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CASE #: OI-DA-2017-CAC-0096

CROSS REFERENCE #: Hotline #2017-0215

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) TWITTER THREAT TO MURDER ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT AND SENATOR MITCH MCCONNELL

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)	Paragould, Arkansas	

**VIOLATION(S):** 18 U.S.C. § 875 (Interstate Communication) and 18 U.S.C. § 115(a)(2) (Influencing, Impeding, or Retaliating Against a Federal Official by Threatening)

**ALLEGATION:** On April 9, 2017, Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Washington, D.C., discovered a threatening post on Twitter directed towards Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. The tweet was posted by (b) (6), (b) (7) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Paragould, Arkansas.

**FINDINGS:** On April 10, 2017, Resident Agent in Charge (RAC) (b) (6), (b) (7), OI, OIG, EPA, Dallas, Texas, coordinated this investigation with SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Littlerock, Arkansas.

On April 11, 2017, RAC (b) (6), coordinated this investigation with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7) Joint Terrorism Task Force, FBI, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and (b) (6), (b) (7) (b) (6), (b) (7) Tulsa Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

On April 12, 2017, SA (b) (6), interviewed (b) (6) who admitted to posting the tweets in question regarding Senator McConnell and Administrator Pruitt on April 8, 2017. (b) (6), (b) (7) stated (b) (6) was drinking while watching the Rachel Maddow show and posted the tweets as a flippant comment, not realizing at the time that they could be considered a threat. (b) (6), (b) (7) related (b) (6) included Administrator Pruitt in (b) (6) tweets because (b) (6) does not like Administrator Pruitt's record of suing the EPA. (b) (6) stated (b) (6) was very sorry for (b) (6) actions and did not intend to threaten anyone. (b) (6) explained (b) (6) had no means to act on the threats.

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**DISPOSITION:** On April 10, 2017, SA (b) (6) presented this case to Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Ali Ahmad, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Arkansas, Little Rock, Arkansas, for criminal prosecution. AUSA Ahmad declined prosecution under the aforementioned statutes (b) (7)(E), (b) (5) [REDACTED]. This case is closed.