

Sheriff



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IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

IN SEPTEMBER 2011, FLORIDA LAUNCHED THE STATE'S "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING" CAMPAIGN AS A WAY TO ENGAGE CITIZENS, TOURISTS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN SAFEGUARDING OUR STATE.

NOW LAW ENFORCEMENT IS WORKING TO RELAUNCH THE CAMPAIGN AFTER RECENT TERROR ATTACKS. OUR GOAL IS TO REMIND OUR CITIZENS TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

IT'S EASY TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS INFORMATION AND REPORTING CAN BE DONE ANONYMOUSLY.

***FLORIDA HAS A STATEWIDE TOLL-FREE HOTLINE: 1-855-FLA-SAFE (1-855-352-7233); AND**

***CALL THE OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT 850-651-7400 OR EMERALD COAST CRIME STOPPERS AT 850-863-TIPS, EMERALDCOASTCRIMESTOPPERS.COM, OR TEXT "TIP214 PLUS YOUR MESSAGE TO CRIMES (274637).**

***AND AN ONLINE REPORTING FORM AVAILABLE ON THE FDLE WEBSITE**

REMAIN VIGILANT AND REPORT ANYTHING THAT LOOKS OUT OF PLACE.

WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY?

WHAT SHOULD YOU LOOK FOR? WHEN IT COMES TO SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, REMEMBER IT'S NOT A PARTICULAR TYPE OF PERSON, IT'S A BEHAVIOR.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY CAN COME IN A VARIETY OF FORMS.

- **UNUSUAL ITEMS OR SITUATIONS:** FOR EXAMPLE, A VEHICLE IS PARKED IN AN ODD LOCATION, A PACKAGE OR LUGGAGE IS UNATTENDED, A WINDOW OR DOOR IS OPEN WHEN IT IS USUALLY CLOSED...
- **SOMEONE ELICITING INFORMATION:** A PERSON QUESTIONS INDIVIDUALS AT A LEVEL BEYOND CURIOSITY ABOUT A BUILDING'S PURPOSE, OPERATIONS, SECURITY PROCEDURES OR PERSONNEL AND SHIFT CHANGES FOR EXAMPLE.



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- **FIXATED OBSERVATION OR SURVEILLANCE:** SOMEONE PAYS UNUSUAL ATTENTION TO FACILITIES OR BUILDINGS BEYOND A CASUAL OR PROFESSIONAL INTEREST. THIS INCLUDES EXTENDED LOITERING WITHOUT EXPLANATION (PARTICULARLY IN CONCEALED LOCATIONS); UNUSUAL, REPEATED, OR PROLONGED OBSERVATION OF A BUILDING; TAKING NOTES OR MEASUREMENTS; COUNTING PACES; SKETCHING FLOOR PLANS, USING BINOCULARS OR A VIDEO CAMERA TO STUDY A FACILITY.
- **FOR BUSINESSES - MONITOR MATERIALS ACQUISITION AND STORAGE:** ACQUISITION OR STORAGE OF UNUSUAL QUANTITIES OF MATERIALS SUCH AS CELL PHONES, OR RADIO CONTROL TOY CONTROLLERS; FUEL, CHEMICALS, AND TIMERS ARE SOME EXAMPLES.

OF COURSE THESE ACTIVITIES COULD BE INNOCENT BUT IT'S UP TO LAW ENFORCEMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE BEHAVIOR WARRANTS INVESTIGATION.

THE ACTIVITIES LISTED ARE NOT ALL-INCLUSIVE, BUT HAVE BEEN COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BASED ON STUDIES OF SUCCESSFUL AND THWARTED TERRORIST EVENTS OVER SEVERAL YEARS.

REMEMBER WHEN YOU REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY; GIVE THE MOST ACCURATE DESCRIPTION POSSIBLE INCLUDING:

- A DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY;
- THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF THE ACTIVITY;
- PHYSICAL IDENTIFIERS OF THE PERSONS INVOLVED; AND
- A DESCRIPTION OF ANY VEHICLES

BY BEING VIGILANT, YOU CAN HELP OUR COMMUNITIES STAY SAFE.

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