United States Department of Agriculture

"The Food Safety and Inspection Service is the public health agency in the United States Department of Agriculture responsible for ensuring that the nation's commercial supply of meat, poultry, and processed egg products is safe, secure, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged"

FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE'S (FSIS') COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (CID)

CID investigates violations of the food safety, food defense, and other consumer protection statutory requirements, controls unsafe or violative products through detentions, civil seizures, and voluntary recalls; and develops cases through surveillance and investigation activities to ensure that appropriate criminal, administrative, and civil sanctions are carried out according to Agency laws, regulations and directives.

FSIS REQUESTS YOUR ASSISTANCE

On June 21, 2000, two Federal Investigators and one State Investigator were shot and killed during a food safety inquiry at a sausage plant. A second State Investigator escaped after being fired upon and chased down a busy street. The Investigators called for local police back up. Because the request was made calmly and in a measured tone, back up was not immediately dispatched. The perpetrator was arrested and convicted on three counts of capital murder and one count of attempted murder.

CID Investigators do **not** carry weapons. If they encounter violent subjects or hostile and dangerous situations, they require police assistance. When Compliance Investigators believe they may encounter resistance, they make advance arrangements for Federal or State Police assistance. If a hostile situation develops without warning, they call local police. These calls must be handled as any other request for law enforcement assistance. Please keep in mind that Compliance Investigators may speak calmly to avoid aggravating the situation. Ask if the call is urgent.

Questions

If you have questions about FSIS investigations or wish to request more information, please call the CID Regional Director at:

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