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From: (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 7:03:34 PM

To: (b) (7)(C)

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Subject: RE: URGENT: IWI in North Carolina (Hurricane Helene ESF #4 response)

Good Evening,

Reporting good news! According to our LE sources and our LEI SA the suspect is in custody. If I hear different I will advise.

Thank you and take care,



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Subject: Re: URGENT: IWI in North Carolina (Hurricane Helene ESF #4 response)

Thanks (b) (7)(C). Really appreciate the update. (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2024 6:52:11 PM

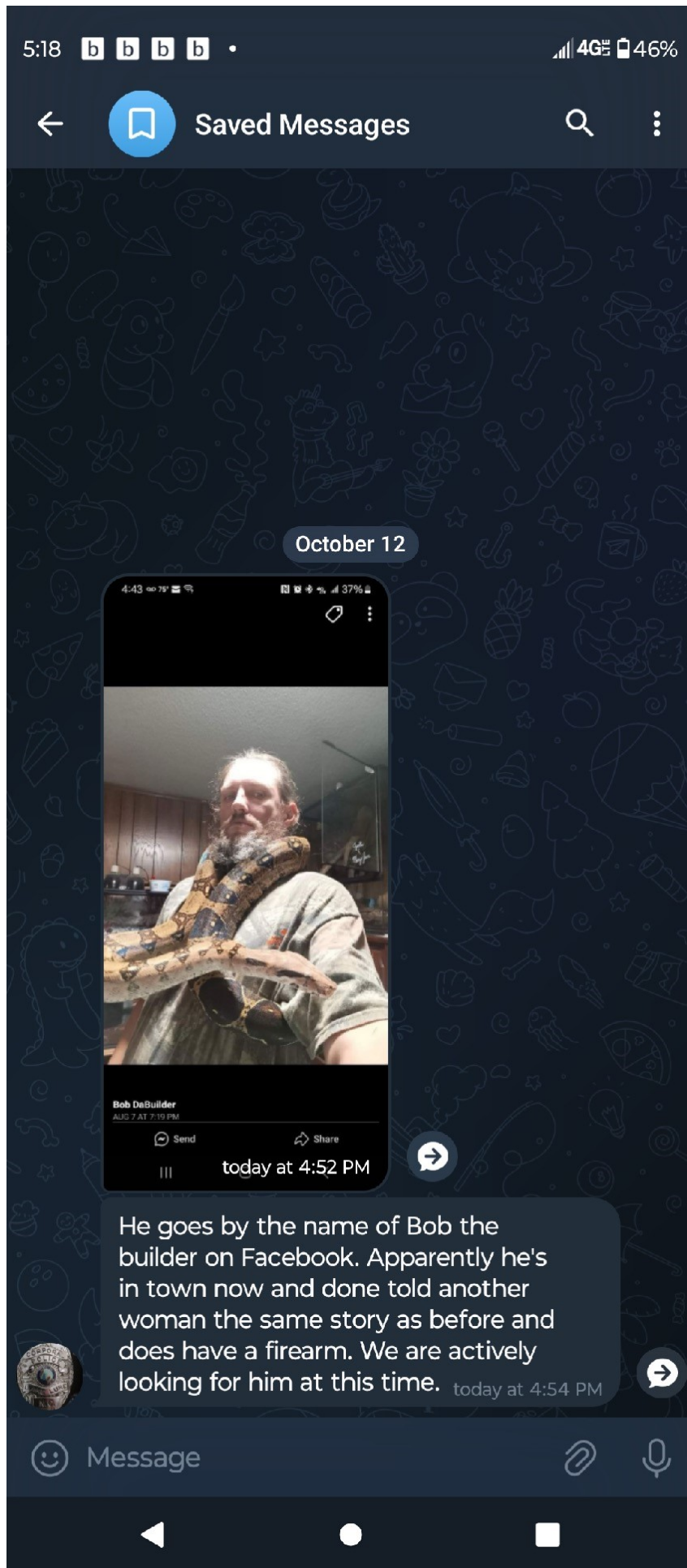
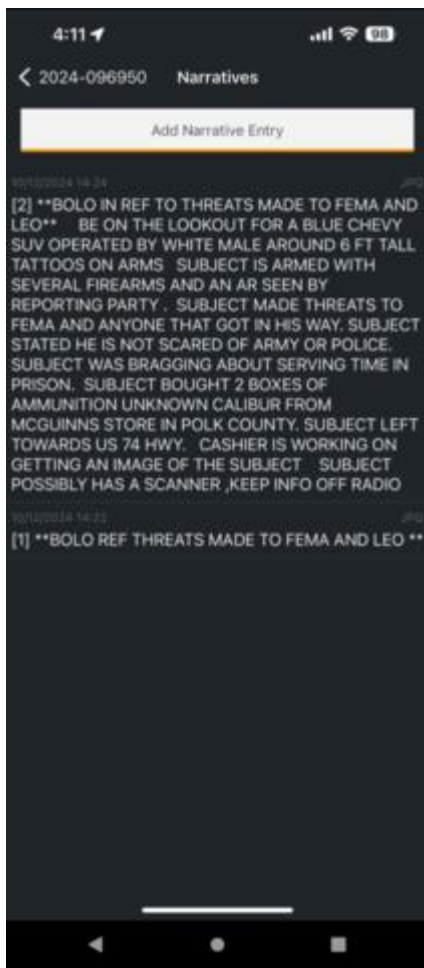
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Greetings,

I have attached the most updated information regarding the threat to FEMA and LE personnel. This has a great likelihood of the earlier threat (unconfirmed). LEI SA (b) (7)(C) was able to obtain this information. All our folks in NC, which is 25, are 100% accounted for and has been provided the information. – Take care



5:18



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4:43 100% 75°




Signal strength, Wi-Fi, and battery level (37%)





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Thanks (b) (7)(C). Appreciate the update. Keep us posted and let us know if there is anything you need from here. (b) (7)(C)



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Subject: RE: URGENT: IWI in North Carolina (Hurricane Helene ESF #4 response)

Greetings,

Captain (b) (7)(C) was getting some preliminary information from the Madison County Deputies. He was being briefed on the threat as well. I have passed this email along to PC (b) (7)(C) who is going to get it broadcasted to our folks presently in the field.

The LEI ICP is located at the Appalachian RD in Madison County. I am being told that Madison County is roughly an hour north of Rutherford County. They are not aware of any similar threats in their immediate AOR. The FS main ICP is located in Cherokee (Swain and/or Jackson Counties). With Forward Operating Bases at every District. There are no FS property or NFS lands within Rutherford County.

(b) (7)(C) has heard that FEMA is also pulling out of Madison County as well. That is not confirmed.

Thank you and take care,



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This is the first I've heard of this, I spoke with some LE staff around 11:30 this morning and they did not mention anything.

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I have not. I will contact PC (b) (7)(C) immediately. To my knowledge they are not working in that county. Primarily in Yancey, Buncombe, and Madison counties.

Thank you and take care,



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Good afternoon all,

See trailing. Are you aware of this? Are we engaged? Any updates to share?

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Sharing for awareness.

Regional FAM has been notified and working messaging for awareness with our Regional IMTs supporting operations.



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FEMA has advised all Federal responders in Rutherford County, NC to stand down and evacuate the county immediately. The message stated that "Title 10 troops had come across x2 trucks of armed militia saying they were out hunting FEMA. Specifically occurred in Chimney Rock."

The IMTs have been notified and are coordinating the evacuation of all assigned personnel in that county. Regional ESF #4 staff will maintain contact with the IMTs and will ensure accountability of all personnel (IMTs, crews, and single resources) once the evacuation is completed.

We will maintain contact with FEMA as they evaluate the potential risks to responders in other counties in North Carolina. We will take appropriate action based on FEMA and NC State Emergency Management guidance.

I will be the HQ-level POC for this IWI.





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