What to do if you are presented with fraudulent documentation:

Typically, presenters of these fraudulent forms of identification are not dangerous. However, there have been several incidents of violence associated with anti-government extremists who use these types of identification. Accordingly, law enforcement personnel and other authorities should exercise caution. Recipients should immediately report information regarding anti-government extremist attempts to use fraudulent identification to their local FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Sharing of Information with FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces

Local and state uniformed police officers are often the first responders to crimes committed by sovereign citizen and other anti-government extremists. This brochure is provided so that law enforcement will have an understanding of some of the more popular fraudulent documentation that members associated with these movements use.

FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs)

FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs) operate in most major cities in the United States. Individuals who obtain information or have identified leads regarding domestic terrorism related activity of the type described in this brochure are requested to contact the JTTF located in their area.
What is the purpose of fraudulent documentation?
Sovereign citizens, militia members, and other anti-government extremists produce, use, and sell fraudulent identification for a variety of illegal purposes including attempts to impersonate law enforcement, elude arrest, access restricted government facilities, and avoid paying taxes and traffic tickets. None of these types of identification are legitimate and they are not recognized by federal, state, local or tribal authorities. These forms of identification can be divided into five basic categories:

- Badges
- Credentials/ID Cards
- Passports
- Driver’s Licenses
- License Plates

Badges
Fraudulent badges are used to give the impression of having law enforcement powers or to suggest the status of diplomat or ambassador. The World Service Authority (WSA), a private corporation supporting the idea of a world government, sells badges similar to those used by law enforcement. Another private entity has designed badges reading “Ambassador/Diplomat.” United States Constitution Ranger members view themselves as “constitutional policemen” or “constitutional protectors” and use a badge with a gold five pointed star, which closely resembles a sheriff’s badge.

Credentials/ID Cards
Fraudulent credentials and ID cards are often used in attempts to gain access to unauthorized areas such as military facilities, to avoid paying taxes and traffic tickets, and to board commercial domestic airline flights. A card that is gaining in popularity by Moorish Nation members contains the phrase “Tax Exempt.” Other fraudulent ID cards use terms such as “Diplomatic Agent” and “Apostille” to convey the impression of having sanctioned diplomatic immunity from all laws.

Passports
Sovereign citizen extremists have displayed counterfeit passports in attempts to board planes and avoid traffic tickets. The WSA manufactures a fraudulent passport listing seven different languages on the cover, which provides a genuine appearance. Kingdom of Heaven (KOH), a.k.a. Embassy of Heaven, an anti-government extremist group encouraging individuals to renounce government ties, produces official looking passports, which have been successfully used to board planes. The Republic of Texas, an assembly of sovereign citizen extremists, produces a passport, which has been used as a form of identification during traffic stops.

Driver’s Licenses
Fraudulent driver’s licenses are used during traffic stops in attempts to avoid traffic citations. Some of the most common are labeled as driver’s licenses, but others, such as one produced by the Moorish Nation, includes the phrase “Right to Road Travel.” The KOH sells a similar document, which lists a “Baptism” date rather than a birth date for the holder.

License Plates
Developing and displaying falsified license plates is a widespread practice. At quick glance, these license plates may appear to be legitimate. However, upon closer inspection, one can determine the plates are counterfeit because they list the name of a sovereign citizen extremist group instead of a US state.