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Lea Bauer is a Senior Threat Manager with SIGMA Threat Management Associates LLC. She has over 20 years of experience in the fields of threat assessment and management, protective intelligence, physical security operations, executive protection and investigations. Ms. Bauer serves as a member of SIGMA's threat assessment team, routinely providing threat assessment consultation and training to K-12 schools, colleges and universities, workplaces, and high-profile individuals and families. She is a licensed private investigator, and as such, is SIGMA's primary resource for conducting and analyzing investigative data used to ascertain an individual's violence risk. She is a member of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP) and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE). Ms. Bauer retired as a Senior Special Agent with the United States Secret Service, where she provided physical security and conducted threat assessments for Secret Service protectees. 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 numerous topics including The Safe School Initiative, The Insider Threat Study, 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 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. 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.