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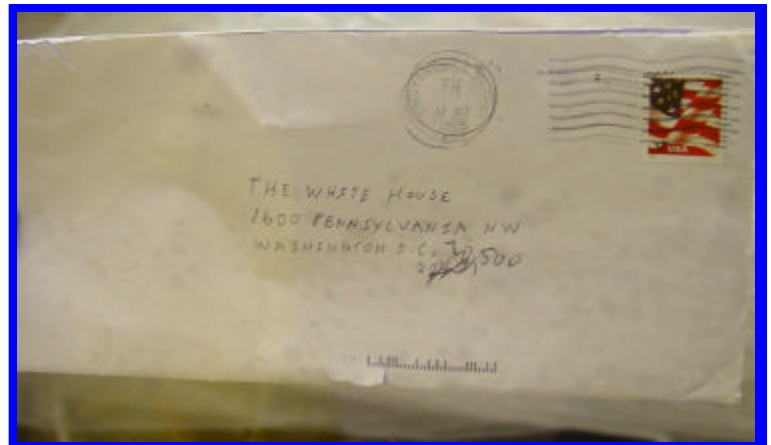
\$120,000 REWARD

A reward is being offered of up to \$120,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) responsible for the mailing of letters containing the poison ricin and ricin derivative.

Threatening communications inside each envelope made reference to pending hours-of-service regulations by the Department of Transportation; specifically, the number of hours truck drivers would be allowed to drive before a required rest period. The substance in the first letter was enclosed in a small metal vial.



*“caution RICIN POISON”
“Enclosed in sealed
container”
“Do not open without
proper protection”*



**First letter discovered in Greenville, SC on
10/15/2003:**

The following is a representation of the language contained in the threat letter:

“to the department of transportation: I’m a fleet owner of a tankard company. I have easy access to castor pulp. If my demand is dismissed I’m capable of making Ricin. My demand is simple, January 4 2004 starts the new hours of service for trucks which include a ridiculous ten hours in the sleeper berth. Keep at eight. You have been warned this is the only letter that will be sent by me.”

**Second letter postmarked in Chattanooga, TN on
10/17/2003:**

“Department of Transportation

*If you change the hours of service on January 4, 2004 I will turn D.C. into a ghost town
The powder on the letter is RICIN
have a nice day”*

Fallen Angel

The person(s) responsible for these threats infers a connection to the trucking/transportation industry, but any potential leads should be reported.

Anyone having information, contact the Tip Line 1-866-839-6241

All information will be held in strict confidence. Reward payment will be made in accordance with conditions of Postal Service Reward Poster 296, dated February 2000.

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