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(U//LES) Use of the Board Named /pol/ on the Website 8ch.net by the Subject of the San Diego County Synagogue Shooting and Mosque Arson, as of April 2019

SOURCE: (U) An FBI Agent.

(U//LES) The San Diego FBI is releasing this report to raise law enforcement awareness of the connection between the board named /pol/ on the website 8ch.net and the 27 April 2019 synagogue shooting in Poway, California, and the 24 March 2019 mosque arson in Escondido, California.

(U//LES) On 27 April 2019, the subject of the synagogue shooting created a thread titled *ahem* on the board named /pol/ on the website 8ch.net. Within the thread, he created a post that included a photo to the

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left of the text; an introduction; a link to a Facebook livestream; multiple links to an "open letter" on websites pastebin.com and mediafire.com; and a conclusion with "meme-able songs." Shortly after posting, the subject shot multiple victims at the synagogue.

(U//LES) On 24 March 2019, the subject spray-painted the message "For Brenton Tarrant t. /pol/" in the Escondido mosque parking lot. Then the subject ignited a liquid accelerant on the side of the mosque.

(U) Comments

(U//LES) The subject formatted his post almost identical to the 15 March 2019 post created by the shooter in the attacks on the Christchurch, New Zealand, mosques. The Christchurch shooter created a thread titled *ahem* on the board named /pol/ on the website 8ch.net prior to the attacks. Within the thread, he created a post that included a photo to the left of the text; an introduction; a link to a Facebook livestream; multiple links to "writings" on websites mediafire.com and other file sharing websites; and a conclusion.

(U//LES) The spray-painted message at the Escondido mosque was a reference to the Christchurch shooter and the board named /pol/ on the website 8ch.net.

(U//LES) According to open source information, 8ch.net, also called 8chan, Infinitechan, or Infinitychan (sometimes stylized as ∞chan), is a imageboard website composed of user-created threads. In 8ch.net, the board named /pol/ is titled "Politically Incorrect." Within the /pol/ board, a user can create a thread in which others can post comments, images, and videos.

(U//LES) Law enforcement agencies should be aware of posts formatted in the above described manner on the 8ch.net website within the board named /pol/ as they may be indicative of potential threats.

(U) This report has been prepared by the SAN DIEGO Division of the FBI. Comments and queries may be addressed to the SAN DIEGO Division at 858-320-1800.

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