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Economy & Efficiency Commission Presentation

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Chairman Ikejiri greeted Mr. Scott, Supervisory Special Agent, and Ms. Osborn, Assistant Special Agent In-Charge and welcomed them while turning it over for Ms. Osborn to speak to the Economy and Efficiency Commission (EEC). Ms. Osborn expressed that she was honored to be there and thanked Executive Director Edward Eng for inviting her to speak to the EEC.

Cyber Investigations

Ms. Osborn stated that the FBI's cyber mission is four-fold: first and foremost-to stop those behind the most serious computer intrusions and the spread of malicious code; second-to identify and prevent online sexual predators who use the Internet to meet and exploit children and to produce, possess, or share child pornography; third-to counteract operations that target U.S. intellectual property, endangering our national security and competitiveness; and fourth-to dismantle national and transitional organized criminal enterprises engaging in Internet fraud.

Background

Ms. Osborn reported that the Los Angeles Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has investigative jurisdiction over the federal Central District of California. The Los Angeles Division is the third largest division with New York being number one, and Washington field office being the second largest division, with 18 million people residing within 40,000 square miles. The Central District is comprised of seven counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura. Ms. Osborn explained that the field office also has ten satellite offices known as Resident Agencies, which are located in Lancaster, Long Beach, Palm Springs, Riverside, Santa Ana, Santa Monica, Ventura, Victorville, West Covina, and LAX. The Los Angeles Field Office has the third greatest number of Special Agents in the FBI.

Online Child Pornography and Child Sexual Exploitation Investigations

Mr. Scott explained he is a Supervisory Special Agent that supervises a Cyber squad responsible for

investigating crimes against children in a task force environment for FBI Los Angeles County since May of 2006. Task force agencies include: Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles, District Attorney's Office, California Department of Justice, California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, and United States Postal Service. Mr. Scott explained that the mission of the FBI is to reduce the vulnerability of children to acts of sexual exploitation and abuse which are facilitated through the use of computers; to identify and rescue child victims; to investigate and prosecute sexual predators who use the Internet and other online services to sexually exploit children for personal or financial gain.

Questions

Commissioner Fuhrman asked how the Bureau provides training and additional education to enable Ms. Osborn to fulfill her responsibilities. Ms. Osborn replied that she was an Army Counter Intelligent back from the cold war; she also stated that she has experience in Asian organized crime, counter-terrorism, and is currently in charge of cyber crimes. Mr. Scott stated that his background prior to cyber crimes is in accounting; he has also worked with more traditional cases such as bank robberies, kidnapping, gang violence and homicide for 5 years in Washington DC.

Commissioner Reznik asked if the Bureau is working on curricular issues with the school districts, and if anyone from Ms. Osborn's staff is educating our children and parents on these issues. Commissioner Reznik also asked Ms. Osborn if the E&E Commission can make her work easier and more impactful? Mr. Scott replied that a large component of what the Cyber Crimes Team does is through education. He stated that they would be able to reach a lot more people through education and prevention. Mr. Scott stated that there is a team that goes out to the various churches, schools, and government facilities to give internet safety presentations. He also shared that the state of Virginia is the only State that includes the educational and prevention aspect of the Internet and Cyber Crimes into the curriculum. Ms. Osborn stated that her Department is working really hard with the Science and Discovery Center with hope that they can reach more people and educate children and parents on prevention and awareness on Cyber Crimes along with other crimes the Department covers. She also stated that the law enforcement in Los Angeles County is fantastic, that both the Sheriff and LAPD are on the FBI's taskforce. She is currently not sure how her Department can work collaboratively with the E&E Commission but that she is open to working with any agencies who are willing to work with the Safe Team in making their cities safe.

Commissioner Otto asked how much do the crimes within her Department extend beyond state and national borders and if so, if her Department partners with other nationalities. Ms. Osborn replied that on the intrusion side the department has dealt with Romania and China's government. If the victim or computer is here locally, then that would give her Department the jurisdiction to work on the case. Mr. Scott added that the Department has an international component headquartered in Washington DC. There are also officers in various Countries that help assist in investigations. He also shared that within the 21 years of working with the FBI he hasn't seen anything the Department could not solve given enough time.

Commissioner Mindlin asked if Ms. Osborn's Department covers Internet Gambling. Ms. Osborn replied that her Department does not because it's not one of the high priorities. Ms. Osborn explained that her highest priorities are National Securing Intrusions, Criminal Computer Intrusions, Violations with Online Predators, Intellectual Property Crimes, and Identity Theft.

Chairman Ikejiri expressed his appreciation to Ms. Osborn and Mr. Scott for coming to speak to the EEC and the Commissioners applauded.

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