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2. Operation/event name: Unauthorized Entry to Military Airlift Aircraft (Desert Shield), at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, Aug 90
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5. Observation: At 1730 hours, 22 August 1990, at the Davis-Monthan AFB aircraft parking area, an Army reserve lieutenant colonel attempted to board a Civil Reserve Airlift Fleet (CRAF) Priority C airliner picking up personnel deploying from Fort Huachuca. The aircraft was bound for Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Shield. The individual was dressed in jungle fatigues, mismatched top and bottom, and wore a Special Forces beret. The individual used altered travel orders to gain access to the aircraft and came within one person of receiving a seat on the aircraft. The alteration was pen and ink on a set of old orders, but the alteration fooled several people controlling access, until the troop commander became suspicious and called for security police assistance. Upon security police arrival, the altered travel orders were examined and the individual was placed at a disadvantage and searched. The individual had his reserve lieutenant colonel ID, an active duty major ID, a Fort Huachuca civilian employee ID, a diplomatic passport, and two driver's licenses. The suspect stated that he was on leave when Fort Bragg called and ordered him to the Middle East by the most expeditious route. After trying to verify his story, his possessions and car were searched. Ammunition, a handgun, two rifles, and several knives were secured. The suspect was identified as a lieutenant colonel in the inactive reserves but he was not among those being recalled to active duty. He had also been dismissed from his civil service position at Fort Huachuca for "bizarre behavior." The suspect failed to surrender his active duty ID and diplomatic passport from his former job as a State Department investigator. The final disposition of the suspect was that he suffers from mental disorders and he was remanded to the custody of civil officials.
6. Discussion: Security and circulation control procedures around the passenger terminal were tightened. It was determined that the suspect's possession of valid DOD identification media, knowledge of the procedures, and wear of the uniform led to air terminal personnel allowing the individual's near-deployment. While more stringent efforts were instituted after the incident, it was determined that little could be done to prevent recurrence given an identical situation due to the pace of the deployments and the ability of the subject to produce the proper credentials. Only the suspicions of the troop commander probably prevented this individual from deploying.
7. Lessons Learned: This incident highlighted for security planners the importance of an effective security awareness program and the vulnerabilities caused by the insider threat.
8. Recommended Action: None
9. OPR Comments: None