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Criminal Tradecraft Alert

New York Division

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(U) Identification of Buzzer System used by Brooklyn, NY Gang Members to Deter Law Enforcement Disruption.

(U//LES) According to FBI source reporting, a recently identified neighborhood-based street gang, operating in the Ft. Greene Section of Brooklyn, New York, has installed a buzzer system in their apartment complex to facilitate their narcotic and weapon sales operation. (*Source Comment: This method is being used to prevent being robbed by rival drug-dealers, as well as, to deter law enforcement disruption*).

(U//LES) The crew has installed two buzzers in the apartment building where their illicit distribution network is operating. One buzzer is inside of the 4th floor room where they are stashing the drugs and weapons and another is at the end of the hall on the 4th floor, near the staircase leading to the 3rd floor.

(U//LES) A customer will hit the buzzer when they arrive on the 4th floor to alert the gang members inside of the stash room that a sale is being requested. After hitting the buzzer, the customer will then walk down to the third floor and one of the individuals inside the stash room will come out to verify that the hallway is clear to make the sale. After verifying that the hallway is clear, the gang member will proceed to meet the customer on the third floor and

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complete the transaction.ⁱ

(U) FBI New York has been unable to corroborate these reports. State and local law enforcement may have additional insight regarding this technique or observed this activity in other locations.

(U) FBI Comment: Please contact FBI New York with any positive information regarding this or any newly identified tradecraft, tactics, or techniques.

(U) This report has been prepared by the New York Field Office of the FBI. Comments and queries may be addressed to the New York Field Office at (212) 384-4488.

(U) Endnotes

ⁱ (U) FBI New York Case Information Dated 01/27/2011