



ITALY

Threat Awareness Brief

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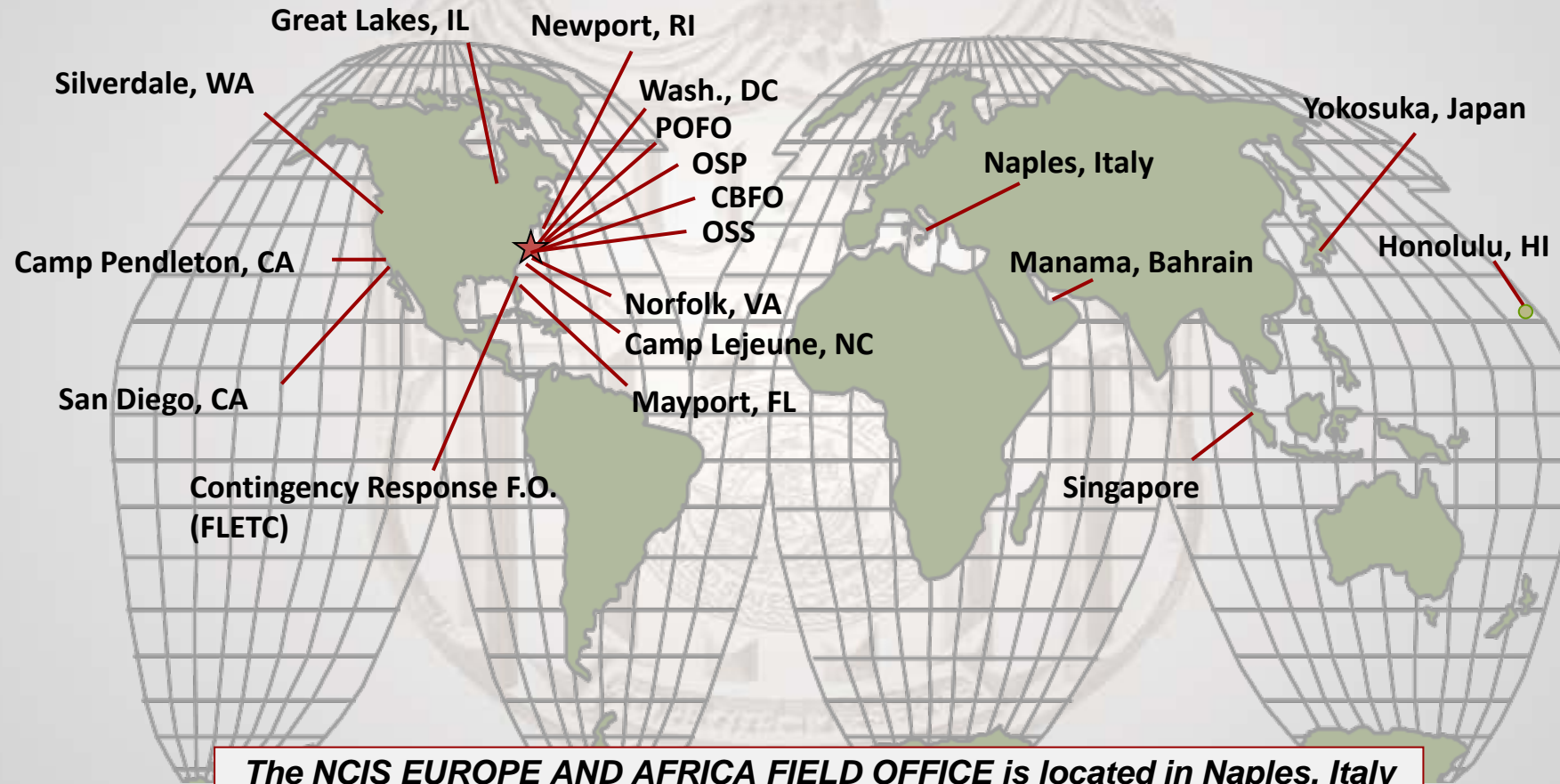
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NCIS: WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

- **Charter:**
 - Criminal Investigations/Operations
 - Counterintelligence Investigations/Operations
 - Counterterrorism Investigations/Operations
 - Antiterrorism/Force Protection
 - Cyber Investigations/Operations
- **Composition: ~ 90% Civilian**
 - ~ 98% of agents are civilian
 - NCIS civilian agents have statutory arrest authority
- NCIS Director is a civilian agent who reports directly to SECNAV



NCIS MAJOR FIELD OFFICES



The NCIS EUROPE AND AFRICA FIELD OFFICE is located in Naples, Italy and is responsible for criminal, counterterrorism, and counterintelligence investigations in Europe and West Africa

TERRORISM THREAT

- The U.S. Department of State has assessed Naples as being a MEDIUM-threat location for terrorist activity directed at, or affecting official U.S. Government interests.
- All European countries remain potentially vulnerable to attacks from transnational terrorist organizations.
 - In the past years, there have been multiple terrorist attacks in Europe.
 - Extremists continue to focus on tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, and local government facilities as viable targets.
 - Hotels, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, parks, high-profile events, educational institutions, airports, and other soft targets remain priority locations for possible attacks.
 - U.S. citizens should exercise additional vigilance in these and similar locations.

CRIME THREAT

- Theft: Foreigners and tourists are often targets of petty theft
 - Most street crimes tend to be non-violent and directed toward obtaining property (purse snatching, pickpocketing, residential/vehicle break-ins)
 - Thieves work in groups or pairs and use various methods of distraction against victims, and have impersonated police officers. Thieves grab purses outright or slash purse straps while on foot or a motor scooter
 - Pick-pockets are known to frequent major railway stations to include Rome's Termini, and Naples's Centrale at Piazza Garibaldi
 - **Violent street crime is rare**
- The Centro Storico (city center) has the highest incidence of these types of crimes. The center of Naples, in particular Piazza Garibaldi (the central train station) and Quartieri Spagnoli (Spanish Quarters), is noted for petty crimes
- Leave valuables at home and take only what you need. Do not leave anything in your vehicle.

CRIME THREAT CONTINUED...

- Remain vigilant. If you see something suspicious, report it to NCIS or NSA Naples Dispatch
- We can't solve the crime if you don't report the crime
- **NCIS Naples Criminal Investigations for 2017-2018:**
 - Our most predominant type of investigation was sexual assaults
 - The overwhelming majority of reports involved victims and perpetrators who were US persons
 - Alcohol was involved in the majority of those incidents

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AWARENESS AND INSIDER THREAT

REPORTING FOREIGN CONTACTS AND TRAVEL

If in possession of a **Security Clearance**:

- Report unofficial foreign travel to Command SSO
- Contact the NCIS office prior to departure to obtain a foreign travel brief for specific countries (request details from your Command or from NCIS):
EUFOTravelbrief@ncis.navy.mil
- Report “close and continuing” foreign contacts. To include: immediate family, cohabitants, or other persons to whom you are bound by affection or obligation, who are not U.S. citizens, including social media contacts
- Any financial interest in a foreign country

HOW TO CONTACT NCIS

- NCIS RESIDENT AGENCY NAPLES
 - First floor of Admin II building on Capo (down the hall from the Legal Office)
 - DSN: **626-6002** or Commercial: **081-568-6002**
- Anonymous Text, Web, and Smartphone Application. For more information go to www.ncis.navy.mil

