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### **(U) Video Doorbell Devices Pose Risk to Law Enforcement in New Orleans, Louisiana as of 25 July 2017**

SOURCE: (U) An FBI Agent.

(U) The purpose of this Situational Information Report (SIR) is to provide information and raise law enforcement awareness of video doorbell capabilities which impact law enforcement safety and reveal law enforcement methods.

(U//LES) On 25 July 2017, FBI New Orleans served a search warrant regarding an ongoing investigation. Upon approaching the residence, FBI personnel identified a video doorbell at the residence. The subject of

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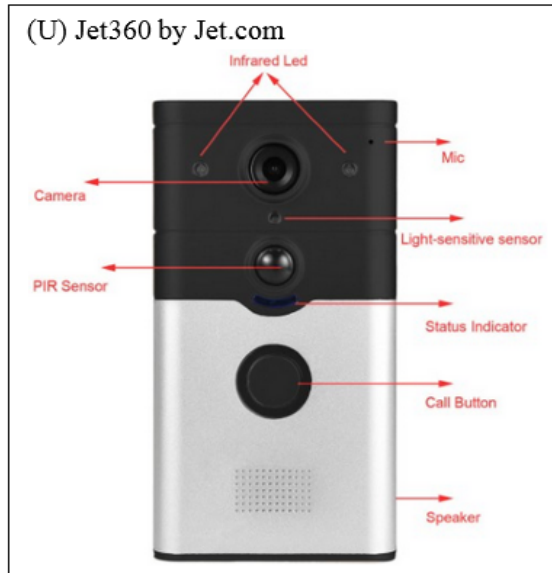
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the warrant was not in residence; however, the subject was able to see and hear everything happening at his residence through the Wi-Fi capable doorbell system and preemptively contacted his neighbor and landlord. The subject may have been able to covertly monitor law enforcement activity while law enforcement was on the premises.

(U) There are a variety of video doorbells and brands on the market with a variety of features including:

- HD video
- Two-way audio
- Infrared night vision
- Motion-activated alerts to a mobile device from a variety of distances
- Remote viewing via mobile device
- Audio/video recording and storage

(U) Potential video doorbells law enforcement may encounter include but are not limited to the following. All photos were taken from the manufacturer website.



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