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Key Questions in Threat Assessment

1. What motivated the subject to make the statements, or take the action, that caused him/her to come to your attention?
2. What is the threat that the subject communicated to anyone concerning his/her intentions?
3. Has the subject referenced, or shown an interest in targeted violence, other violent events, perpetrators of targeted violence, weapons, extremist groups, or murder?
4. Has the subject engaged in attack-related behavior, including any menacing, harassing, and/or stalking-type behavior?
5. Does the subject have a history of mental illness involving command hallucinations, delusional ideas, suicidal beliefs, feelings of persecution, etc. with indications that the subject has *acted* on those beliefs?
6. How organized is the subject? Is he/she capable of developing and carrying out a plan?
7. Has the subject experienced a recent “loss” and/or loss of status, and has this loss led to feelings of desperation and despair?
8. Corroboration: What is the subject saying and is it consistent with his/her actions?
9. Is there concern among those who know the subject that he/she might take action based on inappropriate ideas?
10. What factors in the subject’s life and/or environment might increase/decrease, the likelihood of the subject attempting to attack a target?

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