Safety Planning for Judges: From Preattack Indicators to Protecting Personally Identifiable Information

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The recent history of judicial attacks and assassinations has been paved by bad actors who have exploited online personal information to carry out their attacks. This session will address safety and security planning for judges and their families at home, where most targeted attacks occur, and digitally. Discussions will center on the attacker's pathway to violence and pre-incident indicators, the importance of situational awareness, and what a judge can do to mitigate their risk in this ever-polarizing environment. Tips on protective measures will be offered on how best to secure one's home and digital footprint.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand pathway to violence behavior of a judicial pursuer.
- Identify strategies in your work and home environment to reduce victimization.
- Develop skills to conduct your own risk assessment.

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