

## **TWISTED: Acronyms & Terms**

**ADIC** - Assistant Director in Charge - Of the 56 FBI field offices nationwide, only the 3 largest are headed up by ADIC's. Those are the New York, Los Angeles, and Washington field offices. Each of the remaining field offices is headed up by a SAC (Special Agent in Charge).

**BAU** - Behavioral Analysis Unit - One of the three components of the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crimes (NCAVC), the BAU provides behavioral-based investigative and operational support through case experience, research, and training to complex and time-sensitive crimes, usually involving acts or threats of violence.

**CCTV** - Closed Circuit Television - utilized for surveillance.

**CE** - Criminal Enterprise - A group of individuals with an identified hierarchy, or comparable structure, engaged in criminal activity. [Closely synonymous with "organized crime", except as defined by Federal Criminal Statute.] The New York field office squad that deals with Asian Criminal Enterprise is designated C-6. C-6 is, in fact, a task force, including both members of the FBI and members of the NYPD.

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**CIRG** - Critical Incident Response Group - Facilitates the FBI's rapid response to, and the management of, crisis situations. Contains 3 branches: (1) Operations Support Branch (CNU is a component of this CIRG branch), (2) Tactical Support Branch (Hostage Rescue Team, or HRT, is a component of this CIRG branch), and (3) National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime (BAU is a component of this CIRG branch).

**CNU** - Crisis Negotiation Unit - An integral part of the Operations Support Branch of CIRG. The CNU is responsible for the Crisis (Hostage) Negotiation Program, including operations, training, research, and program management.

**CNT** - Crisis Negotiation Team - the specific team members, trained by the CNU, and located at individual field offices, who handle crisis negotiations in their respective territories.

**CODIS** - Combined DNA Index System - Allows Federal, State, and Local crime labs to exchange, share, and compare DNA profiles electronically, linking crimes to each other and to convicted offenders.

**Dai Lo** - "Elder Brother". A Cantonese term referring to the gang leader. The term is accepted by all Asian gangs, regardless of which dialect is spoken by their members.

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**Enhanced SWAT** - Of the 56 FBI field offices, 9 have enhanced SWAT teams. Those enhanced teams are larger in number than the regular SWAT teams, and have more extensive tactical equipment. They are also the immediate back-up to HRT [Hostage Rescue Team - the third branch of CIRG (the Tactical Support Branch), which is the full-time national level tactical team based in Quantico, Virginia.

**ERT** - Evidence Response Team - Special Agents who collect, identify, manage, and preserve crime scene evidence. [Note: ERT is the Federal counterpart of (and sometimes coordinates their efforts with) local Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) units.] There are ERT members in each of the FBI's 56 field offices.

**ICE** - Immigration and Customs Enforcement

**ME** - Medical Examiner

**NCAVC** - National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crimes - This branch of CIRG combines investigative and operational support functions, research, and training to assist Federal, State, Local, and Foreign law enforcement agencies investigating unusual or repetitive violent crimes.

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**NSA** - National Security Agency

**OPA** - Office of Public Affairs - Located at FBI headquarters, OPA is the office that supplies the media with up-to-the-minute access to breaking news, vital information, latest press releases, stories, congressional testimony speeches, etc.

**RA** - Resident Agencies - Smaller satellite branches of each field office, responsible for a portion of the field office's territory. For example, the Newark field office (in New Jersey) has 5 RA's in its jurisdiction: Atlantic City, Franklin Township, Garret Mountain, Trenton, and Red Bank.

**ROTC** - Reserve Officer Training Corps - College-based, officer commissioning program for all branches of the US Armed Forces (with the exception of the Coast Guard).

**RTCC** - Real Time Crime Center (NYPD) - Conducts rapid analysis of citywide crime to provide a real-time assessment of emerging crime, crime patterns, and emerging criminal suspects citywide. Originally just for homicides and shootings, now expanded to include other major crimes.

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**SA** - Special Agent - Trainees who complete the intensive 17-week training program at the FBI Academy in Quantico graduate and become Special Agents.

**SABT** - Special Agent Bomb Technicians - Special Agents who go through additional training to become specialists in finding, assessing, and disrupting incendiary and explosive devices.

**SSA** - Supervisory Special Agent - Special Agents who are promoted and have a managerial role in a squad.

**SWAT** - Special Weapons and Tactics - Special Agents specifically trained in extended weaponry and tactical expertise in order to be able to intervene in high-risk events like barricades and hostage situations.

**Unsub** - Unknown Subject. Just as "perp" is police lingo for perpetrator, subject or offender is FBI lingo for the same. If the identity of the subject is not known, he/she is referred to as the Unsub.

**VICAP** - Violent Criminal Apprehension Center - Another of the three components of NCAVC, VICAP is a nationwide data information center to collect, collate, and analyze violent crimes, particularly murder.