



Criminal Intelligence Alert

UPDATE: Continuing Series of White Powder Letters in New Jersey

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(U//FOUO) The current series of “white powder” incidents with a New Jersey nexus now involves 25 mailings – the most recent targets being the Jersey City Municipal Court and Camden’s City Hall. The mailings have gone to law enforcement (6), courts (6), banks (5), and other government offices (8). To date, the envelopes have tested negative for hazardous substances, and individuals exposed to the substances are asymptomatic.¹ The map on the following page identifies where these incidents have occurred.²

(U//FOUO) As reported in previous NJ ROIC alerts and NJ Common Operating Picture reports, these incidents involve envelopes addressed with block print writing (pictured above⁵) that contain smaller envelopes labeled “white powder” or “swine flu.” No suspects have been named, but this series appears similar to a previous string of incidents involving 11 letters in July 2009.⁶

(U//FOUO) The motive behind these mailings is unknown at this time – they could involve a prank, a grudge, a crime, pre-operational testing of the mail, or mental instability.⁷ In a recent, unrelated “white powder” case, FBI Newark described the hoax letters as a selfish act to instill fear in the recipient due to the perpetrator's inability to cope with his/her own personal issues.⁸

(U//FOUO) The FBI Newark JTTF, in conjunction with other agencies, continues to investigate this case. The most recent letters are currently being analyzed and pending DNA testing by the FBI laboratory in Quantico, VA.⁹

White Powder Letters, February 10-25, 2010³

<u>Target</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. NJ State Police	Hope, NJ
2. NJ State Police	Bloomfield, NJ
3. Motor Vehicle Comm.	Eatontown, NJ
4. Mayor's Office	Deal, NJ
5. Bank of America	Paterson, NJ
6. JP Morgan Chase Bank	Oakland, NJ
7. NJ State Police	Totowa, NJ
8. Motor Vehicle Comm.	Wayne, NJ
9. Municipal Court	Vernon, NJ
10. Municipal Court	Morristown, NJ
11. Police Chief	Hackensack, NJ
12. Mayor's Office	Roseland, NJ
13. Municipal Court	Columbia, NJ
14. CitiBank	Westwood, NJ
15. CitiBank	Cedar Grove, NJ
16. Motor Vehicle Comm.	W. Deptford, NJ
17. Capital One Bank	Lincoln Park, NJ
18. "Fairfield County Court"	Danbury, CT ⁴
19. Police Chief	Paterson, NJ
20. Municipal Court	Ridgewood, NJ
21. Municipal Prosecutor	Haledon, NJ
22. Motor Vehicle Comm.	Trenton, NJ
23. NJ Dept. Banking	Trenton, NJ
24. Municipal Court	Jersey City, NJ
25. City Hall	Camden, NJ

¹ NJ ROIC, Watch Operations and NJ Department of Health & Senior Services Liaison, email correspondence, 2/10/10 – 3/1/10

² NJ ROIC, Spadac Liaison, 2/23/10

³ NJ ROIC, Watch Operations and NJ Department of Health & Senior Services Liaison, email correspondence, 2/10/10 - 3/1/10

⁴ Connecticut Intelligence Center, Intelligence Bulletin 2010-003, 2/17/10

⁵ NJSP, Bloomfield Station, Criminal Investigation Office, 2/11/10

⁶ NJ ROIC, Watch Operations and NJ Department of Health & Senior Services Liaison, email correspondence, 2/10/10 - 3/1/10

⁷ DHS, NJ ROIC Liaison, email correspondence, 2/22/10

⁸ FBI Newark, Press Release, “Feds Arrest Newspaper Delivery Man for Sending Hoax Powder Letter to His Boss,” 2/19/10

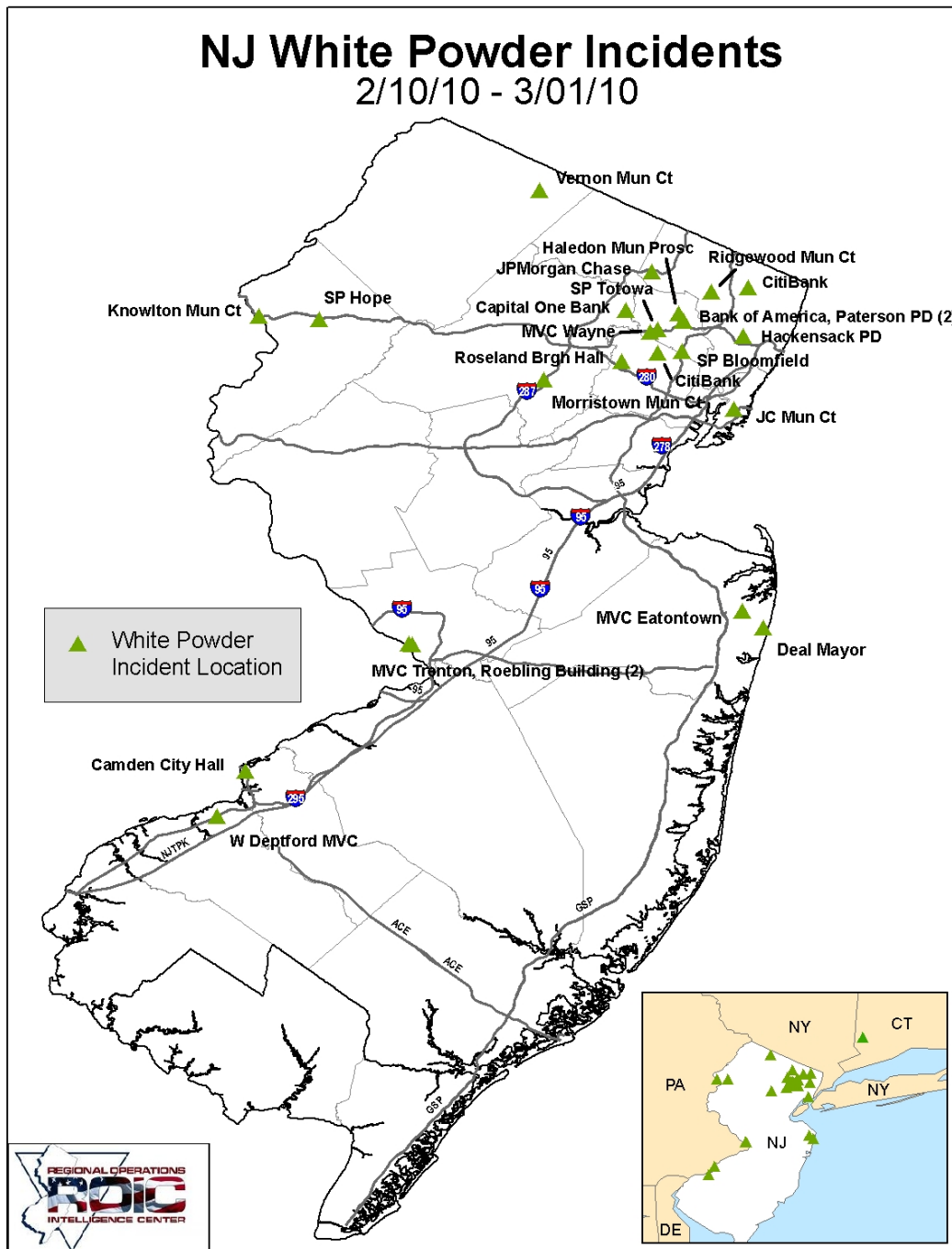
⁹ NJ ROIC, Watch Operations and NJ Department of Health & Senior Services Liaison, email correspondence, 2/10/10 - 3/1/10

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(U//FOUO) Any similar incidents or suspicious envelopes should be considered hazardous. If encountered, recipients should not open the envelopes, but place them in a plastic bag with minimal disturbance, and leave in an isolated area if possible, for recovery by trained personnel.¹⁰

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¹⁰ NJ ROIC Watch Operations, email correspondence, 2/10/10 - 3/1/10