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### THREATS AGAINST THE LIVES OF MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES, VIPs OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS

1. When a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary or Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve learns of a threat to the life of any person, details of the threat will be passed forthwith to the local Special Branch.
2. Depending on the category of the person threatened the receiving Special Branch officer will take the following action:

(1) VIPs

Details of the threat to be passed immediately to Special Branch, Headquarters (E3) who will then notify Security Branch (DI Security). DI Security will be responsible for all further action including notifying the threatened VIP and the sub-divisional commander in whose area the VIP resides and works. Local Special Branch should be informed by the receiving Special Branch officer, where applicable, but no other action should be taken by local Special Branch.

Outside normal office hours the Security Branch officer on call can be contacted through FCIC (where a 'Call-Out Rota' for Security Branch personnel will be held).

A VIP is defined as a Member of Parliament, members of the Judiciary, Magistrates, the Director of Public Prosecutions, Crown Prosecutors, members of the Police Authority and civil servants of Permanent Secretary rank and above.

Where doubt exists as to the standing of the person threatened they should be advised, in the first instance, by local police as per paragraph 2(?) (other persons). The matter can then be referred to Security Branch for clarification and follow up action where appropriate.

(2) RUC/RUCR Members

The Special Branch officer receiving the information will if the threatened member works in his area of responsibility, immediately brief the member's sub-divisional commander fully on the assessed threat. If the threatened member works elsewhere, he will immediately inform the Special Branch of