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(U//LES) COVID-19 Very Likely Will Disrupt Operations of Some Transnational Criminal Organizations, Causing a Shift in Methodologies - The FBI assesses COVID-19 very likely will disrupt the operations of some transnational criminal organizations (TCOs) present in the United States, causing them to adapt their methodologies, particularly those engaged in crimes that require the crossing of physical borders, such as drug trafficking, alien smuggling, and some types of money laundering. TCOs likely will find new opportunities in COVID-19 to engage in fraud and theft directly related to the pandemic, such as selling counterfeit pharmaceuticals and stealing medical supplies. The FBI has medium confidence in this assessment, based on a body of HUMINT, law enforcement, and open source reporting. An increasing awareness of a shift in methodologies allows FBI agents and analysts to anticipate threats, and to engage in targeted collection.

- Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation – Strategic Perspective: Executive Analytical Report, 13 April 2020

TLP:GREEN Not to be shared with the public or media – *Criminals Exploiting COVID-19 Pandemic for Financial Gain through Procurement Fraud of Medical Equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)* - The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Criminal Investigative Division, in coordination with the Office of Private Sector (OPS), prepared this Liaison Information Report (LIR) to address procurement fraud of medical equipment, such as life-saving ventilators, and PPE, related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Government agencies who use third-party brokers to procure medical equipment and PPE are most affected by the fraud. Recent reporting from multiple sources indicates an increase in financial fraud schemes. Criminals are exploiting the high demand for PPE and ventilators, global supply chain disruptions, and worldwide manufacturing shortages of medical supplies created by the COVID-19 pandemic. In several schemes, criminals impersonated legitimate PPE and ventilator suppliers to contact third-party brokers who unwittingly facilitate the transactions with hospitals and other medical facilities. [🔗](#)

- Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) & Office of Private Sector (OPS) – Liaison Information Report

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(U//FOUO) Not to be shared with the public or media – Boston, Massachusetts - *Fake Certification Letters Targeting Hospital Staff Accompanying Emails Soliciting the Sale of COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)* – The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Boston Division received a complaint from an employee at a Boston area hospital. The complainant received an unsolicited email offering personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies in support of their COVID-19 response. The email contained an image of a sealed package of N95 respirators, a falsified certification letter from ICR Polska, and a Chinese language certificate. 

- Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Boston Division – Situational Information Report