



# SNCTC 2026 Major Incident

## Chinese Biolab Investigation



# SNCTC Snapshot

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- DHS Recognized Fusion Center
- Designated Fusion Center in Nevada
- Hosted by LVMPD
- 36 Agencies Total (19 full time)
  - Federal - 15
  - State - 4
  - Local – 15
  - Other - 2
- Capability
  - 24/7 RTIC and DOC
  - Terrorism Investigations, Analysis, Emergency Management, Outreach and Education, Corrections Intelligence Coordination



# Initial Reporting and Investigation

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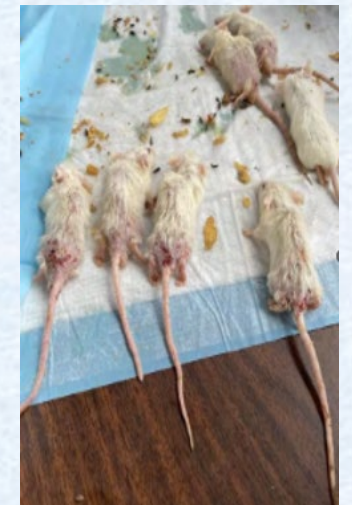
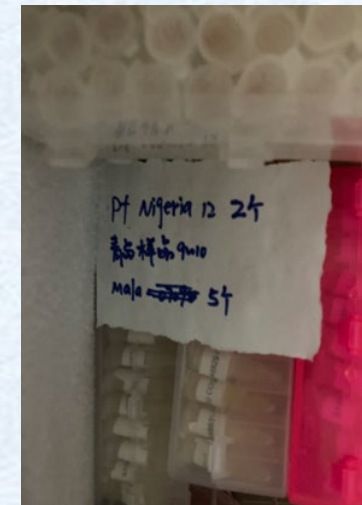
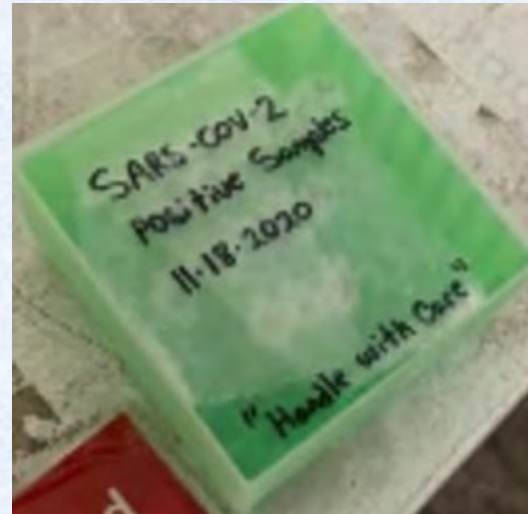
- SNCTC CTS advised by FBI LV in January 2026
- Confirmation residences were related to subjects involved in Reedley Lab
- Confirmation that reporting matched description of items from Reedley
- Confirmation that subjects were not legally authorized to have items



# The Reedley Lab

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- Discovered by Code Enforcement in late 2022
  - Observed numerous hazardous material markings
- Warrant served in March 2023
  - Destruction of suspected Bio, Viral, and parasites
- Congressional Inquiries





# Attempt to Open LV Lab

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- Attempt to Open a Lab in Las Vegas
- Items were moved from CA to unlicensed lab location and residence
  - Items moved from Charleston address to Sugar Springs address in late 2023
- Homes used as STRs with identified property manager





# The Search Warrant

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- Jan 31/Feb 1 – Search Warrant on both residences
- Numerous agencies involved
- Evidence of biological hazards
- Evidence of test kit fraud



# Testing Process

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- 1,266 documented samples recovered by FBI HERT and shipped to lab
- 15 items tested
  - Flu A and Flu B
- LVMPD requests items be returned
  - Stored at SNPHL
- Testing of additional samples to commence soon



# Key Takeaways

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- Chinese Government
  - Interest in Biological Laboratories
    - Lack of legislation / clear authority to regulate or investigate
  - Subnational engagement in Nevada
    - Unauthorized travel and meetings with community leaders
  - Transnational repression in Nevada
    - Intimidation and violence committed by government directed persons on dissidents
- SLTT engagement with the counterintelligence mission
- Multi-Agency environment in SNCTC was critical to outcome