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Tara Conway is a Threat Management Consultant with SIGMA Threat Management Associates. She has experience collaborating with national and international intelligence agencies, Department of Defense elements, as well as local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to analyze threats and coordinate efforts in the areas of response and prevention. She has a diverse background in threat assessment, having worked in the areas of protective intelligence, safety in schools, preventing targeted terrorist violence, and biometrics. Prior to joining SIGMA, Tara worked with the U.S. Secret Service for ten years in threat assessment and protective intelligence, where she served as a senior analyst in the Intelligence Division and National Threat Assessment Center. She was responsible for the case management of subjects considered dangerous to U.S. Secret Service protectees. Additionally, she was responsible for the research, development, and preparation of threat assessments on numerous protectees, visiting Heads of State, and foreign dignitaries. She developed and presented training in support of protective intelligence investigations and provided intelligence support in the coordinating centers of major events, such as the Democratic National Convention and the World Trade Organization. Tara also managed a program designed to enlist the support of psychiatrists contracted by the U.S. Secret Service to consult on cases involving subjects with mental illness who were likely to conduct violent action against U.S. Secret Service protectees. In this role, she established a liaison between the mental health community, law enforcement agencies, and protective intelligence subjects. Tara has assisted various federal agencies with full-scale project management design and coordination. She is an accomplished briefer, having presented to well over 15,000 members of local, state and federal law enforcement, private sector companies, and school personnel on matters of threat assessment and other intelligence topics. She has conducted research and analysis for Department of Homeland Security and Department of Defense initiatives in the areas of: bio-surveillance, first responder capabilities for disaster and emergency response, law enforcement and corrections requirements for new technologies and policy/doctrine development, trends in global and domestic terrorism to inform and facilitate corresponding policy and training, combatant commands policy development, securing the nation's border and ports of entry, and training cadre design and development for behavioral intelligence teams. Tara has a B.A. and an M.A. in Psychology. She is trained in threat assessment and protective intelligence.