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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Long Beach – Former Hotel Cook Who Threatened Shooting Sentenced
(U) Rodolfo Montoya, 37, a former cook at a Long Beach Marriott who threatened a mass shooting at his workplace and kept an arsenal at his home, has been sentenced to three-years and eight-months in prison. Police said Montoya was angry over a workplace issue and in August 2019 told a co-worker he was going to shoot colleagues and people at the hotel. The co-worker notified management, who called police. At Montoya's home, investigators found a Colt AR-15 rifle, a shotgun, pistols and other weapons, tactical gear, and hundreds of rounds of ammunition, according to prosecutors.
SOURCE: 28 January 2020, Associated Press

(U) Long Beach – Sentencing for Ex-Long Beach Seaport Customs Officer
(U) Wei Xu, 57, a former US Customs and Border Protection watch commander at the Long Beach Seaport, faces federal prison time at sentencing Monday for running an illegal online gun-selling operation, failing to disclose foreign business contacts and taxes fraud. Xu admitted that he sold at least 99 firearms without the required federal license between the late 1990s and his arrest. To increase the profit margin of his illegal side business, Xu exploited his status as a law enforcement officer to purchase and then transfer "off-roster" handguns that cannot be sold to the general public by a federal firearms license dealer, according to the plea agreement.
SOURCE: 27 January 2020, My News LA

(U) Ontario – US Chartering Wuhan Coronavirus Evacuation Flight for US Staff, Some Citizens
(U) The US government is chartering a flight out of Wuhan, China, the city at the center of the novel coronavirus outbreak, for US personnel, their families, and some US citizens on Wednesday. The evacuation flight for staff at the consulate general in the city of 11 million will arrive in Ontario, California, according to a State Department spokesperson. All travelers aboard the plane will be screened for symptoms at the airport prior to departure and subject to monitoring requirements after arrival for 72-hours by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
SOURCE: 27 January 2020, ABC News

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – US Border Agents Arrest 19-year-old with Fentanyl Strapped to Legs
(U) Tucson – A 19-year-old is arrested after Border Patrol agents found fentanyl taped to his thighs. The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) said on 22 January, agents working the Interstate 19 Immigration checkpoint near Amado encountered the 19-year-old US citizen during a routine inspection of a passenger shuttle van. After agents questioned the man and performed a search, it led to the discovery of pills taped to the man's legs. CBP said the pills weighed 243-grams. The 19-year-old was arrested and faces felony drug charges for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute.
SOURCE: 27 January 2020, KYMA

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Indiana – Police Seize More Than 300 Marijuana Plants in Home of Homicide Victim
(U) South Bend – Indiana State Police confiscated 320 marijuana plants from the house where a South Bend man was fatally shot on Sunday. The St. Joseph County Metro Homicide Unit requested the assistance of state troopers after discovering what appeared to be a "marijuana cultivation operation" during a homicide investigation, according to Indiana State Police. When they arrived, officers found Huey Hudson Jr., 28, of South Bend, inside the home with a gunshot wound, and was pronounced dead at the scene. Marijuana cultivation equipment was also seized.
SOURCE: 27 January 2020, Southbend Tribune

(U) New York – Anti-Semitic Graffiti Found in NYC Apartment Building on Yom Hashoah
(U) New York City – Brandi Goldstein, who said her family members died in the Holocaust, found swastikas and profanity-laced, anti-Semitic graffiti Monday inside her Lower East Side apartment building, located across the street from a synagogue. She told local news most residents in her building are Jewish and she questions the timing, it was discovered on Holocaust Remembrance Day. In December 2019, a man is accused of stabbing five Hasidic Jews with a machete at a rabbi's home in Monsey and, earlier in the month, a shooting at a kosher supermarket in Jersey City left three dead.
SOURCE: 28 January 2020, Fox News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – Police Close Train Station due to Bomb Threat
(U) Bonn – Authorities have combed through the main station of the former capital, according to local media. Railway traffic was diverted to a nearby station across the Rhine River. Local newspaper General-Anzeiger said the closure was due to a bomb threat. However, police did not locate a device after combing the station and the surrounding area. About 60 state and federal police officers were deployed to the area, along with five canine units, and trains were diverted to a nearby station in Beuel.
SOURCE: 28 January 2020, Deutsche Walle

(U) Germany – Human Transmission of Coronavirus Confirmed
(U) Starnberg – Health authorities say a Bavarian man contracted the virus from a colleague visiting from China. It is believed to be the first case of human-to-human transmission in Europe. The first person in Germany to have tested positive for the new coronavirus, 2019-nCoV, was infected by a Chinese colleague who attended a company training event in the state of Bavaria a week ago, health officials said on Tuesday. The Bavarian case is the first known example outside of China of the infection spreading between people who are not closely related. Approximately 50 cases have been recorded outside of China. Nearly all of the patients had recently returned from China. In a handful of international cases, the virus was passed on to family members.
SOURCE: 28 January 2020, Deutsche Welle

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