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Lea Bauer is a Senior Threat Manager with SIGMA Threat Management Associates. For SIGMA, Ms. Bauer provides threat assessment training and consultation to K-12 schools, colleges and universities, workplaces, and high-profile individuals and families. In June 2019, Ms. Bauer retired as a Senior Special Agent with the United States Secret Service, where she spent 20 years providing physical security and conducting threat assessments for Secret Service protectees. In addition, she investigated and assisted with the prosecution of numerous complex investigations involving violations of federal law. During her tenure with the Secret Service, Ms. Bauer worked as a Special Agent in several states and in Washington, DC. Some notable assignments included working in intelligence where she analyzed potential threats to the President and Vice President from both counterintelligence and counterterrorism entities. She was also assigned to the National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC), a division within the Secret Service that was tasked by Congress to provide guidance and training both within the Secret Service and to its law enforcement, public safety, and academic partners. As a member of NTAC, Ms. Bauer conducted training on topics including Preventing Assassination, The Safe School Initiative, The Insider Threat Study, Security Breaches, and Preventing Attacks on Public Officials. In addition, she worked directly with the Department of Defense to develop and conduct training on Threats from Islamic Extremists, Recruitment and Radicalization, Terrorist Financing and Interviewing Techniques for Guantanamo Bay detainees. During her career, Ms. Bauer was recognized as a leading investigator both within the Secret Service and among outside agencies. She was awarded with the prestigious “Excellence in Investigations” presented by the Department of Justice in both the Central District of California and the Southern District of Texas and was runner-up for Special Agent of the Year within the Secret Service. Prior to joining the Secret Service, Ms. Bauer worked several years in the fields of clinical psychology and clinical neuropsychology. She also owned her own private practice as a licensed psychotherapist. Ms. Bauer has a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Education in Counseling Psychology from Georgia Southern University. She is a licensed private investigator and certified fraud examiner.