



# FIELD ANALYSIS REPORT



Regional Analysis with National Perspective.

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## (U//FOUO) California: Recent Violent Clashes Suggest Heightened Threat Environment at Lawfully Organized White Supremacist Events

(U//FOUO) Prepared by the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (OCIAC) and the Central California Intelligence Center (CCIC) with contributions from the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A).

(U//FOUO) **Scope:** This Field Analysis Report (FAR) highlights two recent violent domestic extremist clashes in California, puts them in local and national context, and the appendices provide symbols and behavioral indicators to assist law enforcement in identifying and mitigating the threat of violence from ideologically-inspired actors.\* This FAR focuses on domestic terrorists who seek to further political or social goals through unlawful acts of violence. Specifically, it considers the activities of anarchist extremists and white supremacist extremists, which are violent subsets of broader non-violent movements.†‡ Domestic terrorists differ from individuals who non-violently campaign for social change, even though they may share similar anarchist or white supremacist ideological beliefs.

### (U) Key Points

- (U//FOUO) Two violent clashes in 2016 in Sacramento and Anaheim between anarchist extremists and lawfully protesting white supremacists at legally permitted rallies highlight the attractiveness of such events to domestic extremists intent on committing violence.
- (U//FOUO) Some anarchist extremists and lawfully protesting white supremacists came to the events with weapons, suggesting that they were prepared to engage in violence. Most of the attackers, however, used makeshift weapons.
- (U//FOUO) We assess (b) (3) (A), (b) (5)

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† (U//FOUO) DHS defines anarchist extremists as groups or individuals who facilitate or engage in acts of unlawful violence as a means of changing the government and society in support of the belief that all forms of capitalism and corporate globalization should be opposed and that governing institutions are unnecessary and harmful to society.

‡ (U//FOUO) DHS defines white supremacist extremists as groups or individuals who facilitate or engage in acts of unlawful violence directed at the federal government, ethnic minorities, or Jewish persons in support of their belief that Caucasians are intellectually and morally superior to other races and their perception that the government is controlled by Jewish persons.

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**(U//FOUO) Ideological Justification for Violence**

(U//FOUO) Anarchist extremists adhere to varying violent interpretations of anarchist ideology; however, (b) (3) (A), (b) (5) we assess (b) (3) (A), (b) (5)

**(U//FOUO) Recent Violence in Sacramento and Anaheim**

(U//LES) Two separate incidents of violent clashes in Sacramento and Anaheim, California between lawfully protesting white supremacists and anarchist extremists highlight that future similar events—such as rallies, concerts, marches, and meetings—are likely to be flashpoints for ideologically-inspired violence. We assess that (b) (3) (A), (b) (5)

However, most individuals engaging in violence used makeshift weapons in both events and justified their use of violence with claims of self-defense according to police reports.

- (U) On 26 June 2016 at the State Capitol building in Sacramento, violent anti-fascists, including anarchist extremist elements, attacked a group of white supremacists who gathered for a legally permitted rally, “to protest globalization and in defense of the right to self-expression.”<sup>1,2,\*</sup> Violent clashes occurred at multiple locations on the Capitol grounds between the two groups. Physical assaults included the use of 12-inch buck knives, pepper spray, wooden stakes used as clubs, rocks and bottles as projectiles, and bladed weapons. Additionally, according to media reporting, a loaded 9mm pistol was found at the scene, and the Capitol building was locked down during the incident.<sup>3,4</sup> In total, the attack resulted in 12 people injured, 6 of whom were stabbed.<sup>5</sup> No arrests were made at the time of the incident; however, the investigation is ongoing.
- (U//LES) On 27 February 2016, violence erupted at a legally permitted white supremacist rally in Anaheim after anarchist extremist elements of a violent anti-fascist group attacked white supremacists moments after the white supremacists arrived at the publically announced rally locations. According to police reports, violent anti-fascists punched and kicked the white supremacists; hurled rocks, bottles and other projectiles; and assaulted them with makeshift weapons including wooden sticks, clubs, and a skateboard.<sup>6</sup> One of the white supremacists used a flagpole defensively as a weapon to stab the attackers, and two other anarchist extremists were stabbed with a knife and an unidentified weapon.<sup>7</sup> On 30 June 2016, seven anarchist extremists were arrested on various charges of battery, assault, and resisting arrest related to the attack, and an additional attacker remains at large.<sup>8</sup> These seven anarchist extremists are awaiting trial, and no white supremacists were charged in relation to the incident.<sup>9,10</sup>
- (U//FOUO) In an event we judge (b) (3) (A), (b) (5) at a park in Lake Los Angeles, three white supremacist extremists were arrested after allegedly harassing and throwing punches at a group of Hispanics. According to media reports, the harassment consisted of yelling “Heil Hitler” and racial slurs while waving around a wallet with a confederate flag. Additionally, the attackers also allegedly pulled knives on a family that tried to intervene and then fled when police arrived. There were no serious injuries during the attack.<sup>11</sup> In March 2016, the subjects were charged and later convicted in July 2016 on felony charges of

\* (U//FOUO) Rally motivations have been included in this paper solely for the purpose of highlighting for law enforcement that these types of events may be attractive targets for anarchist extremists intent on violent confrontation.

assault with a deadly weapon: not a firearm, and each received a four year suspended prison sentence and served credit of 261 days in the Los Angeles County Jail.<sup>12,13</sup>

(U//FOUO) Similar, although less violent, clashes between anarchist extremists and lawfully protesting white supremacists occurred during rallies in Sacramento in 2012 and Los Angeles in 2010. Both of these incidents resulted in injuries to police responders. Lethal weapons such as knives and firearms used in the 2016 events were not found in the 2012 or 2010 rallies. This suggests (b) (3) (A), (b) (5)



- (U//FOUO) In February 2012 at the State Capitol in Sacramento, suspected anarchist extremists violently clashed with a group of white supremacists at the white supremacists' legally permitted rally intended to draw public attention to black-on-white violence in South Africa. The anarchist extremists threw cans and bottles at the white supremacists and police officers. Two officers were injured after being struck by thrown objects. The incident also resulted in an interruption to the city's light rail system. Some individuals in attendance claimed to have traveled from the San Francisco Bay area to attend the event.<sup>16</sup> Three anarchist extremists at the event were arrested for resisting, delaying, or obstructing a law enforcement officer, as well as resisting an executive officer. One individual's charges were dismissed, and the others were convicted and served sentences of 60 days on a work project and 180 days in jail.<sup>17</sup>
- (U) In April 2010 at a white supremacist rally against illegal immigration on the south lawn of Los Angeles City Hall, individuals—including one suspected anarchist extremist—attacked white supremacists by throwing rocks, branches, and other projectiles over the police line. The violence erupted after a white supremacist removed his shirt revealing his Nazi "SS" lightning bolt tattoos—offending some individuals within the crowd. Additionally, projectiles were thrown at police officers who were attempting to quell the crowd. There were no injuries reported other than to police, and no arrests occurred at the event.<sup>18</sup>

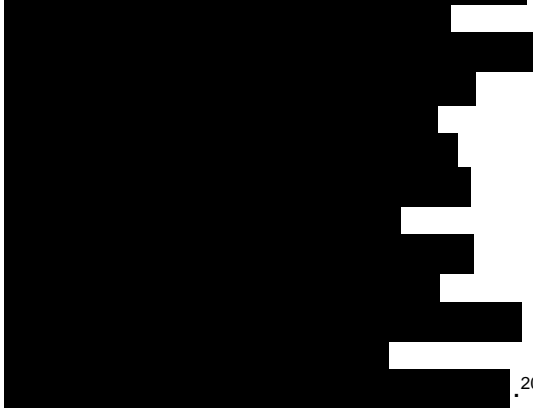


(U//FOUO) **Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures Used in Sacramento and Anaheim Events**

(U//FOUO) Anarchist extremists mobilized from across the region and state to participate in violence at the Sacramento rally, and some were motivated to attend by the earlier violent clash in Anaheim. We (b) (3) (A), (b) (5)



- (U//FOUO) According to law enforcement, (b) (3) (A), (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)



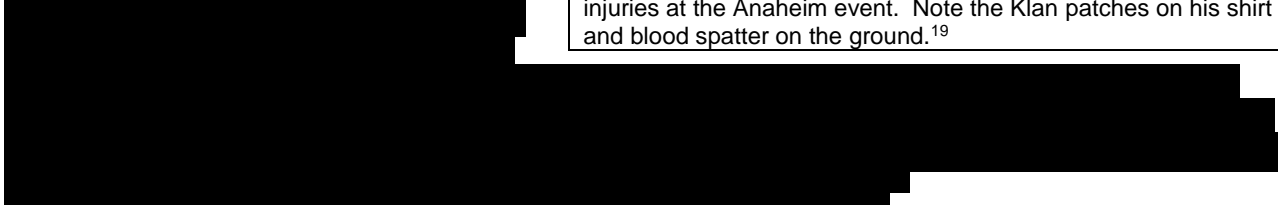
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(U) A Klansman stabs at violent anti-fascists and anarchist extremists with the decorative end of a flag pole, resulting in injuries at the Anaheim event. Note the Klan patches on his shirt and blood spatter on the ground.<sup>19</sup>

- (U//FOUO) According to (b) (3) (A), (b) (5)



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(U) Anti-fascist anarchist extremists attack legally protesting white supremacists at a 2016 rally in Sacramento using makeshift weapons such as a skateboard on ground at lower right. Note the Celtic Cross symbol in white and red on left and right shields, a symbol of an identified USPER racist skinhead group in red on center shield, and a symbol of an identified USPER white supremacist movement in white on T-shirts.<sup>22</sup>

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(U) A suspected anarchist extremist carries a homemade club for use in attacks on legally protesting white supremacists at the 2016 Sacramento rally.<sup>23</sup>

(U//FOUO) Many of the violent anti-fascists and anarchist extremists at the 2016 events in Sacramento and Anaheim wore “black bloc” attire—dressing completely in black or dark colors and wearing masks and bandanas—to hide their identities from law enforcement or journalists while they committed violent acts against the white supremacists.\*

- (U//FOUO) In recent decades, the use of black bloc tactics has become the tactical modus operandi of anarchist extremist violence in the United States. According to (b) (3) (A), (b) (5) anarchist extremists at the 2016 Sacramento clash attempted to intimidate a news crew with violence to keep them from filming the event.<sup>25</sup>



- (U//FOUO) Although intimidation of the press is more common among anarchist extremist groups in foreign locations, threats and violence targeting journalists are rare from US anarchist extremists.<sup>26,27,†</sup>

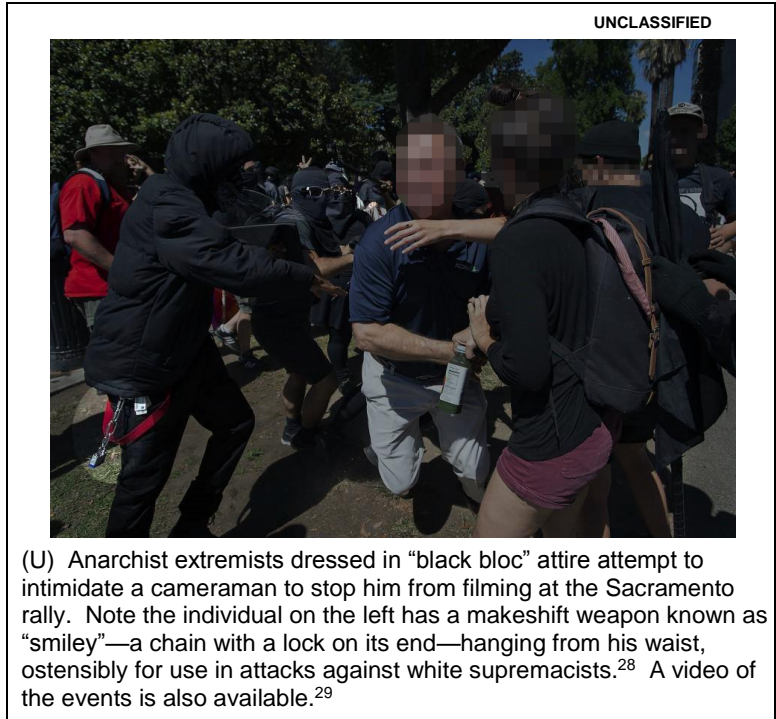
\* (U//FOUO) (b) (3) (A), (b) (5)

† (U//FOUO) One example occurred in April 2010 when a photographer photographing a rally protesting perceived police brutality in Olympia, Washington was assaulted by a group of suspected anarchist extremists who surrounded him, pushed him, slapped a cellphone out of his hand, spray-painted his camera, and threatened to throw him off a bridge, according to media reporting.

(U//FOUO) Outlook

(U//FOUO) We assess (b) (3) (A), (b) (5)

(b) (3) (A), (b) (5)



(U) Anarchist extremists dressed in “black bloc” attire attempt to intimidate a cameraman to stop him from filming at the Sacramento rally. Note the individual on the left has a makeshift weapon known as “smiley”—a chain with a lock on its end—hanging from his waist, ostensibly for use in attacks against white supremacists.<sup>28</sup> A video of the events is also available.<sup>29</sup>

**(U) DHS I&A Perspective****(U//FOUO) History of Violent Clashes At Lawfully Protesting White Supremacist Events Across the United States**

(U//FOUO) Anarchist extremists with anti-fascist motivations have a long history of violence, including reciprocal violence, against lawfully protesting white supremacists at planned events nationwide. Therefore, law enforcement should be aware the occurrence of such events could pose hazards to public safety, although such constitutionally-protected events often remain peaceful. Additionally, although much of the focus of this paper concerns the threat of anarchist extremists, white supremacist extremists have previously plotted against and attacked violent anti-fascists and anarchist extremists.

- (U//LES) In May 2015, suspected anarchist extremists violently clashed with lawfully protesting white supremacist during a lawful demonstration to support local police involved in an on-duty shooting of two African-Americans in Olympia, Washington. The brawl resulted in the smashing of vehicle windows, tire slashing, and physical assault, as well as the use of baseball bats by both sides, according law enforcement and media reporting.<sup>30,31</sup> Anarchist extremists in Washington State openly oppose lawfully protesting white supremacists, and routinely attend their events with the intent to disrupt or instigate violence. No arrests have been made.
- (U//FOUO) Members of a white supremacist extremist group were arrested in Florida in May 2012 on charges related to paramilitary training, hate crimes, illicit weapons, and conspiracy.<sup>32</sup> According to court documents, the individuals allegedly discussed creating a disturbance in front of Orlando's city hall, firing into a building, and attacking an anti-fascist event with homemade weapons.<sup>33</sup> As of June 2013, one defendant pled guilty and was sentenced to prison, and two defendants received probation after pleading no contest to charges of participating in paramilitary training.<sup>34</sup> The leader of the group was convicted on two counts of teaching and conducting paramilitary training and received a six month jail sentence.<sup>35</sup>
- (U//LES) In May 2012, suspected anarchist extremists, among a group of possibly 18 persons, assaulted perceived white supremacists in a Tinley Park, Illinois restaurant with batons and other club-like objects, according to media reporting. Five individuals of an Indiana-based anti-fascist group with close ties to the Chicago anti-fascist movement were arrested and later convicted on charges related to the attack.<sup>36</sup> Following the incident, Chicago anti-fascists and anarchist extremists posted the attacked white supremacists' personally identifiable information on their website, along with threatening statements.<sup>37,38</sup>
- (U//FOUO) During an October 2005 march in Toledo, Ohio, police were unable to prevent local residents and anti-fascists—including some anarchist extremists—from rioting for several hours following a Neo-Nazi rally against "black crime." The disturbances resulted in the arrest of 120 rioters and the destruction of several local businesses. Toledo's mayor was forced to restore order by imposing a curfew.<sup>39,40</sup>

(U//FOUO) DHS and the National Network of Fusion Centers are interested in receiving tips and information on activities related to threats to homeland security, terrorism, and violent extremism. Comments, requests, or shareable intelligence may be directed to the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (OCIAC) at [ociac.org](http://ociac.org) and the Central California Intelligence Center (CCIC) at [\(b\) \(6\)](#)

**(U//FOUO) Appendix A: Potential Indicators of Planned Violence**

(U//FOUO) There are a number of potential indicators of planned criminal or violent activities at white supremacist events. Some of these behavioral indicators may be constitutionally protected activities and should be supported by additional facts to justify increased suspicion. Possible indicators of planned criminal or violent activity which could arouse suspicion include:

- (U//FOUO) Individuals acquiring materials that could be used to build improvised incendiary devices or improvised explosive devices without a reasonable explanation.
- (U//FOUO) Pre-operational surveillance of sites related to a white supremacist event—such as parking locations, rallying points, or marching routes.
- (U//FOUO) Individuals wearing all dark or black clothing and masks or bandanas without a reasonable explanation, suggesting plans to utilize black bloc tactics.
- (U//FOUO) Possession of large batteries (such as D-cell, C-cell, or 9-volt) or canned goods, without a reasonable explanation, which could be used as projectiles.
- (U//FOUO) Possession of sharp or blunt objects such as knives, machetes, dowels, bats, large tools, or tire irons during protests.
- (U//FOUO) Stashing of weapons in vehicles near the event site for use in case of escalation.
- (U//FOUO) Pilfering construction sites for potential projectiles such as bricks, rebar, or pipes.
- (U//FOUO) Pre-staging of bricks, rocks, or debris along or near protest routes.
- (U//FOUO) Planning of criminal or violent activities related to white supremacist events on Internet chat rooms, message boards, or social networking sites.
- (U//FOUO) Individuals carpooling from other locations in the region to engage in planned criminal or violent acts at anti-fascist counter protests.



## (U//FOUO) Appendix B: Symbols Often Associated with Anarchist Extremists and White Supremacist Extremists

### (U) Anarchist Extremists: Symbology

(U//FOUO) In the context of planned events that escalate to violence, the following symbols are commonly seen on signs and banners of anarchist extremists who engage in violent acts. (b) (3) (A), (b) (5)

### (U) Symbols



### (U) Symbol Meanings:

(U) **Anarchist Symbol** - most common anarchist symbol; thought to represent anarchist maxim “anarchy is order.”

(U) **Antifascist Downward Arrow Symbol** - symbol used by anti-Nazi movement in Germany in years prior to World War II; designed to easily cover swastikas; meaning of arrows debated.

(U) **Antifascist Flag** - red denotes ties to workers movement; black symbolizes lawlessness/anarchy.

(U) **Anti-Nazi Symbol** - intended to counter swastika; often seen on patches/buttons/T-shirts.

(U) **Good Night White Pride Symbol** - common logo; often seen with different types of images of assaults against white supremacists—such as punching, kicking, or using weapons.

### (U) White Supremacist Extremists: Symbology, Numerical Codes, and Acronyms

(U//FOUO) In the context of planned events that escalate to violence, although not always a predictor or indicator of violent action, the following is a sample of common acronyms, numerical codes, and symbols observed by law enforcement on clothing, tattoos, signs, or banners of white supremacist extremists who engage in violent acts. This list is general and not exhaustive, and specific group's symbols are not included. These symbols may also be used by non-violent adherents of white supremacy, and some of these symbols have multiple meanings and are commonly utilized by non-violent actors including adherents of non-violent cultural and religious movements. Law enforcement should not take observance of these symbols alone as an indication of an individual's predilection to commit violence.

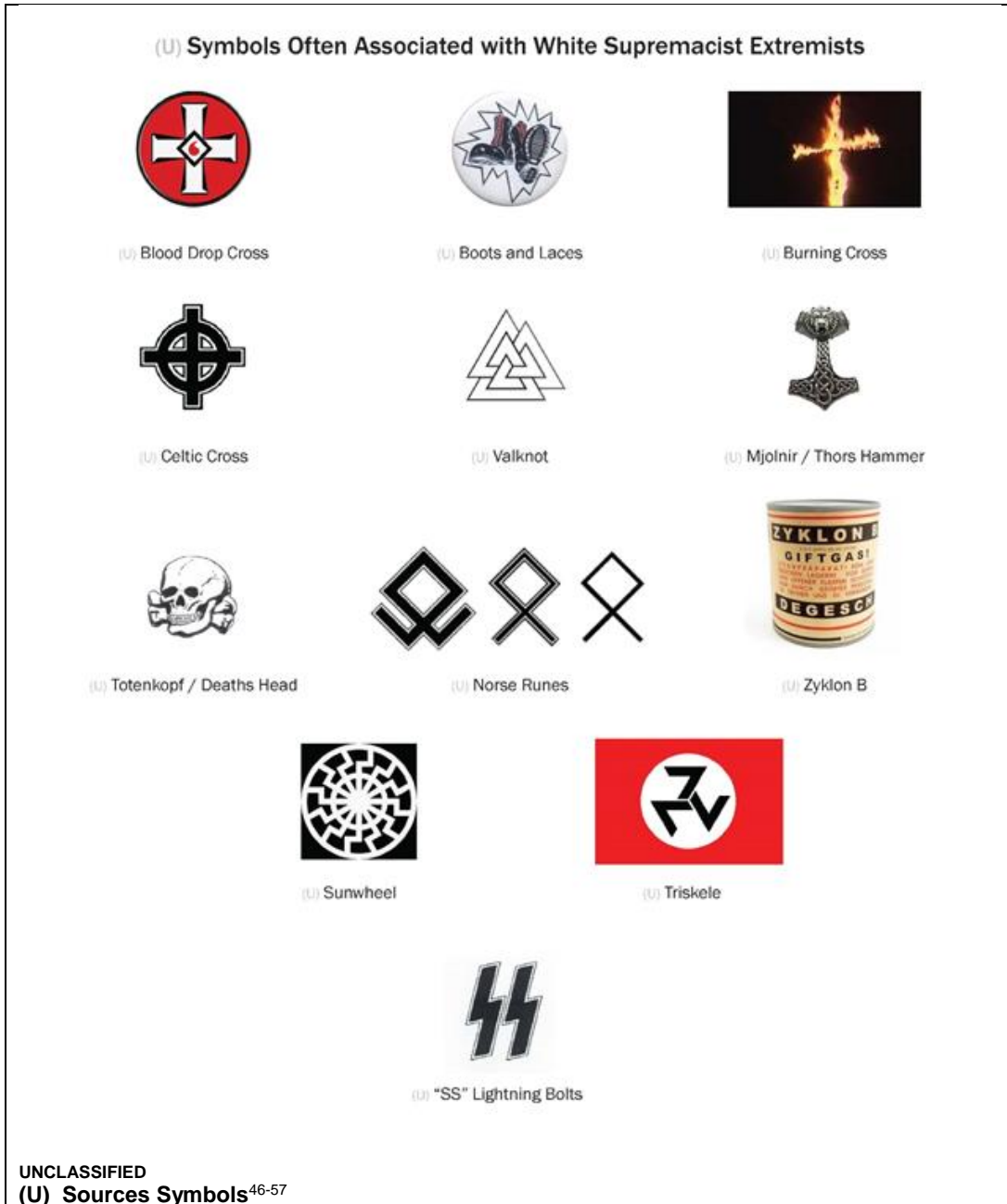
(U) Acronyms:

- (U) Race Over All (ROA)
- (U) Racial Holy War (RaHoWa)
- (U) Zionist Occupied Government (ZOG)
- (U) White Power (WP)
- (U) White Power World-Wide (WPWW)
- (U) Klansman I Greet You (KIGY)
- (U) A Klansman I Am (AKIA)

(U) Numbers:

- (U) 14 Words: "We Must Secure the Existence of Our People and a Future For White Children"
- (U) 18: "Adolf Hitler", A=1st letter of alphabet, H=8th letter of alphabet"
- (U) 14/88: "14 Words/Heil Hitler"
- (U) 5 Words: "I Have Nothing to Say"
- (U) 23: "White", W=23rd letter of alphabet
- (U) 4/20: Adolf Hitler's birthday
- (U) 311: "KKK", 3 X 11th letter of alphabet, K

(U) Symbols:



(U) Symbol Meanings:

(U) **Blood Drop Cross** - primary symbol of KKK groups; symbolizes blood shed to protect the white race.

(U) **Boots and Laces** - commonly seen on racist skinheads; white laces used to identify as a white power skinhead, red laces sometimes indicate prior attack against a minority.

(U) **Burning Cross** - common KKK image, often used during rituals and to intimidate minorities.

- (U) **Celtic Cross** - often used as a symbol of white pride.
- (U) **Valknot** - Norse warrior symbol; often denotes willingness to give life for Norse God Odin, generally in battle.
- (U) **Mjölir/Thor's Hammer** - Norse symbol of strength; Thor is the god of thunder and his hammer (Mjölir) has power of lightning.
- (U) **Totenkopf/Death's Head** - Nazi imagery; symbol used by Hitler's SS troops.
- (U) **Norse Runes** - ancient European symbols; often used as a coded alphabet.
- (U) **Zyklon B** - gas used by Nazis to kill Jews during holocaust.
- (U) **Sunwheel** - ancient European symbol adopted by Nazis; swastika is a variant of sunwheel.
- (U) **Triskele** - lesser known variant of swastika; popularized by South African white supremacists in 1970s.
- (U) **"SS" Lightning Bolts** – runic characters appropriated by Nazi SS troops.

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**Date:** Wednesday, April 15, 2015 6:41:01 PM

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2016 11:23 AM  
**To:** IA.HCTD.TTTB; (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Chilling 'f\*\*k the police' Black Lives Matter note found near police squad car that was firebombed 'with a Molotov cocktail' outside a Florida mosque

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**Subject:** RE: (U) Advanced Notification of Impending U//LES Product Release: "(U//FOUO) California: Recent Violent Clashes Suggest Heightened Threat Environment at Lawfully Organized White Supremacist Events"

Good Morning (b) (6)

Attached is the updated FAR with the changes.

Thanks.

V/R  
(b) (6)  
Planning, Production, & Standards Division (PPSD) Office of Intelligence and Analysis U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
(b) (6)

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I've reviewed the enclosed FAR.

-- I found one spot highlighted (page 4) that needs your attention - please. Other than that and the changes to the LES warning language requested by LaJuan I believe the FAR is correct

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Per (b) (6) request I have added Olympia Police Department and FBI to the LES warning language.  
Thank you.

V/R

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Thank You

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Intelligence Officer - Southern California

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If you have any questions, please let us know. This FAR is scheduled to be published on Thursday, 29 September.

Thanks!

Vr,

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Department of Homeland Security

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From: (b) (6)

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(U) If we can be of any further assistance or answer any questions, please contact the I&A Planning, Production & Standards Division at (b) (6).

V/R,

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2015 8:04 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** 5 people shot near Black Lives Matter protest in Minneapolis, cops searching for 3 white male suspects

FYI

Simmering racial tensions boiled over yet again on Monday when a small group of white men allegedly shot five people who had been protesting the recent police killing of an African American man in Minneapolis.

The shooting occurred at around 10:41 p.m. Monday night just one block from Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct, where protesters have held daily demonstrations since the fatal Nov. 15 police shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark <<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2015/11/17/unarmed-man-shot-by-minneapolis-police-over-the-weekend-has-died/>> .

Police announced on Twitter early Tuesday morning that five people had suffered non-life-threatening gunshot wounds, and that officers were searching for three white suspects who had fled the scene.

2 black men just got shot in Minneapolis at #4thPrecinctShutDown

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2015 10:22 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Additional Information--5 people shot near Black Lives Matter protest in Minneapolis, cops searching for 3 white male suspects

Good Morning (b) (6)

My name is (b) (6) and I work on I&As Domestic Terrorism team. Do you have any additional information regarding the incident below, in which three men allegedly shot five people near a Black Lives Matter protest in Minneapolis? Specifically, any criminal complaints and police reports would be appreciated.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

(b) (6)

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**Subject:** ARMED WHITE SUPREMACISTS THREATEN PROTESTERS AT 4TH PRECINCT SHUTDOWN

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Armed white supremacists threaten protesters at 4th precinct shutdown

By (b) (3) (A)

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Thursday night, two guys wearing camo with their faces covered arrived at the precinct to film



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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2016 3:40 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Ex-cop urges 'lone wolf patriots' to attack Black Lives Matter activists at GOP convention

## Ex-cop urges 'lone wolf patriots' to attack Black Lives Matter activists at GOP convention



Jim Stachowiak

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**Peter Holley** Washington Post

Jim Stachowiak specializes in provoking strong reactions.

In the past, he has called for the U.S. military to bomb Mecca. He made a point of standing outside a military recruiting office in Georgia with a rifle in his hands to provide the center with protection, he said, but was also accused of harassment.

Almost a year later, the former police officer and ardent [Donald Trump](#) supporter has put out a "clarion call" for "lone wolf patriots" to join him at the [GOP](#) convention in Cleveland this summer to confront [Black Lives Matter](#) demonstrators.

"I am encouraging patriots and Trump supporters and those that support liberty and freedom to come lawfully armed with lethal and non-lethal weaponry," Stachowiak said in a video posted on his YouTube over the weekend.

Stachowiak has a lengthy criminal history, according to ABC affiliate WJBF. In 2008, while working as a public safety officer at Augusta State University, his certification was revoked after three years following a misconduct investigation, the station reported. Two years later, WJBF noted, Stachowiak was arrested and charged with criminal defamation for stealing a man's picture from a social networking site, posting it elsewhere and labeling the individual a terrorist.

By his own admission, he's been banned from Facebook at least four times.

In his latest video, Stachowiak accused activists with Black Lives Matter - which he refers to as "Black Lies Matter" - of threatening to kill Trump and planning to disrupt the gathering of Republican leadership.

"They have threatened to cause riots in Cleveland and nationwide," Stachowiak said. "It is our sworn duty and obligation for all those like me and many of you who have taken the oath to defend this country against all enemies foreign and domestic."

A spokesman for the Cleveland Police Department told The Washington Post that she had no information about Stachowiak or what sort of precautions the department might take in light of his plans.

Audrey Scagnelli, national press secretary for the Republican committee organizing the convention, offered The Post the following statement when asked about Stachowiak's video.

*"For the past year planners have been working closely with the Secret Service, the FBI, and additional state, local and federal partners to make sure delegates, attendees and residents of the city of Cleveland are safe during the Convention.*

*Law enforcement partners are monitoring and investigating threats and information related to building and implementing a security plan."*

The Southern Poverty Law Center considers Stachowiak a member of the resurgent "Patriot Movement," whose members subscribe to a conspiratorial, anti-government ideology based on

the belief that federal authorities seek to confiscate people's guns, impose martial law and force the United States into a socialistic "New World Order."

Mark Potok of the SPLC called Stachowiak a "loose cannon" who is "not quite in contact with reality," but noted that he should still be considered dangerous.

"People like him make these kinds of statements very frequently and sometimes it leads to real trouble," Potok told The Washington Post. "When you're encouraging an armed confrontation -- even if you're supposedly keeping it legal - you're inviting trouble."

In his latest video, Stachowiak says he's hoping to "spark a revolution," but in the past he told the SPLC that his actions are always defensive in nature.

"I'd rather go to a movie or make payments on a jet ski, but I have to buy ammo," he said in 2010. "I'm concerned about civil unrest, my neighbors going crazy, round-ups, foreign troops, the New World Order."

Despite their anti-government impulses, Potok told The Post that many in the Patriot Movement have rallied around the candidacy of Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, because of his stances on several issues.

"Unlike the white supremacists that support Trump, the core of their support isn't based on racism, but they certainly are opposed to immigration, very much in favor of the 2nd Amendment and they think that big government is a wicked thing," Potok said. "They're sort of Republican beliefs on steroids. They're nationalists and Trump is certainly a super-nationalist."

When it comes to Black Live Matters supporters, Stachowiak said in his YouTube video that he believed they "want to attack those of us for merely supporting a candidate."

He added: "Let's answer the call, people."

His opinions aren't limited to the Black Lives Matter movement, according to reports. On his Internet radio show, WJBF reported, Stachowiak accused Mohammad of being a child rapist and called Islam a "mental disorder."

Last year, a Muslim woman who identified herself as Hawwa told WJBF she saw Stachowiak standing outside the military recruiting center. He followed her into a nearby store to get her to notice his shirt, she told the station.

"On the front it says, 'Burn the Koran,' " she said. "On the back, it said something really bad about Allah."

The Richmond County Sheriff's Office told the station at the time that Stachowiak had done nothing illegal.

"You don't egg on somebody like that," Hawwa told the station. "Ultimately, you should feel sorry for him."

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DHS I&A Homeland Threats Division

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**From:** (b) (6)  
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**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** For footnote  
**Attachments:** 2016 JIB DT Threats to Public & Political Events.pdf

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**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Fw: 5 people shot near Black Lives Matter protest in Minneapolis, cops searching for 3 white male suspects

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**From:** (b) (6)  
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Police announced on Twitter early Tue

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:55 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: Chilling 'f\*\*k the police' Black Lives Matter note found near police squad car that was firebombed 'with a Molotov cocktail' outside a Florida mosque

For the FOIA

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2016 12:55 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: Chilling 'f\*\*k the police' Black Lives Matter note found near police squad car that was firebombed 'with a Molotov cocktail' outside a Florida mosque

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:57 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: OPEN SOURCE: All charges dropped in Freddie Gray case; no convictions

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 27, 2016 10:32 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** OPEN SOURCE: All charges dropped in Freddie Gray case; no convictions

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/07/27/all-charges-dropped-in-freddie-gray-case-no-convictions.html>

All charges dropped in Freddie Gray case; no convictions

Published July 27, 2016  
Associated Press

Prosecutors dropped the remaining charges Wednesday against three Baltimore police officers awaiting trial in the death of Freddie Gray, bringing an end to the case without a conviction.

Gray was a black man whose neck was broken while he was handcuffed and shackled but left unrestrained in the back of a police van in April 2015. His death added fuel to the growing Black Lives Matter movement and caused turmoil in Baltimore, including large protests and the worst riots the city had seen in decades.

The decision by prosecutors comes after a judge had already acquitted three of the six officers charged in the case, including the van driver who the state considered the most responsible and another officer who was the highest-ranking of the group.

A fourth officer had his case heard by a jury, who deadlocked and the judge declared a mistrial.

A pretrial hearing had been scheduled Wednesday for Officer Garrett Miller, who had faced assault, misconduct in office and reckless endangerment charges, but instead Chief Deputy State's Attorney Michael Schatzow told the judge that prosecutors were dropping the charges against Miller and the rest of the officers.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys quickly left the courtroom without commenting, but both sides planned news conferences later Wednesday.

After Gray's death, the U.S. Justice Department launched a patterns and practice investigation into allegations of widespread abuse and unlawful arrests by the Baltimore Police Department. The results of the probe have not been released.

Prosecutors had said Gray was illegally arrested after he ran away from a bike patrol officer and the officers failed to buckle Gray into a seat belt or call a medic when he indicated he wanted to go to a hospital.

State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby wasted little time in announcing charges after Gray's death -- one day after receiving the police department's investigation while a tense city was still under curfew -- and she did not shy from the spotlight. She posed for magazine photos, sat for TV interviews and even appeared onstage at a Prince concert in Gray's honor.

Three of the officers who were charged were black and three were white.

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**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Question re: old MN shooting incident

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**From:** Hefley, Conley [<mailto:Conley.Hefley@HQ.DHS.GOV>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 10:51 AM  
**To:** Manz, Patrick W. (CTD) (OGA) <[Patrick.Manz@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Patrick.Manz@ic.fbi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Question re: old MN shooting incident

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Thanks,

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## **Alleged white supremacists who shot at Minneapolis protesters appear in court and say they are not racist**

- **Four men have been charged over November 23 attack in Minneapolis**
- **Attorneys for Daniel Macey and Joseph Backman, 27, said their clients are not white supremacists**
- **Nathan Gustavsson's attorney said there is no proof his client had a gun**
- **But Allen Scarsella, 23, who is accused of firing the shots did not speak at the court appearance**

- **Macey, 26, is Asian and the three other defendants in the case are white**

By [Khaleda Rahman For Dailymail.com](#)

Published: 20:58 EST, 1 December 2015 | Updated: 23:04 EST, 1 December 2015

Three men who have been charged over a shooting that wounded five black men at a rally outside a Minneapolis police precinct are not racist, their attorneys have insisted.

A fourth man accused of firing the shots during the attack on November 23 did not speak at the court appearance.

The bail hearing for Allen Scarsella, 23, of Lakeville, was postponed until next month at his attorney's request.

Attorneys for Daniel Macey, 26, of Pine City, and Joseph Backman, 27, of Eagan, said their clients are not white supremacists.

Scroll down for video









Attorneys for three men charged over a shooting that wounded five black men have insisted their clients are not racists. However, Allen Scarsella (left) who is accused of firing the shots did not speak at the hearing, while an attorney for Nathan Gustavsson (right) said there is no proof his client had a gun

Ryan Garry, the attorney for Macey, who is Asian, said: 'Mr. Macey is not a white supremacist. He is not a racist.'

The other defendants are white.

An attorney for Nathan Gustavsson, 21, of Hermantown, said there is no proof his client had a gun.

A criminal complaint says the shooting happened after some protesters tried to get the men to leave.

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Activists and court papers accuse the men of trying to disrupt the protest for racial reasons.

Prosecutor Judith Hawley said the charges are extremely serious and asked for high bail.

'There's an immense public safety risk and danger that these defendants have shown in this case,' she told the judge.





The north Minneapolis precinct has been the site of protests headed by the local Black Lives Matter group since Jamar Clark (pictured), 24, was shot in a confrontation with police on November 15

Hennepin County District Judge Hilary Lindell Caligiuri set bail for Scarsella, who faces five counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count of rioting with a dangerous weapon, at \$500,000.

She set bail for the other three, who also are charged with one count each of rioting with a dangerous weapon, at \$250,000 each, but did allow conditional bail of \$100,000 for Macey.

All four men are due back in court in January.

One of the five shooting victims, Wesley Martin, 18, of Minneapolis, attended the hearing.

Martin was shot in the left knee and said his 19-year-old brother, Tevin King, is still in the hospital after being shot in the stomach.

Martin said he believes Scarsella 'should have gotten charged with way more stuff' - but added that he didn't believe there was an intent to kill.

'He was shooting to make a point,' Martin said. 'That basically black lives don't matter.'



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Investigators say Scarsella appeared in a racially-tinged video made a few days before the confrontation. Pictured: a grab from a video which shows two masked men using racially offensive language in the back of a car apparently heading to a protest site

The north Minneapolis precinct has been the site of protests headed by the local Black Lives Matter group since Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in a confrontation with police on November 15. He died the next day.

The group has been holding daily demonstrations to protest the fatal police shooting of Clark, who they said was handcuffed when he was shot in the head.



Scarsella, the only charged suspect to have fired shots at the November 23 rally, had planned to livestream efforts to 'rile' things up, according to officials.

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Five people were rushed to hospital after the attack, but their injuries were not thought to be life-threatening. Pictured: a protest on November 24 following the shooting



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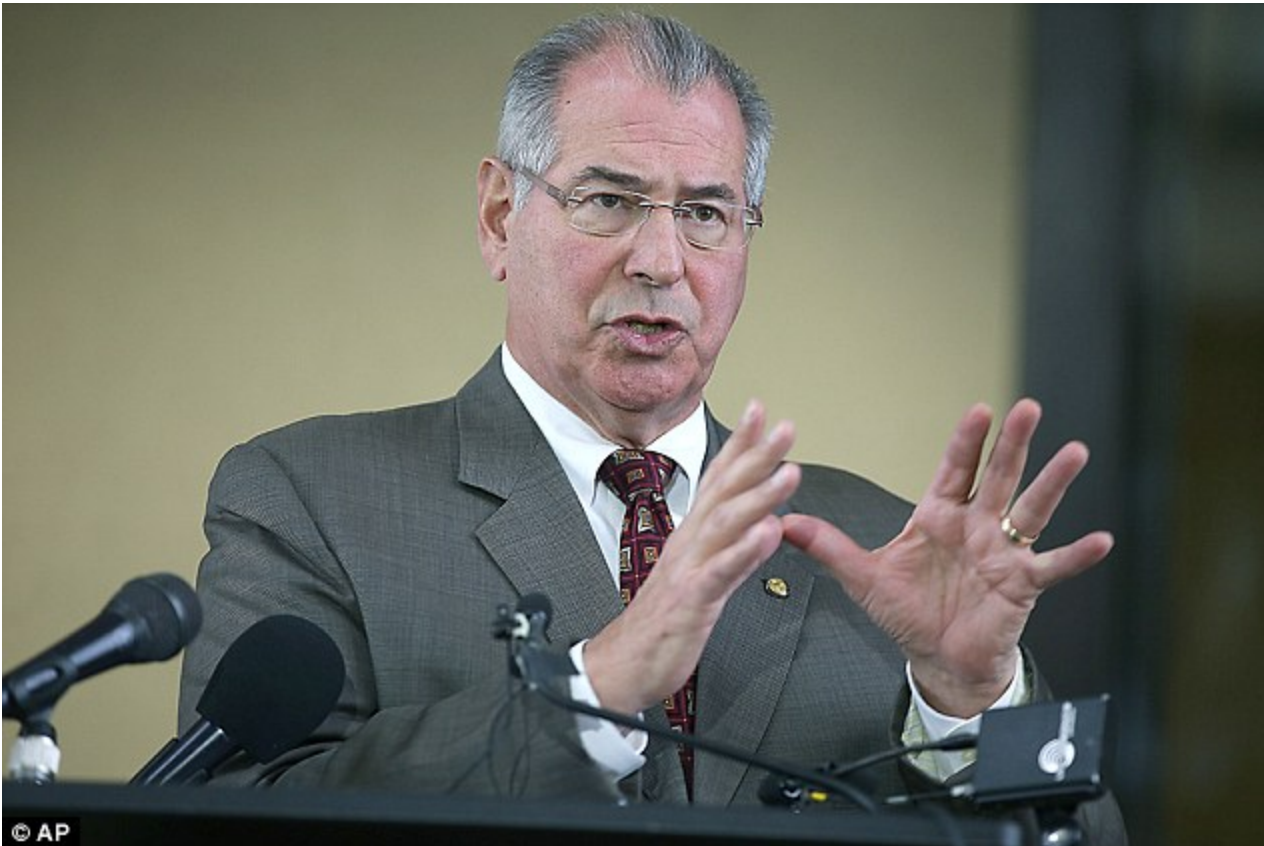
'The defendants' own statements, their videos, show that these are sick people,' Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said.

'Maybe I shouldn't say that, but the language they use, and what they say about fellow Americans, citizens, are just not acceptable.'

Scarsella was described as **an anti-government, racist gun-lover** with 'very intense opinions' by a police officer, an acquaintance - who received a panicked phone call in which he admitted to shooting five people, charging papers said.

The officer encouraged Scarsella to turn himself in and hand his guns over to police.

When police officers arrived at his home later that day, they found 'numerous' weapons, including a 45-caliber handgun 'consistent with the type of discharged cartridge casings found at the shooting scene,' charging papers said.



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Scarsella's phone also contained a stream of text messages discussing plans to disrupt the protest and livestream the confrontation.

'We need to get out there I could rile up so much s\*\*\* up,' one message read.

The phone also contained a number of photos of Scarsella with guns, racist images and pictures from a rural gathering where Scarsella and other men are wearing camouflage clothing and holding guns alongside a Confederate flag.

The divisive red, white and blue Civil War-era battle flag is regarded by many as a bitter symbol of racism and slavery that has no place in modern America.

Scarsella posted a video of himself on his way to confront the demonstrators on November 19, in which he and a friend made 'derogatory' comments about African-Americans and said they are going to do some 'reverse cultural enriching' and 'make the fire rise,' court documents said.

They are dressed in camouflage clothing and masks and the unidentified friend ends the clip by brandishing a gun and saying: 'Stay white.'

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DHS Office of Intelligence & Analysis  
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**Sent:** Friday, May 01, 2015 11:32 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** NOC.SWO.Restricted; (b) (6); NOC.State&Local  
**Subject:** RE: Baltimore Civil Unrest

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There was leadership interest in this, however we have been able to gather the requested information via (b) (3) (A)

Respectfully,

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
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**Sent:** Friday, May 01, 2015 11:27 AM  
**To:** NOC.State&Local  
**Cc:** NOC.SWO.Restricted; (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Baltimore Civil Unrest

This seems outside our lane, what's the justification for this.

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**From:** NOC.State&Local  
**Sent:** Friday, May 01, 2015 11:16 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** NOC.State&Local; NOC.SWO.Restricted; (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Baltimore Civil Unrest

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We are looking for information on the BPD Officers involved in the death of Freddie Gray in Baltimore. Do you have a listing available of their names and charges or any other details related to this matter?

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 04, 2015 2:23 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: May Day Rioting Seattle

Nothing received today from (b) (3) (A) No indication that violence departed significantly from what Oakland saw during the Occupy period.

On an minor editorial note, (b) (5)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 02, 2015 05:46 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: May Day Rioting Seattle

I'll have a look tonight at the product. (b) (5), (b) (3) (A)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 02, 2015 07:51 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: May Day Rioting Seattle

All,

Attached is the writeup for Monday's Current Intelligence Digest re: last night's rioting. If you have any changes or additions you would like as a result of information you are receiving out in the field, please let me know via email and we'll work with IWW to make the needed additions over the weekend.

(b) (6) since you are acting Branch Chief, please take a look and let me know your thoughts.

(b) (6) I've added you on this email because some of this incidents occurred in Oakland.

IWW, I've also included all the recent May Day reporting and the JIB I mention in the CID if you need them.

Thanks all, I'll be on BBerry from this point out.

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Analyst, Homegrown Violent Extremism Branch Office of Intelligence & Analysis U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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(SINCE MANY OF YOU WILL BE ON BBERRY--I'VE PUT THE TEXT BELOW...)

TERRORISM:

1. (U//FOUO) Anarchist Extremist Rioting in Pacific Northwest

DHS Equity: (U//FOUO) (b) (3) (A)

Source: (U) (b) (3) (A)

Summary: (U//FOUO) On 1 May 2015, suspected Anarchist Extremists rioted during events commemorating the May Day holiday in Seattle, WA, Portland, OR, and Oakland, CA resulting in several arrests, multiple injuries to law enforcement, and what appears to be thousands of dollars in property destruction. Most of these attacks were committed on the fringes of or following legally operating demonstrations against capitalism, racism, and perceived police brutality—including protests in solidarity with Baltimore. Tactics utilized primarily included low-level acts of vandalism such as spray painting of businesses and sculptures, smashing the windows of vehicles and businesses, and creating barricades in the streets with dumpsters and garbage cans. Anarchist Extremists also lit fires to garbage cans, dumpsters, and parked vehicles and set off small explosive devices—likely fireworks. These attacks also included assaults of law enforcement with clubs and projectiles such as chunks of concrete, rocks, and wrenches.

Comments: (U//FOUO) (b) (3) (A), (b) (5)

Reference: (U//LES) JIB: Anarchist Extremists Likely to Exploit 1 May Events for Violent Activity, published 28 April 2015; (U) DHS-OS-0490-15; (U) DHS-OS-0456-15; (U) DHS-OS-0451-15; (U) DHS-OS-0477-15

Shared With: (U//FOUO) DHS Intelligence Officers assigned to Northern California, Washington state, and Oregon.

Actions: (U//FOUO) DHS Intelligence Officers in the field remain in contact with S/L partners and FBI for after-action information regarding the recent

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From: (b) (6)  
Sent: Saturday, May 02, 2015 7:56 AM  
To: (b) (6)  
Cc: (b) (6)  
Subject: RE: May Day Rioting Seattle

That works fine. In the meantime, (b) (5)

v/r,

(b) (6)

Executive Officer for Intelligence Operations DHS Office of Intelligence & Analysis

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From: (b) (6)  
Sent: Saturday, May 02, 2015 7:48 AM  
To: (b) (6)  
Subject: Re: May Day Rioting Seattle

Yeah, I'll go ahead and write up a draft now and we can make additions as needed over the weekend

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Saturday, May 02, 2015 07:01 AM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: IA.IWW

Subject: Re: May Day Rioting Seattle

(b) (3) (A) says there was a lesser degree of violence in Portland too.

v/r,

(b) (6)

Executive Officer for Intelligence Operations DHS Office of Intelligence & Analysis

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Saturday, May 02, 2015 06:58 AM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: IA.IWW

Subject: Re: May Day Rioting Seattle

The link Conley sent doesn't work for me but (b) (3) (A) says "Peaceful May Day rallies give way to clash, injuries on Capitol Hill" [not the DC one]

v/r,

(b) (6)

Executive Officer for Intelligence Operations DHS Office of Intelligence & Analysis

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Looks like we got a little anarchist action in Seattle last night. Lots of photos below...

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# White Supremacists, Counter-Protesters Collide at Capitol After Black History Event

*State troopers and local police surrounded the 'White Lives Matter Too' demonstrators, who were outnumbered by hundreds of counter-protestors.*

*Jen Reel*

Police wore riot gear outside the Texas Capitol as armed “White Lives Matter Too” demonstrators clashed with counter-protesters.

A crowd of 1,000 gathered on Austin’s Capitol grounds Saturday morning for the unveiling of a long-awaited monument to Texas African-American history. The ceremony occurred simultaneously with a small white supremacist protest that was overwhelmed by a much larger counter-protest.

“This monument is the story of my family,” State Representative Garnet Coleman (D-Houston) told the *Observer*. “As descendants of slaves, we lost an opportunity when Reconstruction failed, but many black people did great things anyway... People need to know the full history of black Texas.”

Black legislators including Helen Giddings (D-Desoto) and Rodney Ellis (D-Houston) pushed for the monument, which was [more than 20 years in the making](#) due to funding woes. Its bronze friezes depict the history of black Texans, from [Estevanico de Dorantes](#),



the first African to set foot in Texas, to an image of [Bernard Harris Jr.](#), the first African American to walk in space.



*Jen Reel*

The black history monument, unveiled Saturday morning, was more than 20 years in the making.

As the monument was unveiled, around 15 people affiliated with a group calling itself “White Lives Matter Too” — a local group echoing White Lives Matter, designated a neo-Nazi hate group by [the Southern Poverty Law Center](#) — gathered on the east side of the Capitol grounds. A group of about 500 counter-protesters quickly surrounded the group, some of whom carried assault rifles, and the two groups were soon chanting back and forth: “Nazis go home” versus “White lives matter.”

A White Lives Matter protester, who would only identify himself as Wesley, told the *Observer* the group hadn’t come to protest the black history monument, claiming they did not know about it when planning the event. “But I do think it’s a double standard,” he

said. “If this was a monument to white American contributions, then people would call it racist.”

The unveiling continued despite the interruption, and according to Meme Styles, an activist with the police reform group Measure Austin, the White Lives Matter protest had “no impact” on the monument’s message.

“Most Texans don’t support their ideology anymore,” Styles said. “That’s why you’ve got like six White Lives Matter protesters surrounded by a mass of people shouting them down.”

The white supremacist group was led by Ken Reed, who [told the \*Austin-American Statesman\*](#) that he was protesting hate crime laws. “We feel that the hate crime law is unfairly and unjustly applied to white folk, white people, as opposed to minorities,” Reed said.

“Personally, I respect everyone’s right to free speech,” said Coleman of Reed’s demonstration. “And I could understand if they wanted to have an economic discussion, but if they think they’re suffering because of race, they need to take another look at history.”

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As the monument celebration ended and the crowd cleared, the dual protests continued in the street in front of the Capitol for three more hours. Counter-protesters kept up chants of “Racists go home,” “No Trump, No KKK, no racist USA,” and “Black Lives Matter,” largely drowning out the white supremacist group.

The police presence, including both Austin police officers and state troopers, grew throughout the afternoon, with riot police forming a protective ring around the White Lives Matter protesters and eventually erecting a barricade between the white supremacists and the counter-protesters, who began chanting “Cops and Klan go hand in hand.”

Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw, who oversaw the operation, told the *Observer* that officers “were simply protecting the rights of everyone.”

As the white supremacist group left around 3 p.m., law enforcement officers escorted them back to their cars in the Capitol visitors parking garage. The counter-protesters followed, and one was arrested for allegedly throwing a water bottle.

There, one white supremacist demonstrator armed with an AR-15 pulled an additional clip from a black duffel bag and brandished it before the crowd.

“Don’t worry, it was already loaded,” he told the counter-protesters from the other side of a protective police line. “It’s just in case I need more.”

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**Item #1**

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**Item #2**

(U//FOUO) Anarchist extremists discuss possible riots on May Day in Baltimore

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## Facebook Live Wants To Give People A Voice, But It Mostly Gets Noticed For Its Violence

By Abby Ohlheiser January 6



Chicago police have arrested four people in connection with a Facebook Live video that showed a teen with special needs being beaten and tortured. (via Facebook)

Over the past few months, Facebook has pushed an ad campaign that works to demystify its latest big feature: the ability to stream video, live. One recent ad reads: “Curious about going Live? You can’t go wrong! 100%✓” In the accompanying video, Facebook assures its users that it’s easy to stream live when you don’t think you have much to show. “Don’t overthink it,” They advise. “Seriously.”

Based on the ad campaign, we know that Facebook wants its users to go live “when you have something to say, and you just need to say it out loud,” or when “you have a hidden talent, and want to make it not-so-hidden.” Facebook wants Chewbacca Mom, quirky vlogs, and friendships lived live and on camera.

“You’re doing great!” one recent ad reassures. “And even if you’re not, your friends will probably still think you’re awesome.”

Jarring contrasts to Facebook’s optimistic vision for our lives, streamed online to our friends, occur often, when someone decides to show graphic violence. This is what happened in Chicago this week, when four people, mostly teenagers, used Facebook Live to broadcast themselves torturing and taunting a young, mentally disabled man.

They cut his scalp and hair with a knife and left him bleeding. He was punched and slapped while bound in the corner of a room, terrified. They yelled “F--- Donald Trump” and “F--- white people” as they did this; all four now face hate-crime charges.

Although this particular act of live-streamed violence has become a major story with a political context, violence on socially networked live video is not uncommon these days. Last week, a woman died while broadcasting on Facebook Live. Her family wants to know why none of her viewers called 911. On Periscope — Twitter’s live-streaming app — a teenager streamed the rape of a friend earlier this year and has been accused of doing it for attention. In June, a man streaming on Facebook Live appeared to broadcast his own murder. A French woman broadcast her own suicide on Periscope.

Facebook, like other live-streaming apps, has rules about what is and is not allowed on their platforms. But as we've explained before, its almost impossible to moderate those streams in real time. Because of that, no matter what companies like Facebook hope, there's always the possibility that someone will open up Facebook and start streaming themselves torturing another human being.

"As soon as live-streaming was a possibility, it has been used for positive uses such as broadcasting information (things like disasters, public relations and mobile journalism) or protesting (police brutality, etc.) as part of what I have called civic streaming," Benjamin Burroughs, assistant professor of emerging media at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, said in an email. And while plenty of people use Facebook Live to connect with their social network in the way the company intended, "the public also used live-streaming platforms to stream acts such as fights and crimes being enacted."

Over the summer, Diamond Reynolds broadcast via Facebook the dying moments of her boyfriend Philando Castile, just after he was shot by a police officer during a traffic stop. Facebook first removed the video, before reposting it with a warning about the images it contained. It then announced that it would make decisions about whether to keep or remove graphic video content broadcast or posted to Facebook based on its context: Is the video condemning or "raising awareness" about the act? Or is it celebrating it?

In this week's Chicago case, Facebook decided to remove the video. "We do not allow people to celebrate or glorify crimes on Facebook and have removed the original video for this reason. In many instances, though, when people share this type of content, they are doing so to condemn violence or raise awareness about it. In that case, the video would be allowed," the company said in an emailed statement Thursday.

When asked what the company did in the early stages of Facebook Live to prepare for its potential use as a virtual crime scene, the company referred us to its post from July outlining its context-based policies.

Now Facebook has, against its intentions, become the host for interventions into larger conversations about what sort of violence we should be seeing and discussing, and how to interpret those moments. "Live-streaming can evoke a great deal of emotion in viewers of the platform because of the immediacy and proximity to acts of violence or distant suffering. That emotion can push people to act positively or negatively," Burroughs said.

He added: "In the case of live-streaming acts of police brutality, a space is opened with the possibility of talking about meaningful criminal justice reform. This latest live-streaming of violence pushed an agenda of hate."

Facebook Notice on Community Standards and Facebook Live: <http://newsroom.fb.com/news/h/community-standards-and-facebook-live/>

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Miss. black church fire was called a hate crime. Now parishioner has been arrested for it.

By Katie Mettler December 22

“Vote Trump” is spray painted on the side of the fire damaged Hopewell M.B. Baptist Church in Greenville, Miss., in November. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

When the historic black church in Greenville, Miss., first burned last month, many, including the city mayor, speculated that the intentionally lit fire was a hate crime.

It was a particularly tense time in America, just a week before the bitterly divisive 2016 presidential election came to a close. Then-candidate and now President-elect Donald Trump campaigned on building a wall at the U.S.-Mexico border and banning Muslims from the United States — or, at the very least, aggressively vetting Muslims seeking entry to the country. A prominent newspaper of the Ku Klux Klan offered a de facto endorsement of Trump and he secured the support of the KKK’s former grand wizard, David Duke.

Among African Americans, Trump polled with low support.

All this led church and community leaders to believe that, when they found the words “Vote Trump” spray-painted on the outside of the charred, 111-year-old Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, the fire was a political act.

“The animus of this election cycle combined with the potent racial history of burning black churches as a political symbol makes this event something we must not ignore,” a GoFundMe page created at the time said. Andrew McClinton, 45, of Leland, Miss. (Mississippi Department of Public Safety via AP)

But the Wednesday arrest of a man with a criminal record, 45-year-old Andrew McClinton, quickly dispelled those assumptions.

McClinton, church and law enforcement officials told the Associated Press, is an African American member of the burned church. According to authorities, the blaze was not motivated by the presidential race.

“We do not believe it was politically motivated,” Mississippi Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney, who is also the fire marshal, told the AP. “There may have been some efforts to make it appear politically motivated.”

Authorities did not release a potential motive and said the investigation is ongoing.

As of now, McClinton has not been charged with a hate crime, Greenville city spokeswoman Kenya Collins told the Clarion-Ledger.

“The charges that he received today: It was not a hate crime but we do not know if the federal government will pursue that as such because we do not have a motive yet,” Collins told the newspaper.

McClinton is being held at the Washington County Detention Center on a charge of first-degree arson of a place of worship, reported the Clarion-Ledger. He is scheduled to make an initial court appearance Thursday in Greenville, according to the AP. It is unclear if McClinton already has legal representation.

[The postelection hate spike: How long will it last?]

The 45-year-old man from Leland, Miss., lived about six miles away from the charred church, authorities told the Clarion-Ledger. The AP reported that McClinton’s criminal record included a 1991 conviction for grand larceny, a 1997 conviction for attempted robbery and a 2004 conviction for armed robbery. For the last crime, he served eight years in prison and was released in 2012.

Crime scene tape outlines the perimeter of the Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

The Greenville church fire made national news when, on Nov. 1, authorities were called to the burning sanctuary and found the spray-painted message. Town officials, including the fire chief, the mayor and church leaders, expressed a heightened sense of grief at the sight of flames licking the building.

“I’ve seen a lot of things burn but when I arrived there on scene that night, it was just a different feeling,” Greenville Fire Chief Rowan Brown told the Clarion-Ledger. “I’m used to seeing houses, cars. ... It was just a sad, sickening feeling because I understand how sacred a place of worship is and what it means for families to come together.

“It definitely hit a low note in my spirit when I saw it burn,” he said.

The possibility that the fire was strategically accompanied by a “Vote Trump” tag to inflame further political and racial divisiveness is not new. In recent months, alleged crimes have been committed in the name of Trump and Black Lives Matter, the victims claimed, sparking initial outrage only to be later deemed hoaxes by police.

These fabricated reports do little to advance the civil rights for which activists are fighting, they say, and instead undermine the cause.

“If you are having personal problems, want attention or need to raise awareness, crying wolf helps no one. In fact, it makes it worse,” attorney and journalist Wajahat Ali wrote on Facebook after a Muslim woman in New York falsely reported that men screaming “Donald Trump!” called her a “f---ing terrorist” and tried to rip off her hijab.

In Greenville, the circumstances were slightly different, but the swift and loud speculations of hateful motivations of a political or racial nature rocketed the story into the national spotlight, where many used the jarring details as proof that even in 2016, America still has a long way to go.

A GoFundMe account raised more than \$200,000 in two days, the Clarion-Ledger reported, but has since been taken down. The church was a total loss and has been demolished, authorities told the newspaper.

Two weeks after the fire, the fire chief told local media that samples taken from the burnt church were negative for flammable substances or an accelerant. Brown said it was unclear if the blaze started with a direct flame contact or from burning clothes or paper, but that it was still considered intentional in nature.

Bishop Clarence Green, overseer of Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, left, and Pastor James Nichols of the First Baptist Church of Greenville laugh together inside the chapel that First Baptist offered as a temporary home for the members of Hopewell. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Since the fire, parishioners from Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church have been worshiping at the predominantly white First Baptist Church of Greenville, in a small chapel steps away from First Baptist's main sanctuary, reported the AP. First Baptist senior pastor James Nichols said he invited the Hopewell Missionary congregation to join his parishioners in combined worship, but bishop Clarence Green declined, hoping his 200-member congregation could maintain their own identity while their church is rebuilt.

"They opened their doors to us to stay as long as we want and do whatever we need there," Green told the AP a few weeks after the fire. "What God is doing — it's not about race, creed or color. ... The God we serve is neither black nor white, Jew nor gentile."

[2 Mississippi churches transcend racial barriers after arson]

In an interview with the AP, both church leaders said that combining their parishioners 30 or 40 years ago may have been impossible, but that in 2016, according to Green, a "wall of hatred is being torn down through the spirit of love."

"It's been refreshing to see a new chapter in our American culture," Nichols added. "It's not just a Greenville thing."

Washington County, where Greenville is located, traditionally leans Democratic in an overwhelmingly Republican state. According to election data from Politico, Hillary Clinton easily won the county in the 2016 presidential election with 67.6 percent of the vote, even though Donald Trump won the state overall with 58.3 percent of the vote.

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