil litigation which is related to Pearlman's business relationship with the musical group, The Backstreet Boys. This complaint was in regards to a series of threats to harm Pearlman's reputation if he does not capitulate and agree to settle the pending litigation. The threats were made by [redacted] The lawsuit has not been settled and [redacted] is awaiting Pearlman's response, which will be communicated through [redacted] who is the primary conduit for contact with

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SA [redacted] 45
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[redacted] in this matter as Pearlman has had no direct contact with [redacted] [redacted]

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(Title) Doris Pearlman-VIC.

(File No.) 9A-LA-122735

Item	Date Filed	To be returned Yes	To be returned No		Disposition
1	5/15/00		X	Orig. Note - [redacted]	
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				[redacted] Doris	
				Pearlman	
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Louis J. Pearlman

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- 4/18/00 Interview w/ Louis J. Pearlman

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Orlando

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tutors, cellphones, audit prior to reno. 1.

settlement agreement

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Statute of limitations - not true

Sta

looked @ books & records - signed contracts
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Interview of [redacted]

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2 years RAB Louis J. Pearlman
Transcontinental & Entertain
Recording / General Entertain issues

at start Pearlman founder and mgr of Backstreet Boys
≈ 1998
1997 - RICO in Florida

tried hard @ non-litigation - succeeded in settling
1997 - complex litigation
1988 - Delaware / Florida

conceded management role and substantial interest

[redacted]

1st settlement - oct. '98 [redacted] < Backstreet Boys Inc. Pearlman [redacted]
Backstreet Productions - Transcont. Pearlman [redacted]
relationship still good

~~Jan. 99~~

Jan. 99 [redacted]

attempted to renegotiated settlement

[redacted]

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Jan - Feb. '99 weeks later - 1st set of threats [redacted]

billing sheets - 1/2 dozen - reiterated threats

Renegotiated - Contract - Orlando - early March
~~Mar '99~~
Mar 23 '99 Unity
Allegations

as part of settlement agree.

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May
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July

business mgt. firm

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Personal stayed the same

August - ~~had~~ big business looming - [redacted]
letters ⇒ to [redacted]

~~w/in 3 mos.~~

Told [redacted] that it was at the direction of [redacted] (Fall '99)

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Nov. 19, 1999 - [redacted] - to

Dec. 5, 1999 Ltr - Already Commenced proceedings in California and Los Angeles ~~to Friedman~~ to nulify (filed Dec. 1, 1999)

Dec. 13, 1999 File demand for arbitration in NY - summons + complaint moved by order to Show cause
File lawsuits NY, Florida

→ California - decision

settlement agreements are valid

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Title: [redacted]
Louis J. Pearlman - Victim; Extortion

Reference:
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of
FD 472 of [redacted]
4/20/00

5/25/00

FD-472 (9-25-74)

4/20/2000
(Date)

ORLANDO FLORIDA
(Location)

I, [redacted]
(Name)

[redacted], hereby
(Address)

authorize [redacted] and

[redacted], Special Agents of the

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Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to install a

recording device on a telephone located at [redacted]
(Location)

for the purpose of recording any conversation I may have on that telephone with

[redacted] on or about 4/20/2000.
(Date)

I have given this written permission to the above-named Special

Agents voluntarily, and without threats or promises of any kind.

X [redacted]

Witnesses:

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(Address of Contributor)

[redacted]
(City and State)

By [redacted]
(Name of Special Agent)

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☑ No
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Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure
☐ Yes ☑ No

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Title: [redacted]
LOUIS J. PESCHSW - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

Reference:
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of
FD-473 on [redacted]
4/28/00

6/25/02

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4/28/00
(Date)

ORLANDO, FL.
(Location)

I, [redacted], (Name)

[redacted] (Address)

hereby authorize SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] SA [redacted] AND [redacted], Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to place a

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☒ Body Recorder
☒ Transmitter

on my person for the purpose of recording any conversations with [redacted] (Name of Subject(s))

which I may have on or about 4/28/00 OR UNTIL INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETE (Date)

I have given this written permission to the above-named Special Agents voluntarily and without threats or promises of any kind.

[redacted]

Witnesses:

[redacted] 4/28/00

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By [redacted]

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Title: [redacted]

Louis J. Pearlman - Victim;
EXTORTION

Reference:
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

FD 472 of [redacted]
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ORLANDO, FL.
(Location)

I, [redacted]

[redacted], hereby
(Address)

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authorize SA [redacted] and

SA [redacted], SA [redacted]
OR SA [redacted], Special Agents of the

Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to install a

recording device on a telephone located at [redacted]
(Location)

for the purpose of recording any conversation I may have on that telephone with

[redacted] on or about 4/28/00 OR
(Date)
UNTIL INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETE

I have given this written permission to the above-named Special

Agents voluntarily, and without threats or promises of any kind.

[redacted]

Witnesses:

[redacted] 4/28/00

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FD-340 (Rev. 7-29-92)

Universal Case File Number 9B-LA-222735 1A5

Field Office Acquiring Evidence

Serial # of Originating Document

Date Received 4/20/00

From [redacted]
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

[redacted]
(City and State)

By [redacted]
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No
Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☑ No
Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6 (e)
Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure
☐ Yes ☑ No

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Title:
[redacted]
Louis J. Pearlman - Victim; Extortion

Reference:
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of
FD 473 of [redacted]
4/20/00

CN 5/2/00

FD-473 (Rev. 7-18-88)

4/20/2000
(Date)

ORLANDO, FLORIDA
(Location)

I, [redacted],
(Name)

[redacted],
(Address)

hereby authorize [redacted] and

[redacted], Special Agents of the

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Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to place a

☒ Body Recorder
☐ Transmitter

on my person for the purpose of recording any conversations

with [redacted]

which I may have on or about 4/20/2000.
(Date)

I have given this written permission to the above-named Special Agents voluntarily and without threats or promises of any kind understand that I must be a party to any conversation in order to record that conversation. I therefore agree not to leave the recording equipment un-attended or take any other action which is likely to result in the recording of conversations to which I am not a party.

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Witnesses:

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FD-340 (Rev. 8-7-97)

Universal Case File Number 9A-LA-222735-1A10

Field Office Acquiring Evidence Los Angeles

Serial # of Originating Document

Date Received 6/21/00

From [redacted]
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

(City and State)

By [redacted]
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☐ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☐ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6 (e) Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure ☐ Yes ☐ No

Title: [redacted]

Louis J. Pfertner - Victim
Extortion - Non-Aggravated;
OO:LA

Reference:
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of.

FD-472/473- [redacted]

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FD-472 (Rev. 1-9-92)

4/7/2000
(Date)

[redacted]
(Location)

I, [redacted] of
(Name)

[redacted] hereby
(Address)

authorize Special Agents _____ ~~and~~

_____ of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to:

☒ install a recording device on any telephone utilized by me for the purpose of recording any telephone conversation(s) I may have with

[redacted] and others as yet unknown
(Name of Subject(s))

on or about [redacted] and continuing thereafter.
(Date)

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I understand that I must be a party to any conversation in order to record that conversation. I therefore agree not to leave the recording equipment unattended or take any action which is likely to result in the recording of conversations to which I am not a party.

and/or to:

☒ install a Trap and Trace device in conjunction with the appropriate provider(s) of electronic or wire communications service and/or long distance carrier for the purpose of

[redacted]

I have given this written permission to the above-named Special Agents voluntarily, and without threats or promises of any kind.

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(Signature)

Witnessess:

[redacted]

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FBI/DOJ

FD-473 (Rev. 7-18-88)

April 7, 2000
(Date)

[redacted]
(Location)

I, [redacted], (Name)

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[redacted]
(Address)

hereby authorize any ~~and~~

Special Agent~~s~~ of the

Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to place a

☒ Body Recorder
☒ Transmitter

on my person for the purpose of recording any conversations

with [redacted]
(Name of Subject(s))

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which I may have on or about [redacted] (Date) and continuing for the duration of the FBI's investigation

I have given this written permission to the above-named Special Agents voluntarily and without threats or promises of any kind understand that I must be a party to any conversation in order to record that conversation. I therefore agree not to leave the recording equipment un-attended or take any other action which is likely to result in the recording of conversations to which I am not a party.

(Signature)

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Witnesses:

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FBI/DOJ

Title and Character of Case:

[redacted]
PEARLMAN, LOU

Date Property Acquired: Source from which Property Acquired:
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Anticipated Disposition: Acquired By: [redacted] Case Agent: [redacted]

Description of Property: Date Entered
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TAPE #1- CM TELEPHONIC BETWEEN [redacted]
[redacted]

Barcode: E1764506 Location: ELSUR1 04/26/2000

Case Number: 9A-LA-222735
Owning Office: LOS ANGELES

9A-LA-222735-1D1

Title and Character of Case:

[redacted]
PEARLMAN, LOU

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Date Property Acquired: Source from which Property Acquired:
CM

[redacted]

Anticipated Disposition: Acquired By: [redacted] Case Agent: [redacted]

Description of Property: Date Entered
1D 2

(TEL[redacted] - TWO ORIGINAL CASSETTES OF PHONE CALLS
BETWEEN [redacted]

Barcode: E1739791 Location: ELSUR CAB1 05/04/2000

Case Number: 9A-LA-222735
Owning Office: TAMPA

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Title and Character of Case:

[redacted]
PEARLMAN, LOU

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Date Property Acquired: [redacted]

Source from which Property Acquired:
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Anticipated Disposition:

Acquired By: [redacted]

Case Agent: [redacted]

Description of Property:

Date Entered

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(TEL [redacted] - ONE ORIGINAL CASSETTE BETWEEN THE CW AND [redacted]

Barcode: E1739789 Location: ELSUR1 05/04/2000

Case Number: 9A-LA-222735
Owning Office: LOS ANGELES

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9A-LA-222735-1D 3

Title and Character of Case:

[redacted]
PEARLMAN, LOU

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Date Property Acquired: [redacted]

Source from which Property Acquired:
CM

Anticipated Disposition:

Acquired By: [redacted]

Case Agent: [redacted]

Description of Property:

Date Entered

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(TEL [redacted] - ONE ORIGINAL CASSETTE BETWEEN THE CW AND [redacted]

Barcode: E1739789 Location: ELSUR CAB1 05/04/2000

Case Number: 9A-LA-222735
Owning Office: TAMPA

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Title and Character of Case:

[redacted]

Date Property Acquired: [redacted]

Source from which Property Acquired: TELEPHONIC [redacted]

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Anticipated Disposition:

Acquired By: [redacted]

Case Agent: [redacted]

Description of Property:
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Date Entered

TAPE #3: CM TELEPHONIC BETWEEN [redacted]

Barcode: E1795072 Location: ELSUR1 05/17/2001

Case Number: 9B-LA-222735
Owning Office: LOS ANGELES

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Title and Character of Case:

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Date Property Acquired: [redacted]

Source from which Property Acquired: TELEPHONIC [redacted]

Anticipated Disposition:

Acquired By: [redacted]

Case Agent: [redacted]

Description of Property:
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Date Entered

TAPE #4: CM TELEPHONIC BETWEEN [redacted]

Barcode: E1795071 Location: ELSUR1 05/17/2001

Case Number: 9B-LA-222735
Owning Office: LOS ANGELES

9B-LA-222735/ 1D5

Title and Character of Case:

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Date Property Acquired: [redacted]

Source from which Property Acquired: TELEPHONIC [redacted]

Anticipated Disposition:

Acquired By: [redacted]

Case Agent: [redacted]

Description of Property:

Date Entered

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TAPE #6: CM TELEPHONIC BETWEEN [redacted]

Barcode: E1795070 Location: ELSUR1 05/17/2001

Case Number: 9B-LA-222735
Owning Office: LOS ANGELES

9B-LA-222735/ 1D6

Title and Character of Case:

[redacted]

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Date Property Acquired: [redacted]

Source from which Property Acquired: TELEPHONIC [redacted]

Anticipated Disposition:

Acquired By: [redacted]

Case Agent: [redacted]

Description of Property:

Date Entered

1D 7

TAPE #7: CM TELEPHONIC (NON-PERTINENT) BETWEEN [redacted]

Barcode: E1795069 Location: ELSUR1 05/17/2001

Case Number: 9B-LA-222735
Owning Office: LOS ANGELES

9B-LA-222735/1D7

Title and Character of Case:

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Date Property Acquired: [redacted]

Source from which Property Acquired: TELEPHONIC [redacted]

Anticipated Disposition:

Acquired By: [redacted]

Case Agent: [redacted]

Description of Property:
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Date Entered

TAPE #8: CM TELEPHONIC (NON-PERT) BETWEEN [redacted]

Barcode: E1795068 Location: ELSUR1 05/17/2001

Case Number: 9B-LA-222735
Owning Office: LOS ANGELES

9B-LA-222735/1D 8

Title and Character of Case:

[redacted]

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Date Property Acquired: [redacted]

Source from which Property Acquired: TELEPHONIC [redacted]

Anticipated Disposition:

Acquired By: [redacted]

Case Agent: [redacted]

Description of Property: Date Entered
1D 9

TAPE #9: CM TELEPHONIC BETWEEN [redacted]

Barcode: E1795067 Location: ELSUR1 05/17/2001

Case Number: 9B-LA-222735
Owning Office: LOS ANGELES

9B-LA-222735/ 1D9

Title and Character of Case:

[redacted]

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Date Property Acquired: [redacted]

Source from which Property Acquired: TELEPHONIC [redacted]

Anticipated Disposition: Acquired By: [redacted] Case Agent: [redacted]

Description of Property: Date Entered
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TAPE #10: CM TELEPHONIC BETWEEN [redacted]

Barcode: E1795066 Location: ELSUR1 05/17/2001

Case Number: 9B-LA-222735
Owning Office: LOS ANGELES

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Title and Character of Case:

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Date Property Acquired: [redacted]

Source from which Property Acquired: TELEPHONIC [redacted]

Anticipated Disposition: Acquired By: [redacted] Case Agent: [redacted]

Description of Property: Date Entered
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TAPE #11: CM TELPHONIC BETWEEN [redacted]

Barcode: E1795065 Location: ELSUR1 05/17/2001

Case Number: 9B-LA-222735
Owning Office: LOS ANGELES

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Title and Character of Case:

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Date Property Acquired: [redacted]

Source from which Property Acquired: TELEPHONIC [redacted]

Anticipated Disposition:

Acquired By: [redacted]

Case Agent: [redacted]

Description of Property:
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Date Entered

TAPE #12: CM TELEPHONIC BETWEEN [redacted]

Barcode: E1795073 Location: ELSUR1 05/17/2001

Case Number: 9B-LA-222735
Owning Office: LOS ANGELES

9B-LA-222735/12

Title and Character of Case:

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Date Property Acquired: [redacted]

Source from which Property Acquired: TELEPHONIC [redacted]

Anticipated Disposition:

Acquired By: [redacted]

Case Agent: [redacted]

Description of Property:
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Date Entered

TAPE #13: CM TELEPHONIC BETWEEN [redacted]

Barcode: E1795064 Location: ELSUR1 05/17/2001

Case Number: 9B-LA-222735
Owning Office: LOS ANGELES

9B-LA-222735/ 1D13

Title and Character of Case:

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Date Property Acquired: [redacted]

Source from which Property Acquired: TELEPHONIC

[redacted]

Anticipated Disposition:

Acquired By: [redacted]

Case Agent: [redacted]

Description of Property:

Date Entered

1D 14

TAPE #14: CM TELEPHONIC (NON-PERTINENT) BETWEEN [redacted]

Barcode: E1795063 Location: ELSUR1 05/17/2001

Case Number: 9B-LA-222735
Owning Office: LOS ANGELES

9B-LA-222735/1D14

(Rev. 10-01-1999)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 04/19/2000

To: Jacksonville **Attn:** SA [redacted] b6 b7C

From: Los Angeles
C-1
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] b6 b7C

Case ID #: 9B-LA-222735 (Pending)

Title: CHANGED
[redacted]
Louis J. Pearlman - Victim;
Extortion - Non-Aggravated Threats;
OO:LA

Synopsis: Lead set for Jacksonville Division, Orlando R.A.

Previous Title: Title marked "Changed" to reflect correct spelling of subject's name, and full name of victim. Title previously carried as [redacted] Lou Pearlman - Victim;" b6 b7C

Administrative: 04/19/2000 telcal between SA [redacted], Los Angeles Division and SA [redacted] Jacksonville Division

Enclosure(s): Four (4) enclosures:

One (1) work copy of a recorded telephone call between [redacted] and [redacted] - 1 b6 b7C b7D

FD-302 of interview with [redacted] - 1

Memorandum of two telephone calls between [redacted] and [redacted] - 2

Details: Louis J. Pearlman is the founder of the musical group, "The Backstreet Boys". He is currently involved in a contractual dispute with the members of the band and is no longer actively involved in their affairs. This matter is in regards to a series of threats to harm Pearlman's reputation if he does not [redacted] The threats are being conveyed [redacted] b6 b7C

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4/19/00

[redacted] Pearlman advised that he is willing to aid in the investigation in any way and that it was at his direction that his attorneys [redacted] made the original complaint to the FBI. b6 b7C

On [redacted] a consensual monitored call was placed to [redacted] from [redacted]. During this telephone call, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Set Lead 1:

JACKSONVILLE

AT [redacted]

1. Assist [redacted] who is based in [redacted] with conducting consensual monitored telephone calls with [redacted] who is based in [redacted] can be contacted at [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

2. Execute FD-472 and FD-473 for [redacted] Discuss the issues of entrapment with him in regards to the strategy which he will use to obtain admissible statements from [redacted]

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FD-302 (Rev. 10-6-95)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 04/10/2000

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] [redacted] telephone [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent. [redacted] Louis J. Pearlman [redacted] [redacted] provided the following information:

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Louis J. Pearlman is the founder of the musical group, The Backstreet Boys. In 1997 and 1998, representatives for The Backstreet Boys filed complex litigation in both Delaware and Florida which sought to sever their financial relationship with Pearlman. Both parties tried very hard at resolving the issues without going to trial and in October 1998, two separate agreements were executed. [redacted]

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Prior to these two agreements, Pearlman's personal participation was complex, [redacted]

Investigation on 04/06/00 at New York, New York (telephonically)

File # 9A-LA-222735-3 Date dictated 04/10/00

by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] Pearlman had invested considerable time and effort in the Backstreet Boys. They were relatively unsuccessful at first, and Pearlman stayed with them through both good times and bad. Through the first settlement agreement, Pearlman was to receive significantly less than before. However, more than anything, Pearlman wanted to repair his relationship with the band, and so he hoped this new settlement would clear the way for this. However, the relationship remained bad.

[redacted] In approximately February 1999, [redacted] began a series of threats to harm Pearlman's reputation if Pearlman did not [redacted] These threats were first conveyed when [redacted] in February 1999. As a result of these threats and as a result of Pearlman's desire to maintain his relationship with The Backstreet Boys, [redacted]

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[redacted] believes this correlates with the tactics that [redacted] has used in this matter.

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(Rev. 10-01-1999)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 04/26/2000

To: Los Angeles **Attn:** ELSUR

From: Los Angeles
C-1
Contact: [redacted] x3451

Approved By: [redacted] MZ/DT

Drafted By: [redacted] BS

Case ID #: 9A-LA-222735 (Pending) ✓

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Title: [redacted]
Louis J. Pearlman - Victim;
Extortion - Non-Aggravated Threats;
OO:LA

Synopsis: To disclose late submission of 1D item.

Details: ID#1 was held in SA [redacted] safe posession until it was turned into ELSUR on this date.

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(01/26/1998)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 04/26/2000

To: Laboratory **Attn:** SA [redacted] Unit Chief
Audio/Video Unit

Los Angeles [redacted]
Elsur File Assistant

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From: Los Angeles
C-1
Contact: [redacted] (310) 996-3451

Approved By: [redacted] MC/SJ

Drafted By: [redacted] :jsd

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Case ID #: 9B-LA-222735 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]
Louis J. Pearlman - Victim;
Extortion - Non-Aggravated Threats;
OO:LA

Synopsis: Request for enhancement of covert recording of subjects of captioned investigation.

Administrative: ELSUR is requested to forward the below listed items to the FBI Engineering Research Facility, Attn: Forensic Program, [redacted] Quantico, VA 22135.

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Package Copy: Being forwarded under separate cover are the following:

1. One (1) Cassette Tape - ELSUR 1D#1

Details: The item listed above contains the recording of a telephone conversation which is of sufficiently poor quality that it will be difficult for a jury to discern. FBILA is aware of the limitations of the enhancement process, particularly when a recording is not made stereophonically. However, if this matter proceeds it is expected to garner considerable attention in the media. Hence, a higher quality recording with less background noise will be necessary to ensure the success of this investigation.

9B-LA-222735-5

To: Laboratory From: Los Angeles
Re: 9A-LA-222735, 04/26/2000

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

LABORATORY

AT WASHINGTON, DC

1. Engineering Research Facility - Audio/Video Unit is requested to enhance the above described cassette recording.

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(Rev. 10-01-1999)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 05/01/2000

To: Los Angeles **Attn:** SA [redacted]
Rotor: C-1

From: Los Angeles
DIVISION 1 - ELSUR Unit
Contact: [redacted] (818)678-2170

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 9A-LA-222735 - 6 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]
LOUIS J. PEARLMAN - VICTIM;
EXTORTION - NON-AGGRAVATED THREATS;
OO: LOS ANGELES

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Synopsis: Request to open subfile for captioned investigation.

Details: The purpose of this communication is to request the following subfile be opened in order to effectively manage captioned matter. ELSUR material(s) should be routed to the file shown below:

Subfile ELA-E Telephonic

Please mark all volumes of the main file and all subfiles "**ELSUR - DO NOT DESTROY**".

cc: 1 - 9B-LA-222735-ELA-E -1

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FD-302 (Rev. 10-6-95)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/1/00

On [redacted] a consensually recorded telcall was made by [redacted] to [redacted] which [redacted] stated is the office telephone number of [redacted]. Subsequent to the telcall, it was confirmed that the call had been successfully recorded. A duplicate tape recording was made and was provided via overnight Federal Express to the Los Angeles (LA) case agent. The original tape was forwarded to Tampa Division ELSUR Unit. Per instructions from the LA case agent, [redacted] called [redacted] attorney [redacted] and directed [redacted] not to have any telephone calls with [redacted] until [redacted] and [redacted] have spoken with the LA case agent or the LA AUSA after the enclosed taped conversation has been reviewed. [redacted] was temporarily unable to contact his attorney [redacted] to also advise [redacted] of the instructions from the LA case agent.

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Investigation on 4/28/00 at Orlando, Florida

File # 9B-LA-222735 -8 Date dictated 5/1/00

by SA [redacted] /rJAT:jat

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 04/20/00

On [redacted] after receiving concurrence from Middle District of Florida Deputy Managing Assistant United States Attorney, [redacted] a consensually recorded telcall was made by [redacted] to [redacted] which [redacted] stated is the office telephone number of [redacted]. Subsequent to the telcall, it was confirmed that the call had been successfully recorded. The telcall was brief because [redacted] was not available to take the call.

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During the briefing before the telcall, [redacted] stated that these people were knowledgeable of the situation with [redacted] and he wanted to keep them informed. These employees were; [redacted]. SA [redacted] informed [redacted] that he would not discuss the case in the presence of these people but he could not stop [redacted] from discussing this with his employees.

The above occurred at [redacted]

Investigation on 04/20/00 at [redacted]

File # 9B-LA-222735 -9 Date dictated 04/20/00

by SA [redacted] SA [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 05/01/00

On [redacted] a consensually recorded telcall was made by [redacted] to [redacted] which [redacted] stated is the office telephone number of [redacted] During the telcall [redacted] made contact with an individual identified as [redacted] and during this call a person identified as [redacted] was teleconferenced on the line. Subsequent to the telcall, it was confirmed that the call had been successfully recorded.

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The above occurred at [redacted] The address is [redacted]

Investigation on 05/01/00 at [redacted]

File # 9B-LA-222735 - 10 Date dictated 05/01/00

by SA [redacted] MB

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(01/26/1998)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 05/15/2000

To: Los Angeles **Attn:** C-1
SA [redacted]

From: Tampa
ORA/1
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted] PJB

Drafted By: [redacted] MB

Case ID #: 9B-LA-222735 (Pending) - 11

Title: [redacted]
Louis J. Pearlman-victim;
Extortion-Non-Aggravated Threats;
OO:LA

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Synopsis: To document results of lead requested by Los Angeles Division.

Enclosures: Three (3) original and three (3) copies of FD-302s covering consenually monitored phone calls. Two (2) signed FD-472s and two signed (2) FD-473s.

Details: On 04/20/00 SA [redacted] received verbal concurrence from the Orlando Division of the United States Attorneys Office to conduct consenually monitored phone calls for the above captioned matter. [redacted] placed calls on [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] in the presence of Orlando FBI Agents. The original tape recordings of these calls were sent to Tampa Division ELSUR custodian on [redacted] and [redacted].

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Orlando considers Leads 1 and 2 covered. No further investigation remains in Orlando.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 04/10/2000

[redacted] date of birth [redacted], [redacted] telephone [redacted] cellphone [redacted] was informed of the identity of the interviewing agent. [redacted] He provided the following information:

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In February 1999 [redacted]

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Investigation on 04/06/00 at New York, New York (telephonically)

File # 9A-LA-222735 -12 Date dictated 04/10/00

by [redacted]

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In the subsequent weeks, the threats were reiterated via telephone [redacted] approximately a half dozen times. In March 1999, Pearlman's participation was renegotiated.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 06/13/2000

To: Tampa **Attn:** SA [redacted]
Orlando Resident Agency

From: Los Angeles
C-1
Contact: [redacted] b6 b7C

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 9A-LA-222735 (Pending)

Title: [redacted] b6 b7C
LOUIS J. PEARLMAN - VICTIM;
EXTORTION - AGGRAVATED OR OVERT THREATS;
OO:LA

Synopsis: Lead set for Tampa Division, Orlando Resident Agency.

Reference: 9A-LA-222735 Serial 12

Details: According to Louis J. Pearlman, [redacted] a former employee [redacted] was contacted by a private investigator [redacted] According to Pearlman, [redacted] was trying to gather information about Pearlman [redacted] b6 b7C

In a preliminary conversation between SA [redacted] and [redacted] via telephone on 06/13/2000, [redacted] advised that [redacted] wanted to know if [redacted] had any monetary grievance with Pearlman over his departure. [redacted] had already acknowledged that he was in a severance negotiation with [redacted] In response, [redacted] advised [redacted] to hold off; that he could help him get more money, if [redacted] would provide information which [redacted] could use against Pearlman. [redacted] b6 b7C

According to Pearlman, [redacted]

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

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AT ORLANDO

Contact and interview [redacted] at [redacted]. Request that [redacted] be very specific about how many times and when he or his family members were contacted by [redacted] Request that he be specific about the language that [redacted] used duirng these contacts. Obtain background information on [redacted] i.e. dates of employment [redacted] details of his severance, position he held, and the exact nature of his relationship with Pearlman.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 06/15/2000

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] [redacted] telephone [redacted], cellphone [redacted] was interviewed regarding an unmonitored and unrecorded telephone conversation between he and [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] at Special Agent SA [redacted] direction, placed a telephone call to [redacted] Due to his schedule, [redacted] would be unable to tape the telephone call and it was his intention, based on the specific instructions from SA [redacted] to avoid any discussion of the extortionate threats.

However, at the inception of the telephone call, which occurred from [redacted] cell phone in the evening [redacted] was attending a business function [redacted] immediately demanded that [redacted] tell Pearlman that [redacted] knew that Pearlman's [redacted] in [redacted] also said that [redacted] had uncovered [redacted] who was willing to talk about [redacted] that this individual said [redacted] insisted that [redacted] relay this to Pearlman immediately so that Pearlman would know that they weren't fooling around; that they know what's going on with Pearlman; and that all they would have to do was pay this guy and that he would spill the beans. [redacted] said that this guy was dying to get paid.

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[redacted] interpreted the meaning of [redacted] words with regard to the current circumstances. [redacted] and Pearlman, at SA [redacted] request, had made issue that [redacted] was not being specific enough about the nature of the information that he proposed to use against Pearlman [redacted] believes that [redacted] comments on this particular evening where an attempt to address this issue.

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Investigation on 05/03/2000 at New York (telephonically)

File # 9A-LA-222735-14 Date dictated 06/15/00

by SA [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 06/21/2000

[redacted] date of birth [redacted], [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted]

In approximately February or March 2000, [redacted] contacted three associates of Lou Pearlman [redacted] b6 b7C

As a result, Pearlman asked [redacted] to call [redacted] to find out what the motivation was for these inquiries and to attempt to find out who was behind them. [redacted] made this call in either February or March 2000 and left a message with [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Investigation on 06/21/2000 at Los Angeles, CA (telephonically)

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by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Los Angeles (C-1)

Date: June 30, 2000

Case ID No.: 9B-LA-222735-16

Lab No.: 000428256 TV

Reference: Communication dated [redacted]

Your No.:

Title: [redacted]
Louis J. Pearlman - Victim;
Extortion - Non-Aggravated Threats

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Date specimens received: April 28, 2000

Specimens:

Q1 One Maxell C60 audio cassette marked in part on side A "TAPE 1 4/12/00"

Remarks:

The results of the audio enhancement examination are included in this report.

Specimen Q1 and the enhanced copies were forwarded to your office via Federal Express on May 11, 2000.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Report of Examination

Examiner Name:	[redacted]	Date:	June 30, 2000
Unit:	Forensic Audio, Video & Image Analysis	Phone No.:	703-866-3948
Case ID No.:	9B-LA-222735	Lab No.:	000428256 TV

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Results of Examinations:

Two electronically enhanced copies were prepared of specimen Q1 on separate audio cassettes.

In order to obtain maximum intelligibility, the enhanced copies should be played back on high-quality tape recorders and reviewed using headphones.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 08/07/2000

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] employee, Transcontinental Records, telephone [redacted] cellular [redacted], provided the following information: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

Investigation on 08/03/2000 at Los Angeles, CA (telephonically)

File # 9A-LA-222735 Date dictated 08/07/2000

by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 08/14/2000

At approximately 2:00 p.m., SAs [redacted] and [redacted] (hereinafter referred to as "Agents") arrived at the offices of [redacted] Agents informed the receptionist of their identity and requested to meet with [redacted] date of birth [redacted] Prior to actually meeting with [redacted] Agents were met in a waiting area by [redacted] then by [redacted] LNU. Both sought the nature and purpose of the visit. [redacted] LNU left then returned and escorted Agents to the office of an individual who purported to be [redacted] LNU.

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[redacted] LNU requested to know the subject matter and was advised by SA [redacted] that we would disclose this information to [redacted] only, and only in private. [redacted] LNU then left to convey this information to [redacted] who agreed to meet with Agents.

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This meeting took place in the conference room. SA [redacted] told [redacted] that the purpose of the interview concerns Lou Pearlman. After saying that he didn't know Pearlman, [redacted] acknowledged that [redacted] with Pearlman. SA [redacted] told [redacted] that the FBI is not here to discuss [redacted] declined to talk further outside the presence of his attorney. Agents concluded the interview.

Investigation on 08/10/00 at Beverly Hills, CA

File # 9B-LA-222735 Date dictated 08/10/00

by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Los Angeles, California 90024
August 14, 2000

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LOUIS J. PEARLMAN - VICTIM;
EXTORTION - NON-AGGRAVATED THREATS;

PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY

A. FD-302 of interview of [redacted] dated April 6, 2000:

[redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

a. [redacted]

b. Louis J. Pearlman is the founder of the musical group, The Backstreet Boys. In 1997 and 1998, representatives for The Backstreet Boys filed complex litigation in both Delaware and Florida which sought to sever their financial relationship with Pearlman. Both parties tried very hard at resolving the issues without going to trial and in October 1998, two separate agreements were executed. [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] To this day, Pearlman is still technically the president of both Backstreet Productions, Inc. and Backstreet Boys, Inc.

c. [redacted]

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d. [redacted] In approximately February 1999 [redacted] began a series of threats to harm Pearlman's reputation [redacted] threats were to make public in a press conference [redacted]

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e. [redacted]

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[redacted]

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[redacted]

B. FD-302 of interview with [redacted] dated April 6, 2000:

[redacted] provided the following information:

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a. [redacted]

b. In February 1999 [redacted] he has learned about [redacted] related to Pearlman's [redacted]. [redacted] volunteered that he would be willing to personally meet with Pearlman and personally share this information with him. There was an unmistaken implication that this information, if known to Pearlman's investor's, would ruin him, and that [redacted] was bringing it up with the intention to [redacted]

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c. [redacted] traveled to see Pearlman, who denied the allegations.

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d. In the subsequent weeks, the threats were reiterated via telephone from [redacted] to [redacted] approximately a half dozen times. [redacted]

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[redacted]

e. [redacted] had uncovered [redacted] information about Pearlman. [redacted] threatened to disclose the [redacted] information in a press conference for Friday, March 24, 2000, the day of the premiere of Pearlman's new t.v. show entitled, "Making the Band". [redacted] that this would rob Pearlman of any success he might enjoy from the shows debut [redacted] that the way to prevent this would be for Pearlman to [redacted]

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C. FD-302 of interview with [redacted] dated April 6, 2000:

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[redacted] provided the following information:

a. [redacted]

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D. FD-302 of interview with Louis Jay Pearlman dated April 18, 2000:

Louis Jay Pearlman provided the following information:

a. Pearlman formed the musical group, "The Backstreet Boys" in 1993. The members of "The Backstreet Boys", in order from the oldest to the youngest, are Kevin Richardson, Howard Dorough, Brian Littrell, A.J. McLean, and Nick Carter. Richardson, the oldest, [redacted] and Carter, the youngest, [redacted]. Richardson and Littrell are cousins.

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e. [redacted] met with Pearlman, [redacted] alluded to his conversation with [redacted] in which he conveyed the threat. [redacted] did this by asking if [redacted] told Pearlman about the conversation. [redacted] responded that he told Pearlman "everything", and that Pearlman was quite perturbed. [redacted] said, [redacted] there won't be any embarrassing situations that may arise in the public's eye for you. What will happen when [redacted] find out what's going on".

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g. [redacted]

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h. There is no truth or validity to the threats, but

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the allegations, if made public, could have proved damaging to Pearlman's business. It wasn't worth the risk [redacted] As a result of these considerations, [redacted]

E. FD-302 of interview with [redacted] dated April 21, 2000:

[redacted] provided the following information:

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a. [redacted] handles [redacted] and other matters for [redacted]

b. In approximately February or March 2000, [redacted] contacted three associates of Lou Pearlman: the first was [redacted] who said that [redacted] had asked him a lot of questions about [redacted] relationship with Pearlman; the second [redacted] and the third was [redacted] a former employee [redacted]

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c. As a result, Pearlman asked [redacted] to call [redacted] to find out what the motivation was for these inquiries and to attempt to find out who was behind them. [redacted] made this call in either February or March 2000 and left a message with [redacted] or possibly on a voicemail service.

d. It was not until approximately [redacted] that [redacted] received a return telephone call from [redacted] who left a voicemail message for [redacted] at his office. Coincidentally, [redacted] During this telephone call, [redacted] said that he is checking into Mr. Pearlman's [redacted].

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F. FD-302 of interview with [redacted] dated April 10, 2000:

[redacted] provided the following information:

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a. [redacted] is [redacted]

b. [redacted]

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[redacted]

c. [redacted] b6 b7C

d. [redacted] b6 b7C

e. [redacted] To [redacted] the meaning was clear. [redacted] was referring to the threat of disclosing the alleged [redacted] of Lou Pearlman in exchange for certain [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

G. Miscellaneous FD-302s not summarized:

a. FD-302 of interview of [redacted] dated April 24, 2000.

H. FD-302s of interviews forthcoming, if necessary: b6 b7C

a. [redacted] a former employee [redacted] regarding [redacted] who contacted [redacted] and implied

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that [redacted]
and offered to help [redacted] obtain [redacted]
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b. [redacted] regarding his contact with [redacted]

c. FNU [redacted], regarding his contact with [redacted]

I. Recorded conversations:

At FBI's direction, [redacted] placed several telephone calls between [redacted] and [redacted] to [redacted], telephone number [redacted] from either [redacted] or in [redacted] case, from [redacted], SA [redacted] [redacted] Division has listened to a recording of each telephone call and have reviewed and adopted the accompanying transcripts as his own. A chronological list these conversations is provided below. All times are approximate. Excerpts of the certain conversations is also provided. (Evidence - Tapes and transcripts)

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1. List of pertinent and non-pertinent recorded conversations:

Tape #1 [redacted] time not memorialized; [redacted]
[redacted];

Tape #2 [redacted] time not memorialized; [redacted]
[redacted]

Tape #3 [redacted]
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Tape #4 [redacted]
[redacted]

Tape #5 [redacted]
[redacted]

Tape #6 [redacted]
[redacted]

Tape #7 Non-pertinent with [redacted]

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Tape #8 Non-pertinent with [redacted]

Tape #9 [redacted]

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Tape #10 [redacted]

Tape #11 [redacted]

Tape #12 [redacted]

Tape #13 Non-pertinent with [redacted]

Tape #14 Non-pertinent with [redacted]

2. Excerpts from conversations:

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Tape #1 [redacted] - [redacted] and [redacted]
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 08/14/2000

To: Tampa **Attn:** SA [redacted]
Orlando Resident Agency

From: Los Angeles
C-1
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] b6 b7C

Case ID #: 9B-LA-222735 (Pending)

Title: CHANGED
[redacted]
LOUIS J. PEARLMAN - VICTIM;
EXTORTION - NON-AGGRAVATED THREATS;
OO:LA

Synopsis: Request prosecutive opinion from United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Florida.

Previous Title: Title marked "Changed" to reflect proper classification of this matter, and full name of subject. Title previously carried as "[redacted] LOUIS J. PEARLMAN; EXTORTION - AGGRAVATED OR OVERT THREATS". b6 b7C

Reference: 9A-LA-222735 Serial 13

Enclosure(s): Two (2) copies of Prosecutive Summary for captioned matter.

Details: As this matter does not fit it's current prosecutive guidelines, the United States Attorney's Office, Central District of California, (USAO-CDC), has declined prosecution.

Los Angeles Division believes this matter to be appropriate for prosecution and requests the Tampa Division to evaluate it for such.

The enclosed Prosecutive Summary should be adequate in order to make this determination. Los Angeles could provide tapes and transcripts, if necessary.

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

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AT ORLANDO, FLORIDA

1. Determine merit of captioned matter for prosecution in the Northern District of Florida.

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[redacted] ATTORNEYS AT LAW A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

[redacted]

August 16, 2000

[redacted] SA
Federal Bureau of Investigation
11000 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700
Los Angeles, California 90024

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Re: Investigation of Lou Pearlman
[redacted]

Dear Agent [redacted]

I hope this correspondence finds you well. As you know, [redacted] in connection with your investigation of Mr. Lou Pearlman. Accordingly, it is requested that you not contact [redacted] directly but instead contact this office with all inquiries.

I look forward to discussing this matter with you in greater detail next week.

Please feel free to call me at any time for any reason.

Very truly yours,

[redacted] Attorneys at Law
[redacted]

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cc: [redacted] Esq.

Rec'd 8/21/00
fax

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 9A-LA-222735

11000 Wilshire Boulevard #1700
Los Angeles, California 90024
(310) 477-6565
January 30, 2001

Honorable Alejandro N. Mayorkas
United States Attorney
Central District of California
United States Courthouse
312 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attn. AUSA [redacted] b6 b7C

Dear [redacted]

Enclosed is a 29-page prosecutive summary regarding [redacted] and victim Louis J. Pearlman, the founder and former manager of the "The Backstreet Boys". Pursuant to a definitive written agreement, Mr. Pearlman continues to own a financial interest in the band, but has not been paid on his interest since 1999.

This matter centers around [redacted] by theatening to harm his public reputation. To establish this, [redacted] in support of this allegation. b6 b7C b7D

This matter was previously declined by the Major Crimes Section of the USA's Office for prosecution under Title 18, U.S.C. Section 875, Extortionate Threats. It is our belief that it may fit the statute and guidelines for Wire Fraud. Please review the enclosed package and provide SA [redacted] with a prosecutive opinion. He can be reached at [redacted]. b6 b7C

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Sincerely,

James V. DeSarno
Assistant Director In-Charge

By: [redacted]
Supervisory Special Agent

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Log of Consensually Monitored Telephone Calls

	Date	ID#	Time	Parties
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 05/16/2001

To: Los Angeles **Attn:** ELSUR

From: Los Angeles
C-1
Contact: SA [redacted] x3451

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: 9B-LA-222735 (Pending)

Title: [redacted];
LOUIS J. PEARLMAN - VICTIM;
EXTORTION - NON-AGGRAVATED THREATS;
OO:LA

Synopsis: Information regarding the safekeeping of ELSUR Evidence.

Details: 1D#4 thru 1D#15 were kept safely in SA [redacted]'s posession from the time they were made until this date..

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 05/15/2001

To: Los Angeles

From: Los Angeles
C-1
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] b6 b7C

Case ID #: 9A-LA-222735 (Closed)

Title: [redacted]
LOUIS J. PEARLMAN - VICTIM;
EXTORTION - NON-AGGRAVATED THREATS;
OO:LA

Synopsis: Case closed.

Reference: 9B-LA-222735 Serial 20

Details: It should be noted that this matter was originally referred to the FBI Los Angeles (FBILA) in April 2000 by Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] Since this matter did not fall within previously established prosecutorial guidelines, FBILA was hesistant to open the matter without some assurance from the United States Attorney's (USA's) Office that the matter would be prosecuted if the underlying allegation against [redacted] had merit. b6 b7C

In July 2000, while agreeing that [redacted] did violate the law, AUSA [redacted] declined prosecution due to a lack prosecutorial merit, and due to what she believed were a variety of defenses that [redacted] could assert which would adversely affect its jury appeal. b6 b7C

On 08/10/2001, an interview of [redacted] by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] resulted in [redacted] declining to discuss the matter until he first discussed it with his attorney.

On 08/31/2001, SA [redacted] met with [redacted] attorney, [redacted] who assured SA [redacted] that [redacted] although not admitting to complicity in the matter, would make no further attempts to contact Mr. Pearlman in any way. [redacted] agreed to consider allowing [redacted] to be interviewed in her presence, b6 b7C

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but first requested to examine some of the evidence gathered which implicated [redacted]. b6 b7C

As a result, the attached letter addressed to [redacted] and dated 09/01/2000 was prepared. It contains a request [redacted] b5 b6 b7C

In view of this, the letter was not sent in favor of the decision to submit the matter for prosecution to AUSA [redacted] Orlando, FL. (Orlando, FL is the federal jurisdiction in which Mr. Pearlman resides). In January 2001, AUSA [redacted] declined prosecution of this matter. By this date, it no longer made sense to interview [redacted] Therefore, the letter is enclosed for information only. b6 b7C

In January 2001, this matter was again referred to the USA's Office in Los Angeles; this time by letter to AUSA [redacted] White Collar Crime Division. This, because writer believed that this matter may consist of violations of federal wire fraud laws. No response has been received as of this date, and the matter will no longer be pursued by FBILA. b6 b7C

As of the date of this EC, no further attempts to blackmail Mr. Pearlman, either overtly or through other methods, have been made. It is requested that this matter be closed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 01/14/2004

To: Tampa

From: Tampa
ORA2
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] pdfr

Drafted By: [redacted] kmf

Case ID #: 174C-TP-~~NEW~~ 63929-1 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]
Fashion Rock-Victim;
Bombing Threats

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Synopsis: The purpose of this EC is to open the above-captioned investigation.

Details: On 1/13/2004, SA [redacted] met with [redacted] for Fashion Rock, located at 1701 Park Center Drive, Orlando, Florida. Of note, Fashion Rock is one of several talent companies owned and managed by music producer Lou Pearlman. The purpose of this meeting was to obtain details on several threatening telephone calls which Fashion Rock received on 12/31/2003.

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A Pearlman owned company named Transcon Options Talent (TO) assists aspiring actors, models, and singers by providing them with a "comp-card", which is a condensed "talent resume" that includes a photograph and relevant details related to their particular talent. In addition, talent scouts can research these individuals on TOT's web-site, and find talents that have specific criteria the scouts are seeking. In conjunction with providing these services, TOT/Fashion Rock will sometimes provide travel packages to its talent clients so that they may attend large regional auditions. TOT/Fashion Rock charges its clients fees for both the "comp-card" program and its travel services. It readily advertises that these fees are non-refundable.

In May 2003, an aspiring model named [redacted] (DOB: [redacted] SSAN: [redacted]) contacted TOT and paid $895.00 for a comm-card and a travel package to Miami, Florida for an audition. He provided an address of [redacted]

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[redacted] and telephones of [redacted] and [redacted]

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In July 2003, an individual identifying himself as [redacted] contacted TOT. [redacted] complained that [redacted] had no authorization to fund his purchase from a trust fund account. [redacted] demanded a refund. Of note, [redacted] had an extremely unique voice which sounded as if he spoke with the aid of a voice-box or was using a device to alter his voice.

Between July 2003 and October 2003, [redacted] routinely called TOT regarding his refund. He was frequently rude and gruff. In October 2003, TOT went against company policy and sent a refund check to [redacted] However, by the time [redacted] had attempted to cash the check in mid-November 2003, TOT had filed bankruptcy and the corporate accounts were frozen. From November through December 2003, [redacted] frequently called Fashion Rock in an effort to claim his money. Fashion Rock understood his situation, and would refer him to the bankruptcy trustee.

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On December 31, 2003, at approximately 2:30 PM, [redacted] called Fashion Rock three times. During the second call, he stated that "Lou Pearlman is a dead man" and then hung up. He immediately called back and said "Lou Pearlman is a Jew and a kike. You can expect your building to be blown up tomorrow." None of these calls were recorded, but police reports were filed with OPD and the employees who received the calls were interviewed ([redacted] [redacted]).

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Fashion Rock has agreed to assist the investigation. Initial contact with the US Attorney's Office (USAO) duty attorney indicated that the USAO would consider prosecuting [redacted] for his threats, particularly if Fashion Rock would cooperate.

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It is requested that this investigation be opened and assigned to SA [redacted].

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ORLANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Case #: 0349 2805

Statement

Please fill out in full detail

Date of Statement:	Month: 12	Day: 31	Year: 03	Time: 1518
Offense: Bomb Threat				
Date of Offense:	Month: 12	Day: 31	Year: 03	Time: 1230 [redacted]
Location of Offense: 1701 Dark Center Ct. - Fashion Rock				District: E-3

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Person Code: W

Name: [redacted] Age: [redacted]

Address Res.: [redacted]

Address Bus.: Fashion Rock 1701 Dark Center Zip: 32835 Phone: 407 252 5000

Type of ID shown: FL DL ID# if applicable: M622 530 79 2230

I [redacted], do herby voluntarily make the following statement without threat, coercion, offer of benefit, or favor by any persons whomsoever.

I received a call from [redacted] at 12:30 p.m. on 12/31/03. I explained specifics about [redacted] refund and who he needed to contact about receiving the refund. [redacted] became very irrate and stated he was going to blow up the building. I asked him if he was making a threat he said yes, towards you and your company. Your building will not be there tomorrow. I then proceeded to end the phone call.

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I knew it was [redacted] on the phone because he identified himself at the begining of the conversation. [redacted] often speaks with the assistance of a voice box. The voice box makes his voice very raspy and distictive to recognize.

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[redacted] was a customer of a former company we purchased. The customer was given a refund by the former company. The check that was issued to him wasn't processed due to the bankruptcy of the former company. I explained to [redacted] that he needed to contact the U.S. bankruptcy court for options on how to get the money back. That is when he became irrate and made the threats towards the company and I. [redacted] attitude and demeanor made this threat very serious to myself and employer. I felt very distrubed at the end of the phone call which is why I proceeded with reporting the threat.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 31 day of Dec 2003

[redacted]

Notary Public ☐ Law Enforcement Officer ☒ Name Key [redacted]

Personally Known ☐ Produced Identification ☐ Type_____

I swear/affirm the above and/or attached statements are correct and true.

Signature [redacted]

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My signature below means that I refuse to prosecute the person(s) named above for the alleged crime(s) that occurred to me or to the property under my control.

Signature_____

Date_____

(Departmental policy prohibits use of this section in domestic violence cases.)

Victim Rights Booklet provided? Yes ☒ No ☐

I will testify in court and prosecute criminally. Initials: [redacted]

Miranda Warning Read? Yes ☐ No ☒

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OP-36C- 01/21/02 White: State Attorney Yellow: Records Pink: Investigator Green: Victim

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ORLANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Case #: 03-492805

Statement

Please fill out in full detail

Date of Statement:	Month: 12	Day: 31	Year: 03	Time: 1625
Offense: Bomb Threat				
Date of Offense:	Month: 12	Day: 31	Year: 03	Time: 1230-1235

Suspect (last, first, middle): [redacted]

Location of Offense: 1701 Park Center Dr - Fashion Rocks

District: C-3

Person Code: W

Name (last, fi [redacted]

Addre Res.: [redacted]

Address Bus.: Fashion Rocks Zip: Phone: 253-5000

Type of ID shown: FL DL ID# if applicable: T635-793-80-845-0

I, [redacted], do herby voluntarily make the following statement without threat, coercion, offer of benefit, or favor by any persons whomsoever.

At approximately 12:30 p.m, on December 31, I recieved the named calls. I answered as I normally do "Thank you for calling Trans Continental Companies, How may I help you?" The response was "Lou Pearlman is a dead man" I replied "Thank you We have call tracing capabilities." And the caller hung up. A few minutes later The caller called back. I answered again as I usually do and the caller responded with "Lou Pearlman is nothing but a Jew, a Kike, and expect your building to be blown up tomorrow" I said "Whatever Have a nice day." And I hung up. He didn't call me back I immediately reported those calls to my superiors. I recognized the caller as [redacted] by his gruff voice I have taken calls from him when he was trying to collect money owed to him from a past service he provided. He would call several times a day some days.

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[redacted] 31 day of Dec 2003

I swear/affirm the above and/or attached statements are correct and true.

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Notary Public ☐ Law Enforcement Officer ☒ Name Key [redacted]

Personally Known ☐ Produced Identification ☐ Type_____

Signature: [redacted]

My signature below means that I refuse to prosecute the person(s) named above for the alleged crime(s) that occurred to me or to the property under my control.

Signature_____

Date_____

(Departmental policy prohibits use of this section in domestic violence cases.)

Victim Rights Booklet provided? Yes ☐ No ☐

I will testify in court and prosecute criminally. Initials: [illegible]

Miranda Warning Read? Yes ☐ No ☐

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OP-36C- 01/21/02 White: State Attorney Yellow: Records Pink: Investigator Green: Victim

Bomb Threat and/or Detonation of Dest. Device Case No: 2003-492805

Primary Victim: FASHION ROCK,,,

Date/Time Reported: 12/31/2003 14:51 Hrs. Dispatch Incident Type:
Date/Time Occurred: 12/31/2003 12:30 Hrs. BOMB THRET
Date/Time Between : 12/31/2003 12:35 Hrs. Unit No: E26
Location Occurred : 1701 PARK CENTER DR
Cross Street . . :
Grid: GRID#-1598 Sub-Grid: GRID 1598B District: D-E3

Reporting Officer : [redacted] b6 b7C
Primary Unit Assigned to Investigate: Arsn/Bomb Apv Ofcr: [redacted]
Scene Processed by: Event Log NO
Assigned Investigators: Special Circumstance:

Stat|___| Disp|___| Date|__/__| Invt|____| Asmt Type|___| Date|__/__|
Case Status: FW INV REV Disposition: DispDate

Distribution
None

Case Narrative
On 12-31-2003 at approximately 1600 hours, I, Officer [redacted] ([redacted]), responded to 1701 Park Center Drive (Fashion Rock) in reference to a bomb threat. I met with the witnesses, [redacted] and [redacted]. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that at approximately 1230 hours he received a call from the suspect, [redacted] (NOI). [redacted] and the suspect discussed a civil matter involving money between Fashion Rock and the suspect. The suspect became irate and stated to [redacted] over the telephone that he was going to "blow up" the building. [redacted] asked the suspect if he was making a threat, and the suspect replied, "Yes, towards you and your company. Your building will not be there tomorrow." [redacted] ended the phone call after this statement. b6 b7C

[redacted] knew the suspect was [redacted] because he identified himself at the beginning of the conversation, and the suspect has a distinct raspy voice, due to the assistance of a voice box the suspect uses.

Soon after the conversation with [redacted] the suspect called back two additional times. [redacted] answered the calls, and the following statements were made. [redacted] answered, "Thank you for calling Trans Continental Companies. How may I help you?" The suspect responded, "Lou Pearlman is a dead man." [redacted] replied, "Thank you. We have call tracing capabilities." [redacted] then ended the phone call. A few minutes later the suspect called back, and [redacted] answered in the same manner. The suspect replied, "Lou Pearlman is nothing but a Jew, a Kike, and expect your building to be blown up tomorrow." [redacted] replied, "Whatever. Have a nice b6 b7C

day," and she ended the call. The suspect did not call again.

[redacted] recognized the voice as [redacted] because she has spoken with him on numerous occasions. [redacted] also stated the suspect has a distinct gruff voice. b6 b7C

The witnesses provided sworn written statements. Fashion Rock has taken the threats seriously, and they have decided to close their business on 01-01-2004. Fashion Rock wishes to press charges.

[redacted] is a customer of Fashion Rock. [redacted] information, as well as some telephone logs involving the civil matter, were placed into OPD Evidence under #ER6967A. b6 b7C

FBI Agent [redacted] of the Maitland Office was notified by Fashion Rock. An FBI case number was not given at that time.

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PRINCIPALS

Victim No. 1 : FASHION ROCK
1701 PARK CENTER DR
ORLANDO, FL 32835
Phone: 407-253-5000

Contact:

VOR: [redacted], - N/A b6 b7C

Suspect No. 1 : [redacted],

Race . : Unknown Sex: Male D.O.B: Age:
Height : " Wgt: Hair: Eyes . . . :
Build. : Complexion: Citizenship:
Driv Lic #: St: Soc Sec #:
Occupation: School: Ethnicity:

Residence Type : N/A Residence Status : N/A
Extent of Injury: N/A Special Circumstn:
Injury Type . . : NA Injury Type . . :
Hospital/Clinic : Transported by . :
Statement Type : None Related Offenses : 1

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Business: FASHION ROCK Phone: 407-253-5000
1701 PARK CENTER DR
ORLANDO FL 32835

Residence Type : N/A
Extent of Injury: N/A
Injury Type . . : NA
Hospital/Clinic :
Statement Type : Written

Residence Status : N/A
Special Circumstn:
Injury Type . . :
Transported by . :
Related Offenses : 1

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Business: FASHION ROCK Phone: 407-253-5000
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Residence Type : N/A
Extent of Injury: N/A
Injury Type . . : NA
Hospital/Clinic :
Statement Type : Written

Residence Status : N/A
Special Circumstn:
Injury Type . . :
Transported by . :
Related Offenses : 1

Subject Narrative
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Offense Number: 1
Crime Code: 05200
Statute . : 790.162
Location Type . : Comm/Bldg
Occupancy Code : Unoccupied
Type of Weapon : Explosive
Adults Present:
Entry Method . : NA

Attempted/Committed : Committed
Criminal Activity . : N/A
No. Premises Entered:
Weapon Feature . . :
Juveniles Present :
Entry Point . . . . :

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Exit Method . . : NA	Exit Point . . . . . :
Alcohol Related : No	Drug Related . . . . : No
Domestic Crime : No	Hate Crime . . . . . : No
Computer Theft :	Just. Homicide Code :
Hom/Ag Aslt Circmst :	Just. Circumstances :
Larceny/Theft Categy:	Counterfeit Type. . :
Counterfeit Status. :	Count./Forg. Amount :

EVIDENCE COLLECTED INFORMATION:

Statement (Witness,Victim, Other)

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I Swear or affirm the above statements are correct and true. (Signature)_____	Officer Name/ID# (Print)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned Authority,

This_____day of _____,20____. _____

Notary Public |_| Law Enforcement Officer |_| Emp# ____ Orlando PD

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] in Orlando, Florida on 1/30/2004:

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Attached are copies of reports from the Orlando Police Department (OPD) related to this matter. These include written statements from witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] as well as OPD's summary report.

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(Rev. 01-31-2003)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY **Date:** 02/02/2004

To: New York

From: Tampa
ORA2
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] kmf

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Case ID #: 174C-TP-63929-4 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]
Fashion Rock-Victim;
Bomb Threats

Synopsis: The purpose of this EC is to set lead for New York.

Details: Fashion Rock, located at 1701 Park Center Drive, Orlando, Florida, is one of several Orlando talent companies owned and managed by music producer Lou Pearlman. Of note, Pearlman is known in the music industry for his successful involvement with numerous pop music bands, to include the Backstreet Boys and 'NSync, as well as his involvement in the television program "Making the Band."

One of Pearlman's prior talent companies was Transcon Option Talent (TOT). TOT assisted aspiring actors, models, and singers by helping them gain access and exposure to talent scouts. For a fee, TOT would provide the talents with a comm-card, which is essentially a condensed "talent resume", that includes a photograph and relevant details of their particular talent. This comm-card allowed talents to easily email their resume to interested parties. In addition, TOT would maintain a web-site with these talents, which would allow agents to quickly research and identify talents specifically suited to their needs. Finally, in conjunction with these services, TOT would often provide travel packages to talents so that they may attend large regional talent auditions.

TOT filed bankruptcy in November 2003 and its business operations were placed under the control of a bankruptcy trustee.

In May 2003, an aspiring model named [redacted] contacted TOT and paid $895.00 for a comm-card and a travel

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package to Miami, Florida for an audition. [redacted] provided DOB: [redacted] SSAN [redacted], address [redacted] and telephone numbers of [redacted] and [redacted]. b6 b7C

In July 2003, an individual identifying himself as [redacted] contacted TOT. [redacted] claimed to be [redacted] and that [redacted] had taken the $895.00 from a trust fund for which he had not obtained proper authorization. [redacted] demanded that TOT refund him fully. Of note, [redacted] had a very distinctive voice which sounded as if he spoke with the aid of a voice-box or was possibly using a device to alter his voice. b6 b7C

Between July 2003 and October 2003, [redacted] routinely called TOT and demanded his refund. He was frequently rude and gruff on the telephone. In October 2003, given the relatively small amount of money involved and the desire to be free of [redacted] frequent telephone contact, TOT went against its corporate policy and sent a refund check to [redacted] However, [redacted] waited until November 2003 to attempt to cash the check, by which time TOT had filed bankruptcy and its accounts were frozen. [redacted] was unable to obtain his funds and was extremely upset with TOT. b6 b7C

On December 31, 2003, at approximately 2:30 PM, [redacted] called Fashion Rock three times. During the second call, he stated that "Lou Pearlman is a dead man" and then hung up. He immediately called back and said "Lou Pearlman is a Jew and a kike. You can expect your building to be blown up tomorrow." None of these calls were recorded, but police reports were filed and the employees who received the calls were interviewed ([redacted]). No action was taken against the Fashion Rock office or any of its employees. b6 b7C

On Friday January 30, 2004, [redacted] again contacted Fashion Rock and demanded his refund. The telephone call was very brief and no overt threats were made, but [redacted] noted that he would continue to contact Fashion Rock. b6 b7C

Fashion Rock noted that the contact information they had for [redacted] was an address of [redacted], home telephone [redacted] and cell [redacted]. They also had obtained information that the trust fund allegedly accessed by [redacted] was possibly established in the name of [redacted] who is possibly an unknown associate of [redacted]. Multiple efforts by FBI-Orlando to telephonically contact both [redacted] and [redacted] have been negative. b6 b7C

A review of the [redacted] for subjects named [redacted] revealed only one [redacted] in the [redacted] area. He had a DOB of [redacted] SSAN [redacted] and an alias of [redacted] However, it is likely that this is not the subject in question due to the age of this subject not matching the description of [redacted]. b6 b7C b7E

It is requested that New York locate and interview [redacted] to determine his ability and intent to conduct bombing and/or other criminal acts against Fashion Rock and/or Pearlman. This lead is marked as a Priority due to the nature of the threats. b6 b7C

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

NEW YORK

AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Locate and interview [redacted] with a possible address of [redacted] home telephone [redacted] and cell [redacted].

During this interview, determine the following: 1) full identifying information for [redacted] to include DOB and SSAN; 2) frequency and nature (telephonic, facsimile, email) of his contact with TOT; 3) any threats he made against TOT, Pearlman or any other employees; 4) full contact information for [redacted] 5) identify the trust fund account which [redacted] allegedly accessed without proper authorization; 6) any access, knowledge, or training in explosives or weapons, or association with individuals that possess such.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 02/10/2004

[redacted] born [redacted] was interviewed at her place of residence, located at [redacted] Her apartment building is further described as [redacted] Her apartment is located on the second floor of the building. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Investigator and Detectives, as well as the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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by Inv. [redacted] & Det. [redacted]

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Date of transcription 02/24/2004

[redacted] born [redacted] was interviewed at STARBUCK'S COFFEE, located at the intersection of [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Investigators, as well as the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

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[redacted] denied any such allegations and was concerned over this issue relative to how it would affect future employment considerations. [redacted] was in the process of [redacted] b6 b7C

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Investigation on 02/13/2004 at New York, New York

File # 174C-TP-63929-6 Date dictated 02/24/2004 b6 b7C

by Inv. [redacted] Inv.

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[redacted] recalled first calling TRANS CONTINENTAL TALENT, INC., based in Orlando, Florida (FL). TRANS CONTINENTAL TALENT, INC. was a talent company owned by LOU PEARLMAN, who is a producer in the entertainment business. [redacted] believed this was a scam company that had bilked him out of approximately one thousand nine hundred dollars ($1,900.00) in total. [redacted] had learned about this talent company after seeing a television commercial [redacted] He sent them about one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for an initiation fee, and then another nine hundred dollars ($900.00) for a talent identification card. TRANS CONTINENTAL TALENT, INC. was supposed to assist him with obtaining employment in the modeling/entertainment business, but never provided him with any additional services. [redacted] contemplated filing a lawsuit against the company, but first decided to call telephonically and complain directly to a company representative.

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[redacted] recalled contacting TRANS CONTINENTAL TALENT, INC. [redacted] He subsequently called the company again, but did not recollect the exact date. [redacted] last call occurred sometime in the beginning of [redacted] He denied making any bomb threats to the company, but rather would call and provide his talent I.D. number and SSA number, then would talk to an employee of the company about his request for a refund. One (1) call was handled by an employee identified as [redacted] last name unknown (LNU), and two (2) calls were placed to an employee known as [redacted]. As a result of his efforts, [redacted] subsequently received a refund check from TRANS CONTINENTAL TALENT, INC. for eight hundred ninety five dollars ($895.00). [redacted] attempted to cash this check at his local branch [redacted] about four (4) days after receiving it, but the check bounced. He did not recall the exact date which he tried to cash the check.

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[redacted] denied [redacted] and did not know anyone by that name. [redacted] did not ask [redacted] to make any calls to TRANS CONTINENTAL TALENT, INC. on his behalf.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 02/23/2004

Pursuant to a Consent to Search form (FD-26) signed by [redacted] on February 13, 2004, the following item was obtained from the living room of the residence at [redacted] b6 b7C

One (1) white plastic "KINKO'S" shopping bag containing assorted personal papers belonging to [redacted] as well as one (1) original and several copies of a written instrument/check # [redacted] issued by TRANS CONTINENTAL TALENT, INC. (D.B.A. WILHELMINA SCOUTING NETWORK), of Orlando, Florida, thru WACHOVIA BANK, N.A.

Investigation on 02/18/2004 at Brooklyn, New York

File # 174C-TP-63929 Date dictated 02/23/2004 b6 b7C

by Det.'s Inv. [redacted]

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CONSENT TO SEARCH

1. I have been asked by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to permit a complete search of:

(Describe the person(s), place(s), or thing(s) to be searched.)

WHITE PLASTIC CARRY BAG WITH "KINKOS" WRITTEN ON THE EXTERIOR, LOCATED IN THE BEDROOM AT [redacted], LOCATED AT [redacted]

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2. I have been advised of my right to refuse consent.
3. I give this permission voluntarily.
4. I authorize these agents to take any items which they determine may be related to their investigation.

2-13-04
Date

X [redacted]
Signature

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Witness

INV. [redacted]

This is to certify that on _____ at _____ Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, conducted a search of _____. I certify that nothing was removed from my custody by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

(Signed) _____

Witnessed:

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Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice

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Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 02/25/2004

A physical surveillance was conducted at the Brooklyn Family Court, Part Fifteen (15), located on the second floor on Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York (NY), in an attempt to locate and re-interview [redacted] born [redacted].

9:00 AM Surveillance instituted in the Brooklyn Family Court, Part 15.

9:15 AM [redacted] was scheduled to appear as a respondent to an action filed by the petitioner, [redacted] [redacted] but never checked-in with the Court. b6 b7C

11:00 AM [redacted] arrived at the Court and conferred with a victim's assistance counselor regarding her pending matter.

12:00 PM The Court Officer conducted a last call for [redacted] to appear for his scheduled matter with negative results.

12:05 PM Surveillance is discontinued.

Investigation on 02/24/2004 at Brooklyn, NY

File # 174C-TP-63929-8 Date dictated 02/24/2004 b6 b7C

by Inv. Det. [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 06/22/2004

On June 14, 2004, Investigator [redacted] of the New York State Police (NYSP) and Detective [redacted] of the New York City Police Department (NYPD), assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), Squad DT-1, submitted the following items of evidence to the FBI Evidence Control Room at the New York Office: b6 b7C

Item # 1 Check # [redacted] issued by TRANS-CONTINENTAL TALENT, INC., payable to [redacted] in the amount of $32,700.00, dated 10/23/2003, received from [redacted] on 02/18/2004, assigned evidence Barcode # E03763562

Item # 2 Color photocopies of Item # 1 (Check # [redacted]), received from [redacted] on 02/18/2004, assigned evidence Barcode # E03763557

Item # 3 Black & white photocopies of Item # 1 (check # [redacted]), received from [redacted] on 02/18/2004, assigned evidence Barcode # E03763557 b6 b7C

Item # 4 White plastic "Kinko's" shopping bag which contained Items # 1 thru 3, received from [redacted] on 02/18/2004, assigned evidence Barcode # E03763557

Item # 5 Micro-cassette tape recording of an Audix voicemail message received on Friday, February 13, 2004 at 6:40PM, from [redacted] to Investigator [redacted] at telephone # [redacted] assigned evidence Barcode # E03763559

Item # 6 Micro-cassette tape recording of an Audix voicemail message received on Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 10:27PM from [redacted] to Investigator [redacted] at telephone # [redacted] assigned evidence Barcode # E03763558

Investigation on June 14, 2004 at New York, NY

File # 174C-TP-63929-9 Date dictated June 22, 2004 b6 b7C

by Inv. [redacted] / Det. [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 06/14/2004

To: Tampa **Attn:** SA [redacted] b6 b7C
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To: Counterterrorism **Attn:** [redacted]

From: New York [redacted] JTTF b7E
Contact: Inv. [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] b6 b7C

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 174C-TP-63929 (Pending) -10

Title: [redacted] b6 b7C
Fashion Rock-Victim;
Bomb Threats

Synopsis: The purpose of this EC is to respond to a lead set by Tampa to identify and interview subjects regarding the above titled case.

Reference: 174C-TP-63929 Serial 4

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for FBI Tampa are the following:

1) FD-302 - Interview of [redacted] on 02/10/04
2) FD-302 - Interview of [redacted] on 02/13/04
3) FD-26 - Consent signed by [redacted] dated 02/13/04
4) FD-302 - Re: Collection of evidence on 02/18/04
5) FD-340C - Envelope containing photocopies of collected evidence on 02/18/04 b6 b7C
6) FD-302 - Surveillance on 02/24/04
7) FD-340C - Envelope containing NY DMV photo and related paperwork for [redacted]
8) FD-302 - Submission of evidence on 06/14/04

Details: On February 4, 2004, Inv. [redacted] of the New York State Police (NYSP), assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), [redacted] [redacted] was tasked with a lead action request to interview and identify subjects in New York (NY) reference the above titled case from Tampa, Florida. b6 b7C b7E

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On February 4, 2004, Inv. [redacted] interviewed [redacted] born on [redacted] residing at [redacted] As the FD-302 is enclosed and is self-explanatory, it will not be reiterated in this communication. b6 b7C

On February 12, 2004, Inv. [redacted] conducted a [redacted] as well as NY Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) checks for [redacted] born on [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

On February 13, 2004, Inv [redacted] interviewed [redacted] who is presently residing at [redacted] As the FD-302 is enclosed and is self-explanatory, it will not be reiterated in this communication. b6 b7C

On February 13, 2004, in addition to the interview conducted, [redacted] agreed to allow members of the JTTF to complete a search of his property located at [redacted] apartment, specifically, a white plastic "Kinko's" shopping bag which he believed contained a refund check he received from TRANS CONTINENTAL TALENT, INC. in the amount of $895.00. b6 b7C

On February 18, 2004, Inv. [redacted] along with Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] of the New York City Police Department (NYPD), also assigned to JTTF [redacted] collected and secured the aforesaid "Kinko's" shopping bag from the [redacted] residence, as consented by [redacted] It was noted at this time that the refund check # [redacted] issued by TRANS CONTINENTAL TALENT, INC., was apparently forged, with the date, amount and recipient of the check all altered. The payable amount was now $32,700.00. In addition, there were several color and black & white photocopies of the check located within the bag, which were copied in both the original form as well as the altered state. b6 b7C b7E

On February 20, 2004, while at the FBI/JTTF Offices located at 26 Federal Plaza, Inv. [redacted] retrieved and recorded on a micro-cassette tape, an Audix voicemail message that was called in to telephone number (#) [redacted] from a person identified as [redacted] This message had originally been received and stored by Audix on Friday, February 13, 2004 at 6:40PM. In this message, [redacted] stated that he asked his friend [redacted] to call TRANS CONTINENTAL TALENT, INC. on his behalf in an attempt to obtain a refund from the company, however, he continued to deny any personal involvement in the bomb threats. b6 b7C

On February 24, 2004, Inv. [redacted] and Det. [redacted] NYPD, assigned to JTTF [redacted] conducted physical surveillance at the Brooklyn Family Court, located on the second floor on Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, in an attempt to locate [redacted] and re-interview him regarding this case. [redacted] had a scheduled court appearance for a pending matter with [redacted] however, he failed to appear. b6 b7C b7E

On February 24, 2004, an unidentified United States (U.S.) Postal Carrier, who routinely delivers mail to the building located at [redacted] was interviewed while in the vicinity of the aforesaid address. He did not recall any recent deliveries of mail that was particularly addressed to [redacted] at that address. The previous tenants were known to him by the last name [redacted] and/or [redacted] but neither one of those names have received mail there for almost one (1) year. To the best of his knowledge, they had moved out and he was unfamiliar with any current tenants. He also checked his delivery bag and had no mail going to that address on this date. Observation of the address by the investigating member noted that it was a six (6) story, red brick apartment building, [redacted] b6 b7C

On February 27, 2004, while at the FBI/JTTF Offices located at 26 Federal Plaza, Inv. [redacted] retrieved and recorded on a micro-cassette tape, an Audix voicemail message that was called in to telephone number (#) [redacted] from a person identified as [redacted] This message had originally been received and stored by Audix on Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 10:27PM. In this message [redacted] admits that there is no [redacted] and that he personally made the threats to TRANS CONTINENTAL TALENT, INC. b6 b7C

On June 14, 2004, Inv. [redacted] forwarded all related case evidence, including the original check # [redacted], the photocopies of said check, the "Kinko's" shopping bag, and both micro-cassette recordings of the Audix messages obtained from [redacted] to the FBI New York Office Evidence Control Room for safekeeping and subsequent transfer to FBI Tampa Office. b6 b7C

Based upon the information enclosed in this communication, it is requested that this lead action be marked as covered.♦♦

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 08/02/2004

To: Tampa **Attn:** SA [redacted] ORA2 b6 b7C
Counterterrorism [redacted]

From: New York b7E
[redacted] JTTF
Contact: Inv. [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] b6 b7C

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 174C-TP-63929 (Pending)

Title: [redacted] b6 b7C
FASHION ROCK - VICTIM;
BOMB THREATS

Synopsis: To provide FBI Tampa with file copies for submitted evidence being held at FBI New York.

Reference: 174C-TP-63929 Serial 4

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for FBI Tampa are the following:

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1) File copies of FD-192's for evidence Items # 1 thru 6.

Details: On June 14, 2004, Investigator [redacted] of the New York State Police (NYSP) and Detective [redacted] of the New York City Police Department (NYPD), both assigned to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), [redacted] signed and sealed the following items of evidence for subsequent safekeeping with the FBI Evidence Custodian at the New York Office: b6 b7C b7E

Item # 1: Check # [redacted] dated 10/23/2003, payable to [redacted] issued by TRANS CONTINENTAL TALENT, INC., Orlando, Florida, in the amount of $32,700.00 b6 b7C

Item # 2: Color photocopies of Item # 1

Item # 3: Black & white photocopies of Item # 1

Item # 4: White plastic "Kinko's" shopping bag, which contained Items # 1 thru 3

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WITH/OUT TEXT
BY
DATE 8/10/04

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Item # 5: Original micro-cassette tape recording of Audix voice mail message left by [redacted] on February 13, 2004 at 6:40PM, called in on telephone line # [redacted] directed to Inv. [redacted] b6 b7C

Item # 6: Original micro-cassette tape recording of Audix voice mail message left by [redacted] on February 26, 2004 at 10:27PM, called in on telephone line # [redacted] directed to Inv. [redacted]

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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File copies of FD-192's (evidence records) submitted for enclosure with case file.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 09/14/2004

To: Tampa

From: Tampa
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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] RD

Drafted By: [redacted] kmf

Case ID #: 174C-TP-63929 -12 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]
et al;
Bomb Threats

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Synopsis: The purpose of this EC is to provide an update on this investigation.

Details: SA [redacted] received audio copies of two messages left on the voice mail of TFO [redacted] New York JTTF. TFO [redacted] was assigned a lead from Orlando to attempt to locate and interview subjects [redacted] and [redacted] who were both involved in a series of threatening telephone calls to Transcontinental Talent.

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During the course of handling the lead, TFO [redacted] located and interviewed [redacted] on 2/13/2004. [redacted] denied knowing [redacted] and claimed he was ignorant of his involvement in this matter. After the meeting [redacted] called TFO [redacted] voice-mail and left a voice message stating he did in fact have some information regarding [redacted]. [redacted] claimed [redacted] was a good friend of his and that he had asked [redacted] to call Transcontinental Talent because they owed him money. [redacted] claimed he asked this of [redacted] because he was located in Florida, as was Transcontinental. [redacted] claimed [redacted] had called him the week prior to his interview, but [redacted] had been unable to re-contact him as [redacted] phone had been disconnected. [redacted] claimed he was unaware that [redacted] had planned to use a bomb threat to get his money back from Transcontinental.

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On 2/26/2004, in response to TFO [redacted] efforts to interview him a second time, [redacted] called TFO [redacted] voice-mail and left a message. In this message, [redacted]

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confessed that there was no [redacted]. He admitted he had made the threatening telephone calls because he had been angry. He specifically acknowledged he had made threats during the telephone calls. He also made a tirade against the rich and capitalism, specifically noting Lou Pearlman as a "scam artist." b6 b7C

By his own confession, [redacted] made threats to a business entity in Orlando, then sought to conceal his involvement with an elaborate ruse. Prosecution can be sought for the bomb threats, as well as possibly for false statements. b6 b7C

On 9/14/2004, SA [redacted] spoke with Transcontinental Talent [redacted] to ensure Transcontinental's interest in pursuing this matter. [redacted] noted Transcontinental would cooperate fully with any prosecution efforts, and would make its employees available as needed to testify. Based on this, SA [redacted] will meet with AUSA [redacted] to open the matter at the US Attorney's Office. b6 b7C

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 09/16/2004

To: Tampa

From: Tampa
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Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted] RD/RS

Drafted By: [redacted] kmf

Case ID #: 174C-TP-63929 13 (Pending)

Title: CHANGED
[redacted]
Wilhelmina Talent- Victim;
Transcontinental Talent- Victim;
Fashion Rock- Victim;
Lou Pearlman- Victim;
Bomb Threats

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Synopsis: The purpose of this EC is to change case title and document a meeting with AUSA.

Previous Title: Title marked "Changed" to reflect change of [redacted] from subject to alias, and to identify victims of bomb threats. Title previously carried as [redacted] Fashion Rock- Victim; Bomb Threat."

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Details: On 9/15/2004, SA [redacted] presented the above-captioned investigation to AUSA [redacted] for a prosecutive opinion. [redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 07/21/2005

To: Tampa

From: Tampa
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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] PD

Drafted By: [redacted] kmf

Case ID #: 174C-TP-63929-15 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]
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Synopsis: The purpose of this EC is to update above-captioned investigation.

Details: In late June 2005, SA [redacted] contacted AUSA [redacted] for the third time to arrange indictment and prosecution in this investigation. The previous attempts to indict and prosecute were delayed due to administrative matters of the US Attorney's office, such as annual leave of AUSA [redacted] more significant pending matters for AUSA [redacted] and the loss of evidence by AUSA [redacted] During this meeting, [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 09/27/2007

To: Counterterrorism **Attn:** [redacted] b7E

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From: Tampa
ORA2
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] b6 b7C

Drafted By: [redacted] kmf

Case ID #: 174C-TP-63929 (Pending) 16

Title: [redacted] b6 b7C
OO: Tampa

Synopsis: The purpose of this EC is to close this investigation.

Details: Above captioned subject made telephonic bomb threats in January 2004 against Orlando, Florida based music producer Lou Pearlman and Pearlman's talent agency business. The reason for subject's threats was subject's frustration with money he perceived Pearlman owed him. Subject was interviewed by FBI New York and subsequently confessed to these threats. Subject did note he still believed Pearlman had fraudulently obtained his money.

Since subject's confession, Pearlman has been the subject of an FBI mail/wire fraud case involving losses in excess of $100 million. Pearlman was subsequently arrested and indicted, and his trial is pending in the Middle District of Florida. Pearlman would not be a credible victim/witness.

The United States Attorney's Office has declined prosecution on this matter. FBI-Orlando concurs with this declination.

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