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1. Submitted by: HQ AFSPA/SPSS, Kirtland AFB NM
2. Operation/event name: Vandalism to NAVSTAR Global Positioning System Satellite at Rockwell International, Seal Beach, CA, May 92
3. Keywords: USAF Contractor/Vandalism/Insider Threat
4. Title: Vandalism to NAVSTAR Global Positioning System Satellite at Rockwell International, Seal Beach, CA
5. Observation: On 10 May 1992, two male subjects gained unauthorized entrance to the Rockwell International facility at Seal Beach, California, by jumping an exterior fence and entering through an unsecured exterior door. The subjects, who had no DOD affiliation, wore Rockwell company shirts and had handmade badges that closely resembled the badges used by Rockwell employees. They carried two large axes, a machete, and bolt cutters. While one individual smashed several interior windows to distract the attention of employees, the other broke into a room containing a NAVSTAR satellite and destroyed it with an axe. The subjects were subdued and detained by Rockwell employees and turned over to police. Federal Bureau of Investigation assumed responsibility for the investigation with assistance from AFOSI. Both individuals requested legal counsel and have been incarcerated pending trial.
6. Discussion: Damage to the satellite was estimated at \$1.5 M. The FBI advised that one of the individuals is a known dissident who has committed previous acts of civil disobedience. The investigation is ongoing.
7. Lessons Learned: This incident highlights that USAF resources may be vulnerable even before they are deployed. System security engineers may use this example to emphasize that systems must be protected even in the absence of a known threat.
8. Recommended Action: None
9. OPR Comments: None