

# MAIL SECURITY ALERT

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**THE RAYSECUR® MONTHLY MAIL THREAT** reports catalog global open-source incidents reported to the media. Due to the lack of reporting to authorities, security leaders face sizable challenges in gaining a clear view of the types and volume of mail threats occurring worldwide. These reports serve to close that gap and provide timely information.

Threats from the mail, including letters and parcels, take many forms and are categorized by ten main substances.



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## Narcotics lead as a threat substance and move to liquid form will make detection more difficult

May saw an uptick in reporting, with 70% of the mail incidents containing narcotics, and of those threats, 36% contained Methamphetamine. A concerning trend is that more narcotics, like Methamphetamine, are being converted to liquid forms, which makes the narcotic easier to acquire and harder to detect.

Judicial officials and incarceration facilities were the main targets of this month’s attacks. These hard targets employ strict security measures but are still vulnerable to mail-based threats. Other targets, including public buildings and schools, received threats through “Last Mile” delivery methods. Last-mile tactics, such as courier deliveries, are easy to bypass mail screening processes.

International threats for May were completely contained to the mailstream. International threats were towards National Government facilities and officials which accounted for 70% of reported threats.

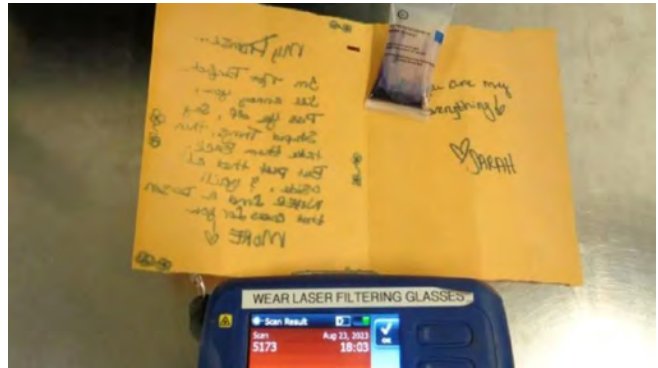


## United States Hazardous and Threat Mail

### Woman arrested, accused of mailing drug-laced letters to county jail

**May 3, 2023 – Santee, CA**

A woman was arrested last week on suspicion of mailing drug-laced letters to a person detained in county jail, Sheriff’s Department officials said Tuesday. Investigators arrested the 33-year-old woman after deputies at the jail’s mail processing center intercepted letters containing methamphetamine on four separate occasions between December and April, the department said in a news release. The letters appeared to be soaked in a dried liquid, sheriff’s officials said. Testing revealed the liquid was methamphetamine.

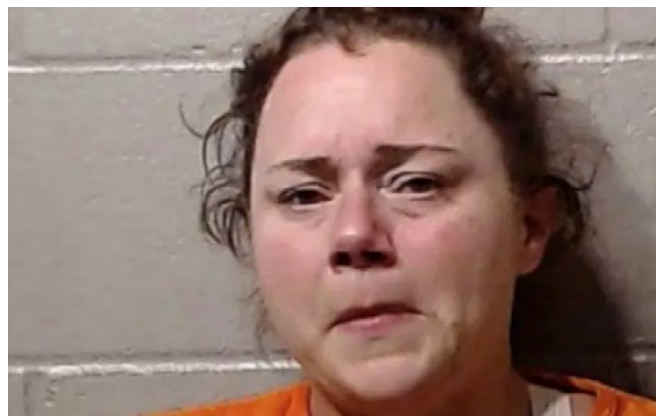


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### Woman arrested after meth mailed to Cleveland County Jail

**May 8, 2023 - Cleveland County, OK**

A woman was arrested after authorities say meth was mailed to the Cleveland County Detention Center. On January 16, agents with the District 21 Drug and Violent Crime Task Force were made aware of suspicious mail that was intercepted at the Cleveland County Detention Center. The items were sent to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, and it was determined the mail contained meth.



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## ‘Suspicious’ package arrives at Carter High in Winston-Salem, police say

**May 8, 2023 – Winston-Salem, NC**

Officers and the Winston-Salem Fire Department responded to a suspicious package call at the Carter High School located at 851 Highland Court Monday. School district officials said police an envelope with a white powdery substance addressed to the principal. The Winston-Salem Police Department said there was a large police and fire department presence in the area as the investigation is completed. The school staff and school security director are on the scene and aware of the incident.



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## ‘Suspicious package’ containing unknown powder causes Las Vegas police headquarters building to close

**May 11, 2023 – Las Vegas, NV**

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department’s Records and Fingerprint Bureau closed for the day due to a “suspicious package” delivered to the headquarters, police said.

Sources confirmed to 8 News Now that the package contained an unknown powder. Police said that the package was received at LVMPD Headquarters, Building C. Out of precaution, the building, which houses the Records and Fingerprint Bureau, closed for the day, police said.



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## Letter containing powder found inside federal courthouse in Lackawanna County

**May 26, 2023 – Scranton, PA**

According to officials with the Middle District of PA, employees at the federal courthouse in Scranton were opening mail around 9 a.m. Friday morning when they discovered a suspicious letter containing an unknown powder. U.S. Marshals and local officials were called in to investigate. They determined the substance was not dangerous.



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## Multiple Alabama agencies, USPIS find over 100 pounds of ‘contraband’ in packages

**May 26, 2023 – Alabama, USA**

In an effort to ‘remove contraband from U.S. Mail’, multiple Alabama agencies and K9s teamed up with the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) in the final full week of May. The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) said the week-long search effort took place from May 22-26 and resulted in agencies finding 100 pounds of “non-mailable” items, or controlled substances, in 62 packages. The items taken in the search included marijuana, cocaine, meth, fentanyl, mushrooms, steroids and other controlled substances, according to ALEA. Another 38 packages were reportedly referred for administrative forfeiture proceedings, which allows the seizing agency to forfeit the property without judicial involvement.



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## International Hazardous and Threat Mail

### Lefoo Village received a bomb threat letter and was closed for one day

**May 20, 2023 – Guanxi Township, Taiwan**

The Lefoo Village Theme Amusement Park in Hsinchu confirmed today that it received a bomb threat letter. The park did not dare to be careless. In addition to calling the police immediately, it also carried out emergency evacuation. It happened to be the weekend, and nearly a thousand tourists poured into the park, all under the guidance of the staff leave the garden. Lefoo Village announced that it will be closed for one day today, and is currently cooperating with the police for inspections.



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### Suspicious White Powder at Tim Pallas' Office in Werribee

**May 31, 2023 – Werribee, AUST**

Emergency services were called to Watton Street in Werribee today 2nd June, after an unknown white powder was received in the mail by staff at the office of Member of Parliament Tim Pallas. The incident prompted a large-scale response involving the police, Fire Rescue Victoria, and the CFA. Authorities were contacted about the incident at approximately 9:45 am, leading to the closure of Watton Street between Wedge Street and Bridge Street as emergency personnel swiftly arrived at the scene. Kim McAliney, a former councillor and assistant to Tim Pallas, was present in the office at the time of the incident. Paramedics checked her over on-site, as the area had been cordoned off by the police for safety reasons.



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