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The purpose of this Circular is to inform members of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) of the "Omnibus Anti-Terrorism Act of 2002," hereinafter referred to as the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2002. The Anti-Terrorism Act of 2002 establishes the following crimes:

- 1) Murder of a law enforcement officer or public safety employee with deliberate and premeditated malice, and with knowledge or reason to know that the victim is a law enforcement officer or public safety employee;
- 2) An act of terrorism (that is intended to intimidate or coerce a significant portion of the population of the District of Columbia or the United States or influence the policy or conduct of a unit of government by intimidation or coercion);
- 3) The manufacture or possession of a weapon of mass destruction;
- 4) The use, dissemination, or detonation of a weapon of mass destruction;
- 5) Provision of material support and resources for an act of terrorism; and
- 6) Solicitation of material support and resources to commit an act of terrorism.

A weapon of mass destruction is any destructive device that is designed, intended, or otherwise used to cause death or serious bodily injury, including an explosive, incendiary, poisonous gas, bomb, grenade, rocket, missile, mine, or similar device, mortar, cannon, artillery piece, or any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into one of the aforementioned devices. A weapon of mass destruction also includes any object similar to, or used to achieve the same destructive effect of, any of the devices previously described, or any weapon that is designed, intended, or otherwise used to cause death or serious bodily injury through the release, dissemination, or impact of a toxic poisonous chemical, biological agent, toxin, radiation, radioactivity, or nuclear material.

All of the above mentioned crimes and attempts or conspiracies to commit these crimes constitute a felony with punishment ranging from imprisonment of not more than 15 years to life imprisonment without the possibility of release.

The Anti-Terrorism Act of 2002 further prohibits any individual from making a false or fictitious report of the existence of a weapon of mass destruction to the Metropolitan Police Department. False or fictitious reports of the existence of a weapon of mass destruction will constitute a felony and will be punishable by imprisonment of not more than 10 years or a fine in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, or the cost of responding to and consequential damages resulting from the offense, or both.



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