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DESPP COMMISSIONER RONNELL A. HIGGINS REMINDS RESIDENTS TO USE CT SAFE APP TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Recent events in New Orleans and Las Vegas provide another reminder for Connecticut residents to promptly report any suspicious activities they observe.

"We are deeply saddened by the violence and senseless deaths in New Orleans and Las Vegas," said DESPP Commissioner Ronnell A. Higgins. "We must remain vigilant in our pursuit of public safety as we continue to navigate the threat landscape. As Commissioner of the state Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, I want to assure citizens of Connecticut that our employees, from the Connecticut State Police to the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, are ready at any time to respond to any potential threats to citizens of this state," Higgins said.

"Providing a detailed report of suspicious activity can help prevent a violent crime or a terrorist attack. If You See Something, Say Something," Higgins said.

Higgins said that Connecticut officials are not aware of any current credible threat in Connecticut.

Suspicious activity may be reported through the CT Safe Mobile App, through a phone call, or by filling out a report online. **Emergencies should always be reported to police through a 9-1-1 call.**

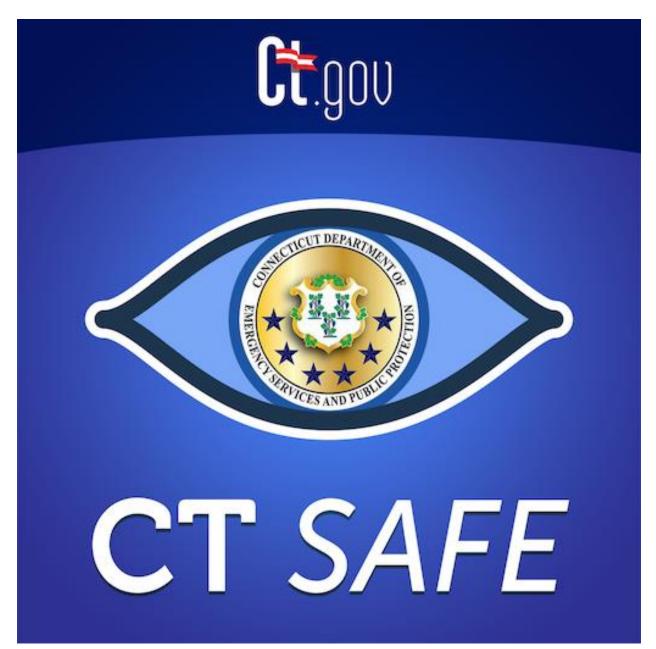
DESPP recently <u>launched an updated version</u> of the CT Safe Mobile App, available for both Android and Apple iOS. People may also report suspicious activity by calling 860-HLS-TIPS, or by <u>making an online report</u> to the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

The Connecticut Intelligence Center advises that potential threat indicators include: unusual or prolonged interest in or attempts to gain access to sensitive information about security measures; discreet use of cameras or video recorders; unusual observation of or questions about security measures; attempted or unauthorized access to rooftops or other potentially

sensitive areas; unusual modifications to vehicles, including reinforcing the front with metal plates.

"Connecticut depends on its residents to ensure the safety and security of the communities we live in. If you see one of the signs of suspicions activity in your own neighborhood, please report it," said Deputy DESPP Commissioner Brenda Bergeron.

For more information or to set up an interview, please contact Rick Green, DESPP Director of Communications, 860-539-0159, or richard.green@ct.gov.





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