

Let's just define what we are up against:

War Hunters

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War hunters — a term describing individuals, organizations, or networks that deliberately seek out, identify, target, exploit, attack, abduct, intimidate, or otherwise harm people, property, businesses, vehicles, homes, infrastructure, or other civilian targets, particularly when taking advantage of conditions involving conflict, political instability, organized crime, terrorism, drug trafficking, social disorder, or other circumstances that make victims more vulnerable.

The term may include the targeting of **individuals, families, homes, vehicles, businesses, workplaces, medical facilities, universities, community institutions, communications systems, transportation, and other civilian property or infrastructure.**

Targeting of People

War hunters may target people who are:

- Asleep or alone
- In darkness or isolated locations
- Intoxicated, drugged, or incapacitated
- Medically vulnerable or experiencing a medical emergency
- Unconscious or otherwise unable to protect themselves
- Children or otherwise particularly vulnerable
- Being transported, detained, kidnapped, or trafficked
- Subjected to coercion, intimidation, threats, or extortion

Such conduct may include **kidnapping, assault, sexual violence, trafficking, forced labor, poisoning, drugging or drug facilitated exploitation, robbery, extortion, intimidation, or other forms of violence or coercion.**

Targeting of Homes and Property

May also include deliberate targeting of:

- Private homes and residences
- Vehicles
- Businesses and workplaces
- Farms and other private property

- Community buildings
- Medical facilities
- Schools and educational institutions
- Religious or cultural institutions
- Communications and transportation infrastructure
- Utilities and other essential civilian infrastructure

This may involve **burglary, arson, vandalism, sabotage, destruction of property, theft, intimidation, surveillance, trespass, attacks, or other unlawful interference**, depending on the circumstances.

Drug Facilitated Targeting

War hunters may use or exploit **intoxicating or incapacitating substances** to make victims more vulnerable. This could include deliberately administering drugs, secretly introducing substances into something consumed by a victim, or exploiting someone who is already intoxicated or incapacitated.

The presence of fentanyl or another drug may be used as **intentional targeting or criminal conduct**.

Conflict and Organized Criminal Activity

May also encompass actors who exploit conflict or instability for:

- Financial gain
- Political influence
- Territorial control
- Trafficking
- Recruitment
- Intelligence gathering
- Extortion
- Kidnapping
- Smuggling
- Organized criminal activity
- Attacks against civilian populations or property

Where multiple actors coordinate these activities, the conduct may constitute an **organized criminal enterprise or other coordinated network**, depending on the evidence and applicable law.

War Crimes and International Law

Some conduct can constitute **war crimes**, including certain acts of willful killing, torture, cruel treatment, kidnapping, intentionally directing attacks against civilians, hostage taking, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law.

“War hunters” seek exploitation of vulnerable targets—**people, homes, vehicles, businesses, institutions, or infrastructure**—for purposes of violence, coercion, exploitation, criminal profit, territorial control, intimidation, or other strategic objectives.