HIT OF THE MONTH

ALERT CATEGORY: KNOWN CRIMINAL AT U.S. BORDER

BLUF: AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE U.S. DOD BIOMETRICALLY ENABLED WATCHLIST (BEWL) WAS APPREHENDED AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER BY U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION.

An individual was detained at Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo on charges of weapons possession and kidnapping in the aftermath of the NATO air campaign in 1999. He was subsequently added to the Biometric Enabled Watchlist.

A party of several Eastern European individuals was detained by U.S. Customs and Border Protection after attempting to illegally cross the U.S. border from Mexico into Texas. One was biometrically identified as the former detainee from Kosovo. Deportation proceedings were initiated.

This match highlights the ability of the Department of Defense to enroll and retain biometric data, and share it with Department of Homeland Security partners who use it to protect our borders.

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