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REPORT NUMBER: 902-09-11-04-110

REPORT DATE: 2004-11-09

CLASSIFICATION: Unclassified

INCIDENT TYPE: Specific Threats

STATUS: Open/Unresolved

CONTAINS US PERSON INFO: No

FROM: 902D MI GP

SUBJECT: Protest Planned at Sacramento Military Entrance Processing Station

SOURCE: A FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

DETAILS: On 11 Nov 2004, a protest against the Iraq War is planned by a Sacramento chapter of a US domestic group at the Sacramento Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS). This specific group is deeply into 'counter-recruiting' and wants to use MEPS stations as new induction centers for their cause. The groups views MEPS as their last chance to influence a decision to enlist. The promoter of this event further states there are 65 MEPS stations and 'maybe one is located near you' and provides the following Hyperlink: <http://www.mepcom.army.mil/meps.htm>. A check of this link shows it does provide a listing of MEPS facilities throughout CONUS. PERSONS BRIEFED LOCALLY: Federal Protective Service, Fort McPherson CID
COMMENTS: 1. Based strictly on this information, it appears this protest will most likely be peaceful, but some type of vandalism is always a possibility.

2. The original report of this information states that only the Sacramento MEPS will specifically be protested. It cannot be determined based on original reporting if protests will actually occur at other MEPS stations in CONUS.

INCIDENT SITE: Sacramento chapter of a US domestic group at the Sacramento Military Entrance Processing Station (ME)

INCIDENT CITY: Sacramento

INCIDENT STATE: CA

INCIDENT COUNTRY: US

INCIDENT LATITUDE: 38.605556

INCIDENT LONGITUDE: -121.44334

INCIDENT UTM: Northing: 4274155.28 Easting: 635543.15 Zone: 10S

INCIDENT DATE/TIME: 11-NOV-0

UPDATE: (1) 18-NOV-04

DETAILS: 1. received 11/17/2004 4:35:40 PM

On 10 Nov 2004, the San Francisco JTTF advised the commanders of the Sacramento and San Jose MEPS of the intended protest at the Sacramento center. Both MEPS were scheduled to be closed due to the holiday.

Local news reported the following concerning the protest:

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A group of military veterans took a different approach to commemorating Veterans Day, spending the afternoon trying to discourage men and women from enlisting in the armed services.

The group US ORGANIZATION (Veterans for Peace) held a Veterans Day protest just outside the Military Entrance Processing Station in Sacramento. They were joined by the US ORGANIZATION (Physicians for Social Responsibility).

About 50 members of the groups conducted solemn reading of the names of 18 soldiers who came through the processing station and later died in Iraq.

According to members of the group, demonstrating in front of the station could be their last chance to dissuade young people from signing up to serve.

'This is where our children will line up to die in an unjust war that can have no winners,' said US PERSON [REDACTED] the group's president.

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The group's president says the protest was the first of a planned weekly series of demonstration at the station.

The demonstration did not go without controversy: A group of approximately a half-dozen military supporters from the US ORGANIZATION (Patriot Watch) turned up in an effort to shout down the veteran protesters.

Despite the difference of opinion, the confrontation ended peacefully. The MEPS Commander reported there was no known vandalism or incidents as a result of the protest.