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**From:** Pistole, John S. [mailto:John.Pistole@ic.fbi.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 23, 2009 5:47 PM  
**To:** Brennan, John O.  
**Subject:**

John,

We have a hostage situation in a post office in rural SW Virginia, (Wytheville) with Richmond FBI SWAT and negotiators responding, w/ HRT advisors assisting. It appears there are five hostages, two postal employees along with three customers. Subject is in a wheelchair, apparently fired rounds, but nobody killed or wounded, and may have C-4 and/or hand grenades. Local sheriff requested our assistance. Perimeter established. We have two agents from a local RA (Bristol, VA) who just arrived.

Subject may have a son who was killed in service in Afghanistan recently.

I'll keep you apprised as things develop.

John