# Communities Against Terrorism

## Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activities Related to Gun Shops and Gun Ranges

### What Should I Consider Suspicious?

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<td>Make bulk purchases of items to include:</td>
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<td>Weatherproofed ammunition or match containers</td>
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### What Should I Do?

- Be part of the solution.
  - Require valid ID from all new customers.
  - Keep records of purchases.
  - Report any missing or stolen fuel, vehicles, or other equipment to law enforcement authorities.
  - If something seems wrong, notify law enforcement authorities.

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- Insists on paying with cash or uses credit card(s) in different name(s)
- Identification provided is inconsistent or person demands identity privacy
- Customer travels illogical distance to purchase a firearm or train/practice at gun range
- Buying a large number of the same or similar model firearms
- Attempting to conceal conversations (beyond mere price negotiations)
- Acting evasively during conversations or while responding to questions
- Individuals who together are interested in learning group tactics
- Participants making racist or extreme religious statements
- Unusual comments made regarding anti-US, radical theology, vague or cryptic warnings
- Interested in using a firearm in a manner inconsistent with the type of weapon being purchased
- Purchasing firearms in a way revealing intent to circumvent legal restrictions
- Purchasing firearms in a manner meant to avoid the multiple sales reporting requirements
- Inquiring about the illegal conversion of firearms
- Expressing interest in the deadly force of the firearm beyond the interest typically shown by purchasers
- Expressing interest for ammunition which can penetrate law enforcement body armor
- Practice of kidnapping or ambush scenarios at ranges
- Referring to military/jihad training manuals in a threatening manner

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- Ask questions about the purchase and the intended use of the firearm.
- By asking questions, you may prevent a potentially unlawful firearms transaction.
- Exercise your right to decline a transaction if the customer appears nervous or uneasy, avoids eye contact, or if you are unsure whether the sale is legal.
- If you have lawfully sold a firearm, ammunition, provided gunsmith services, or firearm training services, and you later uncover any unusual information about your customer, you are encouraged to contact your local Joint Terrorism Task Force.
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