

Protective Intelligence Threat Assessment: Selena Gomez

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Thomas Brodnicki was brought to the attention of the protective intelligence for Selena Gomez, resulting in his threats to Gomez about his discussions with god and emails about their meeting. He also took several trips across the US from his home location to her work in hopes of meeting Gomez.

Behaviors of Concern

- Approaching the protectee
- Visiting the home and work of the protectee
- Trespassing on protectee residence
- Communication of Inappropriate interest related to the protectee
- Multiple travel arrangements were made in hopes of meeting the protectee
- Communicating to his psychiatrist that he had discussions with god about killing the protectee

Potential Threat to the Client

Brodnicki has told psychologists that god has told him to kill Ms. Gomez. It is necessary to remember that the perception of the reality of an individual is the reality. Investigators for Brodnicki must view the outcome from Brodnicki's perspective and his view of the situation. Because he sees the world this way, he will react this way. All threats, even those of the mentally ill, should be taken seriously.

Identifying Information

Name and aliases: Thomas Brodnicki

○ *Date of birth:* -01-06-1965 (Daily Mail Photo from article, 2011)

- ○ *Social security and military identification numbers:* N/A

○ *Current address:*

- Former- Des Plaines, IL. Possible address- 922 White Birch La, Westmont, IL 60559-1096 (Official USA, 2022) email: dorbnick@netscape.net

○ *Names and addresses of close relatives:*

Charles M Brodnicki, [Susan M Brodnicki](#), Julie A Brodnicki; (630) 455-0466, (630) 710-0226
(Official USA, 2022)

○ *Physical description and current photograph:* 6 ft tall, sandy blonde hair, blue eyes. (Daily Mail Photo from article, 2011)



○ *Handwriting samples:* N/A

Background Information

○ *Education and training:* Unknown

○ *Criminal history:* Brodnicki has been arrested multiple times for stalking, threatening, or harassing women. He has received jail and prison time due to cyberstalking a woman in Des Plaines, IL.

○ **History of violent behavior:** He was arrested on the streets for threatening passersby that he would scratch their eyes out. He has made threats but has never been arrested for violence.

○ **Military history:** None

○ **History of expertise with and use of weapons:** Unknown

○ **Marital and relationship history:** Single at the time of the incident, no known relationships

○ **Employment history:** Unemployed

○ **Mental health history:** He has been placed on a psychiatric hold and has had multiple incidents that have forced him to see a psychiatrist. He claims to have discussions with god about killing Gomez and the two of them being chosen by god. (TMZ editors, 2011)

○ **History of grievances:** None known

○ **History of harassing others:** Yes, primarily women whom he has unrealistic views of their relationship and begins following them.

○ **Interest in extremist ideas or radical groups:** None known

○ **Travel history, especially the previous year:** Multiple travel arrangements from his hometown to wherever Selena works.

Current Life Situation and Circumstances: Employment unknown. His residence is listed as a hotel he has been staying at for the past week, likely indicating that he is homeless. He is not in a relationship with anyone. He seems religious but says he speaks to god about killing Gomez.

(Newstex Blog, 2011)

Financial Situation: Unknown, but somehow able to fund his trips from Chicago to LA on multiple occasions.

Motivation

Brodnicki does not seem to be concerned much with media attention. His preoccupation with Gomez appears to come from a place of infatuation and delusion, which are also his stalking motives. The motivation behind harming Ms. Gomez and thoughts of killing her through discussions with god is formed from an impaired mental state that needs immediate attention. Due to his delusions and thoughts of harming others, he is not safe to be around and should be put on medical hold in a psychiatric facility while he receives medical attention for his current state.

Because of Brodnicki's record of harassing and stalking women, an extensive evaluation should be conducted into what triggers this and his medical diagnosis. This information will then give insight into whether Brodnicki is stable enough to leave the psychiatric facility at any time soon.

Brodnicki is physically able to overtake a woman, and his height of 6 ft tall gives him an advantage. His psychological state is most concerning. At any moment, he could become threatening and even lethal to anyone in his surroundings. He is very dangerous, and any threat should be taken seriously due to his sporadic behavior and hallucinations of speaking with god.

Threat Mitigation Plan

ID	Date raised	Risk description	Likelihood	Impact	Severity	Owner	Mitigating Action	Contingent Action	Progress on actions	Status
[15]	[12/12/2015]	[There is a risk that... If this happens.....]	[High/Medium/Low]	[High/Medium/Low]	[High/Medium/Low]. See Severity Table]	[Person managing the risk]	[Actions can be taken to reduce the likelihood of the risk occurring. May also be acceptance of the risk or transference of the risk, e.g., insurance]	[What will be done if this risk does occur? Usually, actions to reduce the impact on the project]	[Action was taken and date. E.g., Update 13/12/2019 mitigation actions implemented]	[Open, Waiting, Closed]
		Brodnicki approaches Gomez at work	Medium/High	medium	Medium	Personal security, building security	Cameras inform all people in the vicinity, have more security personnel, have officers in the vicinity, and have situational awareness.	Searched for weapons, Escorted from the area immediately, and taken to police custody.	N/A	Open
		Brodnicki comes to Gomez Home	Medium/high	high	High	Personal security team	Increase Building security, increase security cameras and motion detectors, inform neighbors of threats, and Consider moving residence.	Apprehended and searched. Taken to police custody	N/A	Open

		Sends Gomez threatening letters/emails	high	high	Low/medium/high	Hire a person to monitor Gomez's emails and physical mail	Have a person read all incoming emails, Have a person that receives Gomez's mail for possible bombs or threats	TBD	N/A	Open
		Risk 1&2: does these with intent to harm	Medium/high	high	High	Same	Same as above	Same as above	N/A	Open
		Approaches Gomez in public	medium	Medium/high	Medium/high	Gomez security team	Up the security that attends to Gomez and Provides comprehensive physical protection.	Apprehended, Search, and take into police custody	N/A	Open
		With intent to harm	medium	high	high	Same	Same	Same as above, plus notify any person in the vicinity as a witness and for their safety	N/A	Open

Conclusion

Brodnicki poses a real threat to Selena Gomez. His mental state is unstable, and any ideas he has stated have the potential to materialize. Gomez needs to enhance her security team and the security around her home. At work, all people must be informed of the dangers that Brodnicki poses to Selena and anyone in her presence.

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