HSI
Homeland Security Investigations

NSID
National Security Investigations

CTDLE
Counterterrorism Division

Criminal Exploitation Unit
COUNTERTERRORISM AND CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION UNIT (CTCEU)
Mission
To proactively scrutinize known or suspected terrorists and their associates, identify terrorist criminal enterprises, prevent terrorists and other criminals from exploiting the nation’s immigration system and to expand the resource equities within the various Law Enforcement Agencies and Intelligence Communities.
Counterterrorism and Criminal Exploitation Unit (CTCEU)

Terrorist Tracking Pursuit Group (TTPG) to proactively identify and develop actionable intelligence on suspected nonimmigrant violators who pose potential national security or public safety concerns to the United States. Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Exploitation Section (SES) identifies and investigates schools, exchange visitor programs, and individuals who exploit the vulnerabilities of the SEVIS system.

Intelligence Support Group CTCEU’s ISG manages critical functions that support the efficient use of CTCEU resources; the ISG monitors, evaluates, and manages the delivery of CTCEU’s contract support services, and coordinates and performs a variety of administrative and management services essential to the operation of the CTCEU.
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CTCEU Overstay Prioritization

In 2009, ICE established the Compliance Enforcement Advisory Panel (CEAP) to ensure that it uses the latest threat intelligence to target nonimmigrant overstays and status violators who pose the greatest threats to national security and to discuss possible changes based on current threat trends.
CTCEU FY 2019 Lead Results

Automated vetting checks against USCIS, CBP, ICE, and other USG data

Leads sent to NCTC for high side vetting

Leads sent to CTCEU for manual vetting

Leads in continuous vetting

Field investigates leads

Leads under investigation

All leads exhausted

*4,974 from FY19 imports, 4,697 from previous FYs and/or other programs**265 arrests from FY19 Imports, 1,554 are from other FYs, associates arrested, or field initiated arrests in FY19 (COGNOS)
TTPG Overview

The TTPG serves as a clearing house for the intake, research, assignment, tracking and reporting of nonimmigrant investigations who pose a potential threat to the United States. Identifies and prioritizes foreign national overstays or status violators based on risk/targeting criteria established by the Compliance Enforcement Advisory Panel (CEAP). Coordinates with the Intelligence Community and other Law Enforcement Partners. Utilizes over 20 DHS and other agency databases in the lead vetting process.
“For Fourth Amendment purposes, individuals do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy in information they have made available to the general public” [ICE Policy 10082.1]
Open Source Findings
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SES Overview

- The SES combats criminal violations of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) and the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP). The SES analyzes and refers criminal investigative leads to HSI field agents related to Immigration Fraud, Organized Crime, Counterterrorism, and Counter Proliferation. People can exploit SEVIS vulnerabilities for nefarious purposes including human smuggling and trafficking, financial fraud, immigration, and document fraud, and intellectual property crimes.
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SEVP Analysis and Operations

Center (SAOC)

Program SEVP is the ICE component of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) that tracks international students in the United States. The SEVP Analysis and Operations Center (SAOC) is responsible for a section within SEVP for monitoring schools for ongoing regulatory/reporting requirements and administrative violations. Schools not adhering to reporting requirements and administrative violations present a threat to the national security as their students are not properly monitored.
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2. HSI seeks to increase school officials’ knowledge of how regulatory requirements play heavily into criminal investigations and the role that DSOs may play in those investigations.

3. HSI seeks the assistance of school officials in conducting investigations of non-compliant schools and students.

4. HSI is also asking for assistance from school officials in identifying those who may be possible public safety and/or national security concerns.
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