(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

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(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 8chan), 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.

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