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Deputy Director Solderlund:

Per the request of the Administrative Office of the Courts, the California Highway Patrol Dignitary Protection Section; Threat Assessment Unit was asked to give an opinion regarding the availability of personal information as it pertains to threat assessment.

Public officials are at risk for targeted violence simply based on the position they hold and the decisions they are entrusted to make. The predatory violence that public officials have historically fallen victim to has been preceded by research and planning by individuals that have carried out targeted violence. The violence carried out by known attackers has not been limited to the public official, but has included family members of the public official as well. The availability of the public official's personal information through the internet allows individuals moving down the path to intended violence to conduct this research anonymously. The ability to limit the availability of personal information would inhibit the research of would be attackers and reduce the possibility of targeted violence towards public officials.

If you have any questions regarding this threat assessment, please feel free to contact me or Sergeant Mike McClellin at (916) 327-5451.

  
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