

UAS (Drone) Retailer Awareness

Unmanned Aerial Systems “UAS” (often referred to by hobbyists as Drones) have been exploited by means of conducting surveillance, as well as weaponized and outfitted as a delivery vehicle to carry payloads, including explosives, by terrorists and those with nefarious intent.

Suspicious Behaviors and Indicators:

- Keen interest in maximum payload capacity and range as the main deciding factors at the point of purchase.
- Unusual interest in modifying drone to add additional functionality and to increase load capacity, range, and flight time.
- Interest in operating UAS over large crowds or persons not affiliated with the operator.
- Unusual questions indicating an interest in not registering the UAS in compliance with regulations.
- Questions pertaining to law enforcement capabilities in countering the UAS near mass-gathering events, sensitive facilities, or critical infrastructure.
- Insistence on paying in cash and keeping the sale private and “off the books.”
- Purchase of same components from multiple commercial or private sources.
- Use of UAS during unusual hours or locations, such as near sensitive facilities, important landmarks, government buildings, or critical infrastructure.



Report Any Suspicious Activity to

New York State Terrorism Tips Hotline

1-866-SAFE-NYS

(1-866-723-3697)

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