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**(U) Protecting Your Business Against Extortion Bomb Threats**

(U) Several financial and commercial institutions throughout the United States have received extortion telephone calls threatening to blow up their organization unless a large sum of money was wired to an overseas bank account. Criminal intelligence analysts are comparing local police reports to identify similarities in the threats. In addition, the FBI has launched a public campaign on how to respond to a potential bomb threat.

(U) The FBI and GISAC recognize that these threats may be alarming to the public and suggest the following steps and questions be asked when responding to a potential phone-in bomb threat:

1. Questions to ask the caller:
  - a. When is the bomb going to explode?
  - b. Where is the bomb located right now?
  - c. What does it look like?
  - d. What kind of bomb is it?
  - e. What will cause it to explode?
  - f. Did you place the bomb personally? Why?
  - g. What is your name?
  - h. What is your address?
  - i. What is your phone number?
2. Document the EXACT wording of the threat and caller's response.

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3. Note the apparent gender, race, age of the caller.
4. Note the characteristics of the caller's voice (calm, angry, excited, accent, etc)
5. Background sounds (street noises, static on the line, etc)
6. Threat Language (Well Spoken, incoherent, taped, irrational?)
7. If you have Caller ID, please record the phone number, if possible.

**(U) Bomb Threats to Universities**

(U) In the past few months, several colleges and universities around the United States have received bomb threats via phone and email. These schools have included the University of Iowa, Princeton University, the University of Alaska, Oregon State University, the University of Akron, Kenyon College, and Lorain Community College. Three separate threats have been made to Clemson University. All reports were deemed hoaxes after law enforcement investigations. An arrest was made in the University of Akron case, and the origin of the Kenyon College email threat was from an Italian web site. Investigations continue in all cases.

(U) In light of these recent events, FBI Atlanta and GISAC would like to remind everyone to remain vigilant for any suspicious activity or threat-related information and to report that information to the Georgia Terrorism Tip Line at 1-877-4ATL-FBI (1-877-428-5324).

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