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On Wednesday two men were arrested who are alleged to have been impersonating Federal agents. 5 witnesses have given evidence that the men pretended to work for several agencies, with the Department Of Homeland Security being one of them.

According to the affidavit that initially sounds bad but not on the very high end of what bad could be.

SUMMARY

5. From beginning as early as February 2020 through the present, TAHERZADEH and ALI, have been falsely assuming and pretending to be officers or employees acting under the authority of the United States government, specifically the Department of Homeland Security, and have acted as such. TAHERZADEH and ALI, are not, in fact, employees of the Department of Homeland Security or any United States government agency. TAHERZADEH and ALI have represented themselves as such to numerous people, many of whom are members of federal law enforcement agencies. In furtherance of their false and fraudulent conduct, TAHERZADEH and ALI obtained paraphernalia with the insignias of and firearms, including handguns and assault rifles, used by federal law enforcement agencies.

At this point one may mistakenly think these guys were just trying to sound sophisticated or a “Walter Mitty” type of episode that got out of hand. However the allegations quickly escalate into very concerning territory.

“Specifically, TAHERZADEH has provided members of the United States Secret Service (USSS) and an employee of DHS with, among other things, rent-free apartments (with a total yearly rent of over \$40,000 per apartment), iPhones, surveillance systems, a drone, a flat screen television, a case for storing an assault rifle, a generator, and law enforcement paraphernalia. TAHERZADEH also offered these individuals use of, what TAHERZADEH represented to be “official government vehicles.” In addition, TAHERZADEH offered to purchase a \$2,000 assault rifle for a United Secret Service Agent assigned to the First Lady’s protective detail. As of April 4, 2022, as a result of this conduct, four members of the Secret Service were placed on administrative leave pending further investigation.”

A harsh job interview


Then they are alleged to actually try to recruit someone to work for them under the guise of being deputized by the DHS. According to the affidavit “As part of the “recruitment process” TAHERZADEH and ALI required that the “applicant” be shot with an Airsoft rifle to evaluate their pain tolerance and reaction. Subsequent to being shot, the applicant was informed that their hiring was in process. The applicant was also assigned to conduct research on an individual that provided support to the Department of Defense and intelligence community.”


This ongoing charade only got uncovered when a United States Postal Inspector was investigating an assault at the apartment complex where the suspects lived. They were witnesses to the assault but their questioning made the inspector suspicious and they called in the FBI.

The Set Up.


So what were they doing? Looking into the affidavit they were using an email address with the domain name ussp[.]us. Let’s use this as a starting point and map out their infrastructure and timings.

They have a corporate LinkedIn page set up for this company.





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Details



Industries

Consulting

Energy

Government

Law Enforcement

Public Safety

Headquarters Regions

Washington DC Metro Area, Southern US

Operating Status

Active

Also Known As

USSP, US Special Police , United States Special Police Unit

Company Type

For Profit

Contact Email

contact@ussp.us

Phone Number

202-600-4815

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Their registered address is 949 1ST St SE APT 509 Washington, DC, 20003-4737 United States. Their website is no longer fully functional but we can still see the urls that were hosted there using archive.org.

https://www.ussp.us/person-of-interest-in-theft-ii-1400-b-o-taylor-st-nw-on-september-10-2020/	text/html	Sep 30, 2020	Sep 30, 2020
https://www.ussp.us/person-of-interest-in-theft-ii-300-b-o-elm-st-nw-on-march-11-2021/	text/html	Apr 13, 2021	Apr 13, 2021
https://www.ussp.us/person-of-interest-in-theft-ii-3200-b-o-sherman-ave-nw-on-february-9-2021/	text/html	Feb 28, 2021	Feb 28, 2021
https://www.ussp.us/person-of-interest-in-theft-ii-3200-b-o-sherman-ave-nw-on-february-9-2021/?s=	text/html	Apr 13, 2021	Apr 13, 2021
https://www.ussp.us/person-of-interest-in-theft-ii-3900-b-o-georgia-ave-nw-on-september-29-2020/	text/html	Oct 20, 2020	Dec 1, 2020
https://www.ussp.us/person-of-interest-in-theft-ii-400-block-of-missouri-ave-nw-on-3-11-20/	text/html	Jan 17, 2021	Jan 17, 2021
https://www.ussp.us/person-of-interest-in-theft-ii-4300-b-o-georgia-ave-nw-on-october-26-2020/	text/html	Dec 1, 2020	Dec 1, 2020
https://www.ussp.us/person-of-interest-in-theft-ii-4500-b-o-georgia-ave-nw-on-december-25-2020/	text/html	Feb 28, 2021	Feb 28, 2021
https://www.ussp.us/person-of-interest-in-theft-ii-4500-b-o-georgia-ave-nw-on-december-25-2020/?s=	text/html	Apr 13, 2021	Apr 13, 2021
https://www.ussp.us/person-of-interest-in-theft-ii-5400-b-o-georgia-ave-nw-on-october-8-2020/	text/html	Oct 20, 2020	Dec 1, 2020
https://www.ussp.us/person-of-interest-in-theft-ii-600-b-o-kenyon-st-nw-on-may-18-2020/	text/html	Jan 16, 2021	Jan 16, 2021
https://www.ussp.us/person-of-interest-in-theft-ii-6500-b-o-georgia-ave-nw-o	text/html	Aug 5, 2020	Oct 20, 2020

184 URLs have been captured for this URL prefix.

URL ↑	MIME TYPE	FROM	TO	C↓
http://ussp.us/	warc/visit	Oct 6, 2016	Dec 29, 2021	
http://ussp.us/favicon.ico	text/html	Mar 14, 2022	Mar 14, 2022	
http://ussp.us/robots.txt	unk	Nov 12, 2005	Mar 19, 2022	
http://ussp.us:80/racism.htm	text/html	Sep 14, 2016	Sep 14, 2016	
https://www.ussp.us/2018/08/	text/html	Sep 30, 2020	Sep 30, 2020	
https://www.ussp.us/2018/12/	text/html	Sep 30, 2020	Sep 30, 2020	
https://www.ussp.us/2019/04/	text/html	Sep 30, 2020	Sep 30, 2020	
https://www.ussp.us/2019/10/	text/html	Sep 30, 2020	Sep 30, 2020	
https://www.ussp.us/careers/jobs/	text/html	Sep 30, 2020	Apr 13, 2021	
https://www.ussp.us/careers/jobs/?s=	text/html	Aug 5, 2020	Aug 5, 2020	
https://www.ussp.us/category/crime-reports/	text/html	Sep 30, 2020	Apr 13, 2021	
https://www.ussp.us/category/nonprofits-activism/	text/html	Sep 30, 2020	Apr 13, 2021	
https://www.ussp.us/category/police-training/	text/html	Sep 30, 2020	Sep 30, 2020	
https://www.ussp.us/category/private-security/	text/html	Sep 30, 2020	Sep 30, 2020	
https://www.ussp.us/category/public-safety/	text/html	Sep 30, 2020	Apr 13, 2021	
https://www.ussp.us/category/public-safety/?s=	text/html	May 7, 2021	May 7, 2021	
https://www.ussp.us/category/public-safety/page/135/	text/html	May 7, 2021	May 7, 2021	
https://www.ussp.us/category/public-safety/page/2/	text/html	May 7, 2021	May 7, 2021	
https://www.ussp.us/category/public-safety/page/3/	text/html	May 7, 2021	May 7, 2021	
https://www.ussp.us/comments/feed/	application/rss+xml	Mar 19, 2022	Mar 19, 2022	

Examples of the urls on the ussp[.]us website

[Persons of Interest in Theft II, 4200 block of 17th Street, NW, on 12/19/2020](#)

January 13, 2021/in [Crime Reports, News, Public Safety](#) /by [admin](#)

The Metropolitan Police Department seeks the public's assistance in identifying three persons of interest in reference to a Theft II incident which occurred in the 4200 block of 17th Street, NW, on Saturday, December 19, 2020, at approximately 12:10 PM. The subjects were captured by nearby surveillance cameras.

DO YOUR PART TO HELP PREVENT AND SOLVE CRIME. Crime Solvers of Washington, DC currently offers a reward of up to \$1,000 to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for a crime committed in the District of Columbia. Your assistance is appreciated by your community. CCN 20-179-965

Anyone who can identify these individuals or who has knowledge of this incident should take no action but call police at (202) 727-9099 or text your tip to the Department's TEXT TIP LINE to 50411. To learn more about the MPD Rewards program, please visit www.mpd.dc.gov/rewards.

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https://www.ussp.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/mw7h_fibuxsmxresdefault.jpg 720 1280 admin <https://www.ussp.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/united-states-special-police-logo-1030x275.png> admin2021-01-13 11:45:472021-04-13 15:44:55Persons of Interest in Theft II, 4200 block of 17th Street, NW, on 12/19/2020



Example of one of the web pages of ussp[.]us



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40 posts 176 followers 69 following

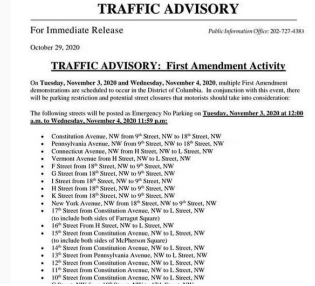
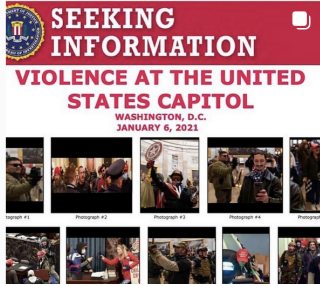
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Instagram Page of USSP

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The court documents suggest they were providing apartments rent free to a number of people in the apartment building who have now been suspended from their public service jobs. The implication is that the suspects were taking advantage of these people for nefarious purposes such as espionage. If we look at their infrastructure is there anything we can tell.

Whois Records

We found a number of domains for this group. The first being ussp[.]us but also a number for others on the same custom name server "a1.ussp.us", "a2.ussp.us".

For this primary domain the admin is listed as "INFORMATION SYSTEMS"

Domain	Registrar	Nameservers	Hosted on	MX
ussp.us	1API GmbH on 2018-06-06	a1.ussp.us and a2.ussp.us	207.246.76.18 → AS-CHOOPA First Seen: 2022-03-25 Last Seen: 2022-04-07 149.28.97.223 → AS-CHOOPA First Seen: 2020-12-26 Last Seen: 2022-03-04	Uses both ussp.us and ussp-us.mail.protection.outlook.com

If we check out the other domains on these name servers.

Domain	Admin Email	Phone	Address	Registrar	Infrastructure	Infrastructure2	Name Servers of Interest
ussp.us	admin@ussp.us	+1 2026004815	1629 K ST NW STE 300	1API GmbH	AS-CHOOPA, US	AS-CHOOPA, US	as1.ussp.us
uspolice.us	admin@ussp.us	+1 2026004814	1629 K ST NW STE 300	1API GmbH	AS-CHOOPA, US, 207.246.76.18	AS-CHOOPA, US, 149.28.107.179	a2.ussp.us, ns1.bdm.microsoft
specialpoliceunit.us	admin@ussp.us	+1 2026004815	2200 Pennsylvania Ave NW	1API GmbH		149.28.107.179	a2.ussp.us
dcspecialpolice.com	72dc7f4a54@dcspecialpolice.com.whoistrustee.com	none	privacy protected	1API GmbH		AS-CHOOPA, US, 149.28.97.223	a2.ussp.us
metrosdpd.com	e519abafe@metrosdpd.com.whoistrustee.com	privacy	privacy protected	1API GmbH	Just name servers		as1.ussp.us
uspolicestore.com	rtr-security-threats@realtimeregister.com	privacy	privacy protected	REALTIME REGISTER (ENZUINC-, US, 85.208.116.104	AS40676, US, 104.216.25.71		a1.ussp.us, ns1.gname.net, jmi
policeshop.us	admin@ussp.us	+1.2026004815	2200 Pennsylvania Ave NW	1API GmbH	none	none	a2.ussp.us
metrosdpd.us	admin@ussp.us	+1.2026004814	1629 K ST NW STE 300	1API GmbH	none	none	as1.ussp.us

Let's get a better look

Query	Answer	Count	First Seen	Last Seen
ussp.us	a2.ussp.us	737	2020-12-26 03:03:15	2022-04-08 16:44:29
www.ussp.us	a2.ussp.us	44	2021-01-23 20:30:11	2022-04-08 10:07:00
mail.ussp.us	a2.ussp.us	46	2021-01-23 20:30:10	2022-04-08 10:00:32
uspolice.us	a2.ussp.us	396	2020-12-26 06:41:57	2022-03-24 21:00:26
www.uspolice.us	a2.ussp.us	40	2021-01-15 05:44:46	2022-03-24 10:26:27
mail.uspolice.us	a2.ussp.us	18	2021-01-15 05:43:45	2021-06-19 04:44:27
specialpoliceunit.us	a2.ussp.us	63	2021-01-15 05:44:06	2021-06-16 23:11:18
dcspecialpolice.com	a2.ussp.us	218	2020-12-29 21:07:55	2021-06-08 13:43:45
www.specialpoliceunit.us	a2.ussp.us	11	2021-01-15 05:43:45	2021-05-21 03:13:05
www.dcspecialpolice.com	a2.ussp.us	15	2021-01-16 15:26:44	2021-05-21 01:53:57
mail.dcspecialpolice.com	a2.ussp.us	15	2021-01-16 17:33:40	2021-05-20 07:27:14
metrosdpd.com	a2.ussp.us	23	2020-12-31 02:04:47	2021-01-17 15:53:18
uspolicestore.com	a2.ussp.us	42	2020-12-27 19:04:14	2021-01-15 05:42:08
policeshop.us	a2.ussp.us	6	2020-12-26 03:02:36	2021-01-04 16:28:09
metrosdpd.us	a2.ussp.us	6	2020-12-26 03:01:32	2021-01-01 15:27:57

The same organization had quite a few 'special police' themed domains on the go since 2020. The costs of this are beginning to mount up.

What are special police officers?

<https://mpdc.dc.gov/service/security-snapshot-updates-security-personnel>

This is perhaps the more interesting question about this story. The companies that these suspects had set up were branded as if they provide security contracting as special police officers for the District Of Columbia. These appear to be a special type of private security

contractors who are licensed to make arrests within the area they cover. We don't know if the people in question were licensed or not but all of these domains they were operating are around that theme. Is this a case of delusional security guards pretending they were something "cooler", or is this something more nefarious as some people are suggesting.

Prior Behavior

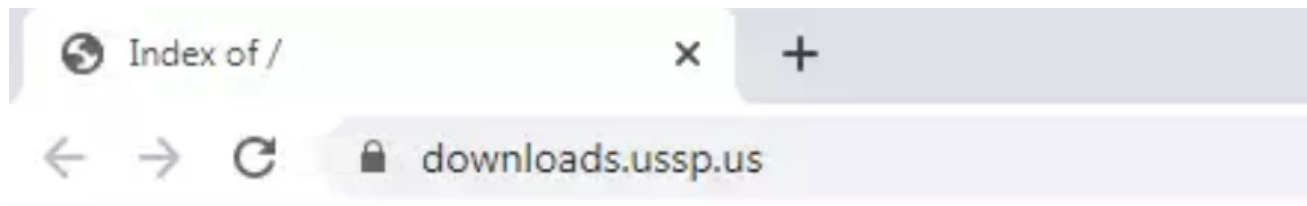
The suspects in this case seem to have an ongoing track record of irresponsible behavior and would not seem to be ideal candidates for any real undercover work or espionage activity, but we'll see what gets revealed in court.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10696133/How-fake-DHS-agents-spent-18-MONTHS-trying-infiltrate-Secret-Service-Jill-Bidens-detail.html?s=09>

Why these Subdomains?

One question that would be good to have the answer to is why do certain subdomains exist for this organization. People are assuming the company is a complete front but what if it had contracts and what were they for?

www.downloads.ussp./us



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TXT Records

We can tell from their TXT records that they had a logmein account as well as Google search console and Office 365 for the main domain ussp./us.

Query	Answer	Count	First Seen	Last Seen	TXT Hash	Type
ussp.us	google-site-verification=rkF7igb6s...	408	2021-08-26 07:17:26	2022-04-09 09:50:41	9454352158420576790	TXT
ussp.us	v=spf1 +a +mx +ip4:149.28.107.179 ...	34	2022-03-25 17:45:42	2022-04-09 09:50:41	8781264746411489878	TXT
ussp.us	logmein-verification-code=a7e9dbe6...	408	2021-08-26 07:17:26	2022-04-09 09:50:41	5104838191321646641	TXT
ussp.us	v=spf1 ip4:149.28.107.179 ip4:149....	374	2021-08-26 07:17:26	2022-03-24 21:00:29	7298690022494739150	TXT

usspolice./us also had a verification TXT record for Microsoft. So this may also have been one of their email domains.

Certificates

The main domain had some certificates for cpanel and others.

```

date": 20220330,
  "domain": "ussp.us",
  "domains": [
    "a1.ussp.us",
    "cpanel.a1.ussp.us",
    "cpcalendars.a1.ussp.us",
    "cpcontacts.a1.ussp.us",
    "mail.a1.ussp.us",
    "webmail.a1.ussp.us",
    "whm.a1.ussp.us",
    "www.a1.ussp.us"
  ],
  "host": "a1.ussp.us",
  "issuer": "cPanel, Inc. Certification Authority",
  "not_after": "2022-06-28T23:59:59",
  "not_before": "2022-03-30T00:00:00",

```

```
"cPanel, Inc. Certification Authority",
  "COMODO RSA Certification Authority"
],
"date": 20211208,
"domain": "ussp.us",
"domains": [
  "cpanel.east.ussp.us",
  "cpcalendars.east.ussp.us",
  "cpcontacts.east.ussp.us",
  "east.ussp.us",
  "mail.east.ussp.us",
  "webmail.east.ussp.us",
  "whm.east.ussp.us",
  "www.east.ussp.us"

host": "cpanel.east.ussp.us",
"issuer": "cPanel, Inc. Certification Authority",
"not_after": "2022-03-08T23:59:59",
"not_before": "2021-12-08T00:00:00",
```

Observed Infrastructure List (IOC would be an inappropriate term). All sourced from the Silent Push Platform

a1.ussp./us

a2.ussp./us

adfs.ussp./us

autodiscover.dcspecialpolice./com

autodiscover.specialpoliceunit./us

autodiscover.uspolice./us

autodiscover.ussp./us

cpanel.dcspecialpolice./com

cpanel.specialpoliceunit./us

cpanel.uspolice./us

cpanel.ussp./us

cpcalendars.uspolice./us

cpcontacts.uspolice./us

dc.ussp./us

dc1.ussp./us

dc3.ussp./us

dcspecialpolice./com

dhs.ussp./us

downloads.ussp./us

east.ussp./us

iris.ussp./us

mail.dcspecialpolice./com

mail.specialpoliceunit./us

mail.uspolice./us

mail.ussp./us

portal.ussp./us

siu.ussp./us

software.ussp./us

sou.ussp./us

specialpoliceunit./us

staging.ussp./us

t01.ussp./us

t25.ussp./us

uspolice./us

ussp./us

webdisk.dcspecialpolice./com

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webdisk.ussp./us

webmail.dcspecialpolice./com

webmail.specialpoliceunit./us

webmail.uspolice./us

www.dcspecialpolice./com

www.dhs.ussp./us

www.downloads.ussp./us

www.software.ussp./us

www.specialpoliceunit./us

www.staging.ussp./us

www.uspolice./us

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108.61.207./59

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50.210.156./205

149.28.107./179

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