



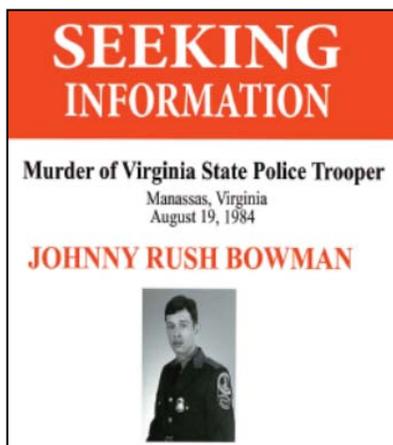
This Month at the WFO

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Former U.S. Consulate Guard Pleads Guilty to Espionage

Bryan Underwood, a former civilian guard at a U.S. Consulate compound under construction in China, pleaded guilty to attempting to sell classified photographs, information and access related to the new compound to China's Ministry of State Security (MSS) for personal financial gain. Underwood worked as a cleared American guard at the construction site of a new U.S. Consulate in Guangzhou for which he received a Top Secret clearance. Underwood was asked by U.S. law enforcement to participate in a project. Underwood then devised a plan to use his participation in this project as a cover for actually making contact with the Chinese government and selling it information and access to the Consulate. Underwood intended to sell this information for \$3 to \$5 mil. While on guard duty, Underwood took photos of a restricted building and its contents (including areas and information classified at the Secret level), created a schematic of all security upgrades, and drew a diagram of the surveillance camera locations at the Consulate. In August 2011, after falsely claiming to FBI agents that he made efforts to contact the MSS, Underwood admitted he planned to sell photos, information and access to the U.S. Consulate to the MSS for his personal financial gain. The U.S. government has found no evidence that Underwood succeeded in passing classified information to the MSS.



Reward Offered In Murder Investigation of Virginia State Police Trooper

The FBI, Virginia State Police, and Manassas City Police Department announced a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals responsible for the murder of Virginia State Trooper Johnny Rush Bowman. Early morning Aug. 19, 1984, Trooper Bowman answered the front door of his residence in the Bristoe Station development of Manassas, Va., and was repeatedly stabbed by an unknown assailant(s). Bowman's wife was home during the attack and called 911. The attacker(s) fled on foot from his home, leaving behind eyeglasses, a wig and a construction hard hat. Bowman died shortly thereafter at a local hospital. Twenty-eight years after his murder, advancements in forensic testing have identified new information regarding DNA found at the scene. Forensic evidence was originally submitted to the FBI Laboratory for testing in 1984. Additional tests were conducted in the late 1990s and again in 2010.

Accounts Payable Coordinator Sentenced for Embezzlement

Valencia Person, a former accounts payable coordinator for XM Satellite Radio, was sentenced this month to 15 months in prison for taking part in a scheme to embezzle more than \$900,000 from her former employer. Person was responsible for payments to large vendors of XM Satellite Radio. From 2005 to 2008, Person and an XM Satellite Radio Accounts Payable Administrator, Brenda Jones, embezzled nearly \$909,000 from the company. They secretly diverted at least 26 payments, which were supposed to go to XM vendors, to bank accounts held by Jones. They covered up the activities by altering data in the company's accounting system. Jones then gave a portion of the monies to Person. Jones resigned in 2006, however, more than \$690,000 of the money was transferred into her accounts after she had left the company. According to Person, she personally benefitted from the scheme in an amount not exceeding \$125,000. Jones pled guilty in Jan. 2012.



Future Agents in Training

Thirty-seven high school students from Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C., met this month at the WFO for the [Future Agents in Training \(FAIT\)](#) program. During their week-long program, participants learned about the FBI's investigative and intelligence driven mission and the types of criminal violations that the FBI investigates through our Criminal, Counterterrorism, Intelligence and Counterintelligence divisions. Students applied what they learned through a hands-on bank robbery scenario at the FBI Academy

where they served as FBI agents who interviewed witnesses, collected evidence and even made an arrest. FAIT is an annual program held the first week of each August. Applications for next year's program will be available on the [WFO's community outreach website](#) in January 2013.

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