

CJ 469 Milestone One Guidelines and Rubric

Overview: Threats to public safety can come from a number of sources. While many criminal justice professionals spend their careers addressing community-level crimes, incidents such as September 11 and the Oklahoma City bombing highlight the threat posed by domestic and international terrorist groups and the need to counteract and prevent their activities. Throughout this course, we will discuss the various roles and responsibilities (support roles, operators, managers, intelligence) and the tools and techniques used by law enforcement, military, and criminal justice professionals to counteract terrorist activity.

For the final assessment in this course, you will imagine that you are a counterterrorism task force member working in a federal law enforcement agency. You have been charged with formulating a plan for investigative activities and outreach as a follow-up to a referred case.

Prompt: For Milestone One, you will produce an executive summary of the referred case data found below and in the Final Project Guidelines and Rubric document. Using language appropriate for high-level supervisory review, summarize the investigation to date based on the data from the referring agency. Determine how imminent the threat is and whether action is warranted at this time based on your assessment of the evidence from the referring agency, relevant criminal codes, and counterterrorism treaties.

Referred Case Data

Transferring Agency: Bureau of Explosives and Weapons (State Agency)

Date of Transfer: 08/15/2014

Background Information:

The suspect has the necessary materials to construct a weapon of mass destruction (WMD) and through intelligence gathering, we know that the suspect has constructed a WMD, and intends on using it within his apartment complex, which is located in downtown Minneapolis, MN. It is believed that the suspect has approximately ten 55-gallon drums of ammonium nitrate and diesel fuel oil (ANFO) in his residence, capable of releasing enough energy to destroy ten city blocks. The suspect has the means to detonate the WMD.

Technical Data:

Starting on 01/15/2014 and over the course of 3 months, the suspect was observed purchasing explosive materials via CCTV footage and confirmed eyewitness interviews from a local hardware store. Beginning on or about 02/16/2014 and over the course of four months, the suspect has also acquired chemicals from ABC chemical plant, where the suspect is employed.

Starting on 04/15/2014, the suspect has been observed moving 55-gallon drums into his residence between the hours of 0100 and 0300 for over five months by undercover field operatives.

Specifically the following **critical elements** must be addressed:

Executive Summary: In this section, you should provide a highly condensed version of the case from inception through current date using language appropriate for high-level supervisory review. Be sure to:

- A. Accurately summarize how far the transfer agency got in the investigation before it was referred. What agency referred the case and what evidence and leads have they collected? Is there any additional information provided that would help the task force? Based on the referred information, how imminent is the threat?
- B. Assess whether there is sufficient **evidence** to proceed against the suspect based on relevant criminal codes, counter-terrorism treaties, and acts. What crimes may have been committed? Are all the components of the crime present to move forward with charges? Be sure to justify your assessment with information from the referred intelligence, citing appropriate laws, treaties, or acts.
- C. **Clear communication** is key in justifying activities and securing approval. Remember that the executive summary should present information in chronological order from the initiation date to the present. Ensure your analysis in this section is condensed, complete, and accurate based on the referring agency's intelligence data.

Guidelines for Submission: Your paper must be submitted as a two- to three-page Microsoft Word document with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and at least two sources cited in APA format.

Critical Elements	Proficient (100%)	Needs Improvement (75%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Executive Summary: Investigation	Accurately summarizes how far the transfer agency got in the investigation before it was referred, including evidence, leads, additional information that might help the task force, and imminence of threat	Summarizes how far the transfer agency got in the investigation, but summary is inaccurate or missing key details	Does not summarize how far the transfer agency got in the investigation before it was referred	30
Executive Summary: Evidence	Assesses whether there is sufficient evidence to proceed against the suspect(s) based on relevant criminal codes, counter-terrorism treaties, and acts and justifies assessment with information from the referred intelligence, citing appropriate law(s) or act(s)	Assesses whether there is sufficient evidence to proceed against the suspect(s), but does not justify assessment with information from the referred intelligence, citing appropriate laws, treaties, or acts	Does not assess whether there is sufficient evidence to proceed against the suspect(s)	30
Executive Summary: Clear Communication	Presents information based on referring agency's intelligence data in chronological order starting with date of inception and analysis is complete, accurate, and clear	Presents information based on the referring agency's intelligence data, but summary is not in chronological order or is incomplete, inaccurate, or unclear	Does not present information based on the referring agency's intelligence data	30
Articulation of Response	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that prevent understanding of ideas	10

