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### NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE STUDIES PARALLELS BETWEEN “LONE WOLVES” AND MASS MURDERERS

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs’ National Institute of Justice (NIJ), today released its latest product from NIJ’s Research and Evaluation Program on Domestic Radicalization to Violent Extremism. “*What Can We Learn From the Similarities and Differences Between Lone Wolf Terrorists and Mass Murderers?*” discusses NIJ-funded research that examined whether the pathways to acts of violence were similar for lone actor terrorists and mass murderers.

Today’s release is the result of NIJ’s efforts to develop knowledge of radicalization and violent extremism in the United States. More information about today’s publication and other NIJ programs is available here: [www.nij.gov](http://www.nij.gov)

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