## **Feature Article**

## Healthcare Threat Management: What's Different & Why

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Unlike other industries, in healthcare, some potential victims have treating relationships with those who threaten them. This by itself creates a unique challenge, but healthcare has still more hurdles to offer the healthcare threat manager.

## Street vs. Suite Violence

In John Monahan's seminal 1981 book *The Clinical Prediction of Violent Behavior*, he begins, quite logically, with a discussion of the definition of violence. "Corporate violence" he described as deliberate decision-making by corporate executives that results in unreasonable risk of physical harm.<sup>i</sup>

Recent examples of "corporate violence" include General Motors' ignition switch litigation, in which GM admitted it knew about ignition swit.811.04 103.8 BDC 11..5 (o)1.u2 (t)1.73gf oror thn a udecudebdef or(i)-0.6 (s)1-0.6 u(i)-0.6 n(g)-1 a (r)-5.3 decal Reportedly for decades, Remington denied a trigger problem in its model 700 rifle. In 2015, a peanut company owner was

sentenced to 28 years behind bars for

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prevent violence."<sup>iii</sup> Healthcare threat management strategies to prevent incidents of "street" violence range from least intrusive (e.g., actively monitoring a situation to detect change) to most intrusive (e.g., arrest, prosecution, that we randomly selected for review. Policies support

	the statistics. When Type II violence
	statistics are reported to have risen, it can
	be helpful to know if the rising violence is
	of an intentional or unintentional type, as
	well as whether or not the increase
	reflects an increase in reporting or instead
	is truly reflective of rising incidents, not
	just reporting. Many reports on WPV to
	healthcare facilities rely on voluntary
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