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The Center for Judicial and Executive Security (CJES) has just released “*Disorder in the Court*” an incidents listing of courthouse and judicial assaults, knifings, murder-for-hire, suicides, bomb-plots, etc. To date CJES has documented 105-related incidents over a 6½ year period – January 1, 2005 thru May 31, 2011.

The first of its kind – never before has any public (federal, state or local) or private entity tracked or compiled such an extensive listing of these type incidents. Intended to emphasize the importance of threat/risk management to court/judicial security “*Disorder in the Court*” also supplements the CJES/JCVI Court-Targeted Acts of Violence (CTAV) Study conducted on courthouse and judicial shootings, bombings, and arson-attacks.

It is not only just those incidents that are tragically being carried out – but also those that are continuously being deterred, prevented, and responded to that must be acknowledged and properly accounted for. The fact being violence in the courthouse is not a rare occurrence. Although it is not possible to quantify the exact number of potential incidents that are being deterred by the conscientious efforts of dedicated personnel, there should be no mistaking that it certainly is also a significant number.

When considering these type incidents and actual shootings, bombings, and arson-attacks; there can be no denying that with one-further ill-fated action on part of the threat source we would have had past incidents such as the Fulton County Courthouse Shootings, Hamilton County Courthouse Shooting, Roanoke County Courthouse Shootings, ... tragically repeated.

“*Disorder in the Court*” underscores the fact that Court Security is not only Judicial Security – it also concerns Public Safety, Officer Safety, and Violence in the Workplace.

Final Note: CJES will update its “*Disorder in the Court*” listing on a bi-monthly basis. To assist with tracking and documentation information on new incidents, or those that were not originally included, are requested to be sent to steve.swensen@CJESconsultants.com.