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Dear Newsletter Reader,

this newsletter marks two years of monthly newsletters since the first monthly issue in January 2007. As you can tell, if you have been reading them since their beginning, the newsletters have gradually evolved, as new topics and self created graphics broadened the newsletter's appeal and increased reading pleasure.

While there are already many so-called "professional" journals and similar publication, those appeal to and are read mostly by those who write them. As such, their practical application in the field is limited. This newsletter, however, breaks the rules of typical journal publications. It not only uses color and photographs, but also provides a broad spectrum of readers with information that:

- a. Can be directly applied in the C.J. field
- b. Educates the "practitioners" in the field
- c. Serves as a bridge between the academic realm and the C.J. practitioner in the field.
- d. Presents a global perspective of Crime and Justice.



This newsletter benefits from the World Wide Web in that issues do not go "to print," but go "to pdf" for dissemination over the Internet.

I am also happy to be to report that the German language version of this newsletter, which is sponsored by the Karlsruhe, Germany regional branch of the International Police Association(IPA), was well received by the German readership.

The German version can be accessed at the German IPA website at: www.ipa-karlsruhe.de/site/diverse/usanews0908.htm

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A precinct police officer in Karlsruhe, Germany, recently received an inquiry from an elderly German woman who lost contact with her elderly sister living in the United States, and hoped that the Karlsruhe Police would be able to assist her. The Police officer then contacted management which then asked the International Police Association for assistance.

The request was then forwarded to Dr. Schweizer, who located the sister and determined that she had been the victim of an identity theft that also resulted in her being wrongly arrested and spending a few days in jail until the mistake was realized. Below an article from the IPA website about the assistance that was provided.

Die IPA hilft

Am 05.08.2008 sprach eine ältere Dame, Marianne S. aus Karlsruhe, beim Polizeirevier Karlsruhe-Südweststadt vor. Der ständige Kontakt zu ihrer ebenfalls betagten Schwester in Hillsborough/USA war abgebrochen. Frau S. machte sich Sorgen, dass ihrer Schwester etwas zugestoßen sein könnte. Der Sachbearbeiter vom Bezirksdienst des Polizeireviers Karlsruhe-Südweststadt, Michael F., fragte kurzerhand bei der IPA-Karlsruhe nach, ob Kontakte in die USA bestünden, über welche Informationen über den Verbleib der Schwester der Frau S., Frau Erika H., zu erlangen wären. Die IPA-Karlsruhe wandte sich an ihr Mitglied, Prof. Dr. Harald Schweizer. Dieser konnte innerhalb eines Tages in Erfahrung bringen, dass Frau H. ein trauriges Schicksal ereilt hatte. Frau H. war zeitweilig vermögend gewesen. Das Geld, welches sie aus Verkaufen von Immobilien erhalten hatte, ca. 2 Millionen Dollar, hatte sie an Waisenhäuser in Indien und Pakistan gestiftet. Zwischenzeitlich war sie mittellos geworden und lebt derzeit von der Sozialversicherungsrente. Aus ihrer Wohnung in einem Heim für ältere Menschen musste sie ausziehen. Durch dubiose Machenschaften der Leitern dieses Wohnheimes, von welcher Frau H. auch bestohlen worden sein soll, geriet sie in den Verdacht, straffällig geworden zu sein. Sie war sogar kurzzeitig in Haft. Eine barmherzige Bankdirektorin ermöglicht es Frau H., dass man über die Bank Kontakt zu Frau H. aufnehmen kann. PHM F. teilte diese wenig frohe Botschaft Frau Marianne S. mit. Diese war dennoch überglücklich, wieder Kontakt zu ihrer Schwester in den USA aufnehmen zu können.

Unser ganzer Dank gilt Harald Schweizer, ohne dessen Zutun diese kleine Geste der Menschlichkeit nicht, auf jeden Fall nicht so kurzfristig, möglich gewesen wäre.

The above page is located at:

<http://www.ipa-karlsruhe.de/site/diverse/ipa-help.htm>

International contacts among active and retired law enforcement officers can be mutually beneficial in a variety of ways. Check out the US branch of the International Police Association for more information: <http://www.ipa-usa.org/>

The recent attacks in Mumbai, India by I _ _ _ _ _ terrorists (you fill in the letters after I.. that best suit your political perspective) were in all likelihood the work of Lashkar-e-Taiba (Army of the Pure), based in Pakistan.



LeT is also known under the following names:

- Jama'at ud-Dawa
- Al-Mansoorian
- Markaz al-Dawa wa al-Irshad
- Army of the Pure
- Army of the Righteous

While the group has been outlawed in Pakistan, there is a general belief that certain elements of the Pakistani ISI (Inter-Services-Intelligence) assist LeT. One indirect indicator of ISI's collusion with or interest in the radical ideology followed by LeT (convert all of India to Islam), are the comments made by now retired General Hamid GUL, the former head of ISI. In an interview with German media about 3 years ago, GUL stated that there is room for only one political party, the part of GOD, and that Pakistanis desire a "Taliban" style government.

Given these comments it is highly unlikely that this philosophy is not also shared by other high

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TERRORISM UP CLOSE continued...

ranking elements within the ISI, and such attitudes certainly could influence ISI's "unofficial" relationship with LeT.

It is also interesting that while Pakistan denies that any of the terrorists involved in the recent Mumbai attacks are Pakistani, the sole surviving terrorist, Mohammad Ajmal Kasab, not only stated that he was from the Faridkot village in the Okara district of Pakistan's Punjab province, but also sent a letter to the Pakistani High Commission asking for legal aid.

India has experienced terrorist attacks for many decades, and there are, for example, 95 known rebel, militant, or revolutionary groups in just three of the states in Northeast India alone.

Police in the central Indian City of Hyderabad recently accused DJS (Darsgah Jihad-o-Shahadath), a umbrella group for madrassahs or Islamic religious schools, of assisting various militant groups in their quest to recruit armed fighters, and it is suspected that young male recruits are sent to terror groups in Pakistan for training. Police also noticed the disappearance of young Muslim males in that city who were connected with the madrassahs.

When DJS officials were questioned about this, they declined comment.

The DJS website can be viewed at: <http://www.djsindia.org/djs.htm>

Some of the "main activities" described by the DJS are:

- *For the last 21 years the DJS has trained and are training thousands of Muslim youths to defend themselves and to help, protect and defend the other Muslims brethren in various*

training center's of DJS.

- *Conducting camps for special training of selected Muslim youths twice in a year.*
- *DJS has its own printed constitution comprising of aims, objectives, policies, programme, procedures, methodology towards implementation and interpretation of the constitutional elements. Over and above a library exist containing various books written by the founder and chief of DJS Mr. "Shaikh Mahboob Ali" highlighting of Jihad (Holy War) and its application in the present circumstances.*
- *The underlying philosophy of DJS on a tactical basis is to be prepared for self-defense, and dependents and Muslim community as a whole. Whereas the long term goal of the DJS remains to achieve the supremacy and prevalence of Islam in practice in its entirety.*

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An examination of the funding sources for madrassahs, shows that Saudi monies are supporting radical religious schools not only in Pakistan, but also other countries around the world.

In an interesting twist, "young Muslim men" of Somali descent, many of them US citizens, have also disappeared from American cities such as Boston, MA, Portland, ME, and Columbus, OH. Federal authorities believe that they have been recruited by Islamic militants to fight back in Somalia and surrounding areas. Officials of Islamic centers in those cities deny any involvement.

LEOPOLD'S CAFÉ

One of the locations targeted by these terrorists was LEOPOLD'S CAFÉ in Mumbai. The Café is a regular and favorite hang-out for many foreign visitors to India, and is a short walk away from the Colaba police station. While the news media covered the attack on the Café, it did not give any additional, but interesting, information about the Café. The Café is owned by "Parsees" who are alternatively known as Zoroastrians. The Parsees are part of the original Persians, who fled from Mohammed's army from what today is Iran to India, at the beginning of the 7th Century.

The Parsees in India are part of the cultural and intellectual elite. They have their own hospitals, schools, and well kempt "gated" housing areas.



Parsee temple in Mumbai
Photo taken by Dr. Schweizer



Zoroaster: Prophet of Ancient Persians

Today there are still about 65,000 Parsees, with about 60,000 living in the Mumbai area. Since both parents must be Parsees for someone to be a Parsee, and since it is not possible to covert to Zoroastrianism, all of today's Parsees can directly be traced back to the original Persians.

Below a photo of a Parsee religious ceremony in the fire temple in Mumbai, taken by Dr. Schweizer. (They let him in, despite the rules against it)



The two figures sitting on the floor in white are the priests.

Parsees pray in what is called a "Fire Temple" and their only religious commandments are:

Given their focus on education and the arts, along with close supervision of children by parents, and their adherence to a system of values embraced by their religion, it is also rare for a Parsee to be involved in criminal offenses.

- Think good thoughts
- Speak good words
- Do good deeds

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CRIMINOLOGY DEPT. NEWS

Dr. Schweizer visited the Fresno County Sheriff's Office Air Support Unit with a group of students from the Japanese Saturday School located at the United Japanese Christian Church in Clovis.



The Saturday School follows the primary school curriculum set by the Japanese Ministry of Education. Since the school only operates on Saturday mornings, it functions as an educational supplement, with students learning the bulk of the required material through daily home study. The primary objective is for students to be able to reintegrate educationally at their age level once they return to Japan.



Deputy IV Mike Sill

All students also attend regular public school in the Fresno area, which adds significantly to their daily study routine.

Many of the parents are here only temporarily and others have settled in the Fresno area. Most of the instructors are Japanese foreign students attending Fresno State.



Deputy Juan Reyes

The tour was arranged by CPT Rick HILL of the Sheriff's Office and the group of students (with parents) enjoyed the tour and were highly impressed with the two pilots (deputies).

The Air Support Unit consists of one fixed wing aircraft, used very effectively for aerial surveillance, and two helicopters.



Helicopters and fixed wing aircraft also have advanced surveillance, and video technology,

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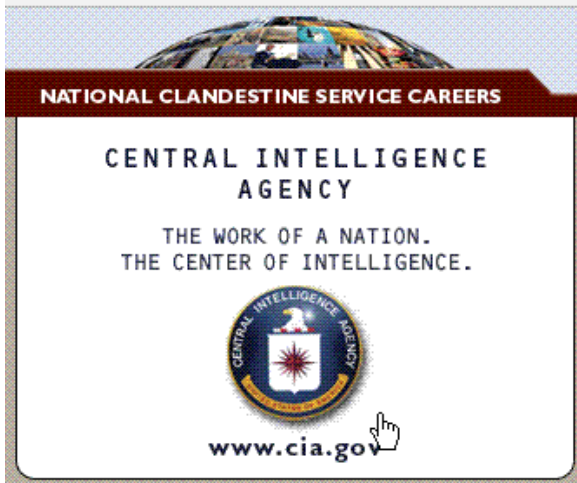
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EMPLOYMENT NEWS



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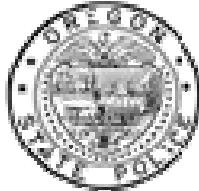
ATF is still filling positions for special agents. Review their website at:

<http://www.atf.gov/careers/index.htm>

Open California state/local law enforcement positions, both sworn and non-sworn, can be continually accessed at:

http://www.post.ca.gov/Hiring/Job_Opportunities/

While many state police or highway patrol organizations have suspended their hiring due to current budget problems, the Oregon State Police is still accepting applications.



<http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/RECRUIT/employment.shtml>



OFF CAMPUS DEGREE PROGRAMS

Admission to the University

Applicants to the B.S. in Criminology program must also apply for university admission before their coursework can be counted towards their degree, even though they can attend classes before their university admission process is completed.

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENT

The admissions office at the university requires transcripts for any and all courses or "training" completed or taken at junior and senior colleges. If an applicant indicates on the application for admission that he/she has attended a junior college police academy for required in-service POST training, even if it was a few hours in length, admissions will not approve the application until transcripts have been submitted for all of the training. NOTE: This training does not transfer to Fresno State and can therefore not be considered when processing the application for admission. Failure to submit transcripts for police training at junior college police academies indicated in the admissions application, however, has resulted in some applications being withdrawn by the university. Mr. Andy Hernandez, the Assist. Director of Admissions, stated that this policy

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is based on the Education Code of the State of California. This code requires “academic transcripts” for prior college coursework when applying for admission to the university, and Fresno State admissions is interpreting this to also include transcripts of POST related in-service police training and the basic academy at colleges or universities. *NOTE: If you have indicated attendance at police academies for any police training on your application for admission and your application is denied or withdrawn for failure to submit required transcripts, this may be because you did not provide police training transcripts. The fact that none of this in-service police training can be accepted for transfer credit, is irrelevant.*

GRADUATE PROGRAM

The first cohort of seventeen graduate students from seven different area criminal justice agencies completed their first two graduate courses earlier this month, with eight additional courses remaining. Students in the program face the difficult challenge of having to balance their professional and work responsibilities with graduate level coursework that requires extensive study and writing.

The current cohort will complete its coursework in summer 2010. A subsequent cohort will be considered if there is a sufficient number of interested applicants. Spring 09 classes in the graduate program are as follows:

Crim 202 Law and the C.J. System taught by Prof. Mark Stevens (mstevens@csufresno.edu)
Class meets: Jan 16/17; 30/31; February 13/14; 27/28 . Textbook information is posted at:

<http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downtowngraduateprogram08.htm>



Prof. M. Stevens

Crim 201 History of Western Crim. Thought taught by Dr. Dupont-Morales (tentative) (tdupontmorales@csufresno.edu) *Class meets Mar 13/14; 27/28 Apr 10/11; 24/25*



Dr. Dupont-Morales

The Homeland Security Course originally scheduled for spring 09 is being moved to fall 09.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

New courses begin in Feb. 2009

Feb/Mar 2009
Crim 100 Criminology (Theory) taught by Dr. Takahashi.



Class meets on Mondays from 2 Feb – 23 March and on the following Saturdays from 0800-1430: 7 Feb & 7 Mar

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Crim 102 Criminal Justice Organization and Administration taught by Dr. Ryan.



Dr. Ryan

Class meets on Wednesdays from 4 Feb – 25 Mar, and on the following Saturdays from 0800-1430: 21 Feb & 21 Mar.

Crim 001 Success in Crim taught by Dr. P. English (penglish@csufresno.edu)



Dr. English

Class meets on Mondays from 2 Feb - 23 Mar, from 1600-1800. Actual class times vary since most work or activities involve writing assignments. Contact Dr. Schweizer for more details (haralds@csufresno.edu)

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Crim 109 Comparative Systems of CJ taught by Dr. Schweizer

The class meets Mondays and on two Saturdays from 4 April- 25 May. Saturday classes are from

classes are from 0800-1430 on 4 April and 2 May.



Dr. Schweizer

Geog 115 Violent Weather (Integration B Upper Division GE) taught by Dr. Omolayo (samuolo@csufresno.edu)



Dr. Omolayo making a point

Class meets Wednesdays and on two Saturdays from 1 April- 20 May. Saturday classes are from 0800-1430 on 4 April and 2 May.

After the off campus program application has been submitted and approved, students register for classes in the off campus programs by completing the required registration forms posted on the downtown program website and then submit the forms with payment on or before the first day of class. Completed forms can be turned in to the instructor or given directly to Dr. Schweizer. The web based application for the off campus B.S. program itself is available at:

<http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/deptdocs/OffCampusBSApplication.html>