



(U//LES) Preventing Violence and Criminal Activity in Protection of Lawful Protest

7 JUNE 2020 – 1300

*(U//LES) Information provided in this update is based on responses provided to the Joint Inter-Agency Command Post in the FBI Strategic Information Operations Center as of the information **cut-off time of 0600 EST on 7 June**. The following agencies contributed to the development of this SITREP: ATF, DEA, DCNG, DHS, DOJ, NGB, USAMD, and USMS. Responses provided after the cut-off time will be included in the next SITREP.*

(U//FOUO) This document is meant as a summary of significant investigative highlights and NOT as a comprehensive review of ongoing investigations. The information contained in this communication is NOT to be incorporated into any formal or informal written document nor further disseminated without the authorization of the FBI Headquarters, SIOC. Unauthorized use of this information may jeopardize sensitive national security and/or criminal investigations, result in the possible identification and/or physical harm of human sources, or create undue notification into the FBI's interest of intended targets.

(U) This communication is intended to provide timely information to appropriate law enforcement and/or public safety personnel who are authorized to protect facilities, personnel, and the public from imminent threats of violent and/or criminal activity. It is related to and within the scope of an authorized law enforcement investigation or investigative activity. Under FBI policy and federal law, no investigative activity may be based solely on First Amendment activity. The FBI does not investigate, collect, or maintain information on U.S. persons solely for the purpose of monitoring activities protected by the First Amendment.

(U) SIGNIFICANT REPORTING

(U//FOUO) The FBI, in close coordination with its federal, state, and local partners, continues to monitor and respond to events related to the violence associated with lawful protests. While reports, to include open source reporting and social media postings, suggest individuals involved in or present at locations of lawful protests are part of an organized effort associated with anti-government-anti-authority extremism, militia extremism, racially or ethnically motivated violent extremism, or violent gangs, the majority of the violence and vandalism appears to be perpetrated by opportunistic, individual actors acting without specific direction. We continue to aggressively seek to corroborate any organized effort to incite violence by either known criminal groups or domestic violent extremists.

(U//FOUO) A public memorial service for George Floyd was held in Minneapolis on 4 June and a second public service was held in Raeford, NC on 6 June. On 6 June at 2140 local time, George Floyd's body arrived in Houston, TX via a Delta Airlines charter flight from Fayetteville, NC. A family service is scheduled for 7 June in Houston, followed by a public viewing on 8 June. Funeral services for George Floyd are scheduled for 9 June in Pearland, TX.

(U//LES) On 6 June, a Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office Sergeant was killed while investigating a vehicle suspected of containing guns and bomb-making devices. The subject is now in custody. FBI SF SABTs cleared the detonated IEDs. FBI SF SWAT and SABTs will secure and clear the subject's residence prior to a 0700 PDT 7 June search by Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. FBI LA ERT is deploying to assist in processing the scene.

(U) LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE: The information marked (U//LES) in this document is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and may be distributed within the federal government (and its contractors), U.S. intelligence, law enforcement, public safety or protection officials, and individuals with a need to know. Distribution beyond these entities without FBI authorization is prohibited. Precautions should be taken to ensure this information is stored and/or destroyed in a manner that precludes unauthorized access. Information bearing the LES caveat may not be used in legal proceedings without first receiving authorization from the originating agency. Recipients are prohibited from subsequently posting the information marked LES on a website on an unclassified network without first obtaining FBI approval.

UNCLASSIFIED // LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE

(U//FOUO) According to the DoD, the suspect in the Santa Cruz County shooting is possibly an active duty U.S. Airman assigned to the 60th Security Forces Squadron at Travis AFB in Fairfield.

(U//LES) There are multiple reported injuries to law enforcement officers. As of 7 June, FBI Field Offices reported the violence and criminal activity during protection of lawful protest has resulted in **one** federal officer killed, **147** federal officers injured, **one** local officer killed (SF), and **602** local officers injured around the country during protests, frequently from projectiles.

(U//FOUO) As of 6 June, USAO charged **76** individuals with varying crimes ranging from use of explosive or fire to damage or destroy a vehicle used in interstate commerce; traveling in interstate commerce or using a facility of interstate commerce to incite a riot; organize, promote, encourage, participate in, or carry on a riot; and use of an explosive device; and conspiracy to destroy by fire and explosive.

(U//LES) To date, FBI reported more than **13,655** arrests made by various law enforcement agencies across the nation.

(U//FOUO) As of 6 June, more than **26** states have requested National Guard personnel with more than **41,000** National Guard personnel on duty.

(U//LES) According to the ATF, since the start of the unrest, **82** federal firearms licensees' burglaries have occurred of an estimated **1,117** firearms; **882** reported arsons; **80** explosives incidents and **51** ATF arrests to date.

(U) THREAT

(U//LES) Protests (violent and non-violent) have occurred in over **140** cities across the United States and the National Guard has been activated in at least **26** states and the District of Columbia. Multiple field offices reported groups of counter protesters including far right and anarchist extremists demonstrating at national protests and attempting to further ignite violence.

- (U//FOUO) As of 6 June, groups affiliated with the Proud Boys plan to attend a rally in Spokane armed and wearing plain clothes and many will be assigned to downtown area businesses to protect them.
- (U) On 6 June, Glastonbury, CT, PD reports an unidentified group may interfere with the planned March for Justice scheduled for 7 June. An unidentified person claimed their father was in a militia group with thousands of rounds of ammunition.
- (U//FOUO) Protestors at Cal Anderson Park in Seattle moved portable fence barriers, clashing with police and National Guard lines. Glass bottles and fireworks were thrown at officers, and lasers and strobe lights were aimed at officers. SPD ordered the crowd to disperse and deployed OC and blast balls. There were multiple reports of 8-10 persons making Molotov cocktails.
- (U) On 6 June, armed counter protestors clashed with Black Lives Matter protestors in Cookeville, TN. Some of the counter protestors were open carrying, with concealed permits.

(U//LES) Several states reported travel across state lines for protests; however, in most cases it was unclear if any of these travelers intended to engage in violence. Protests also reportedly spread to the suburbs of several major cities. Notable reporting over the past 24 hours include:

- (U) FBI Philadelphia has observed the movement of protests and criminal activity to local suburbs; particularly, in Montgomery County, PA and Delaware County, PA.

- (U) Nashville, TN-based rallies are moving to suburban areas.
- (U) Misinformation campaigns continue to state protestors are being bussed into various locations within the Memphis AOR. The misinformation is having an economic impact due to businesses closing early.

(U) Damage to Facilities/Property

(U//FOUO) Open source reporting indicates that most metropolitan areas have suffered some protest related damage. Multiple field offices reported other federal properties were damaged and vandalized. The most common damage reported was graffiti and broken windows. Twenty-five field offices reported significant damage to local government facilities, especially local law enforcement facilities and equipment including reports of vehicles either vandalized, damaged, or burned. Field offices reported significant damages to private property through vandalism, fire, and looting.

- (U) On 4 June, the Stockton Police Department reported the Superior Court of California–County of San Joaquin was evacuated after a suspicious package was observed taped to the front doors. The package had an anti-law enforcement message on it. The Stockton Bomb Squad responded and determined the package did not contain any explosive materials.
- (U//LES) According to local law enforcement, a group of individuals wanted to “market house” Raeford, NC after the memorial for George Floyd on 6 June.
- (U//FOUO) On 6 June, an attempted arson event occurred at Freedom Church in Tallahassee. Individuals gained access to the church by breaking a glass door and poured gasoline in various locations throughout the facility. Three individuals were identified for interview.

(U) TACTICS

(U) Methods to incite violence and infrastructure concerns (highways shut down, blockaded streets, etc.) that could be impacted by violence.

(U//LES) Reporting indicates protestors are using vehicles to incite violence and agitate protestors to vandalize property. Offices have reported protestors obstructing roadways, assaulting police officers, interfering with public duties, and resisting. There is also reporting of shots fired and Molotov cocktails thrown, in addition to protestors shining bright lights in officers’ eyes. Local protestors have also used handheld radios to communicate and multiple field offices reported the use of laser pointers to target law enforcement. Other field offices reported hoax calls to scatter law enforcement, individuals following law enforcement and the use of firearms to incite protesters.

(U) As of 6 June, field offices have reported infrastructure concerns including disturbances to major roadways by protest activity, DDOS attacks, and increased number of calls to the 911 call center in an apparent effort to overwhelm the system. Notable reporting over the past 24 hours include:

- (U//LES) As of 7 June, a group associated with two anti-police movements planned a protest near San Luis Obispo and refused to coordinate with local LE or members of the community. The group claimed an intention to take over the 101 freeway and incite violence and aggression. City leaders, the NAACP, Black Lives Matter, and student organizations publicly called for people to avoid the protest.

(U) INTELLIGENCE/INVESTIGATIVE UPDATES

(U) Social Media Exploitation (SOMEX)

(U//LES) Field Offices, OGA and open sources report protestors and extremists are using social media and encrypted platforms to communicate; specifically, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, iWatch app chat, Nextdoor, 4Chan, Signal, Reddit, Meet-Up, Roaming Google, TikTok, Topbuzz.com, Wikr, and Twitch. Notable reporting over the past 24 hours includes:

- (U//FOUO) The hashtag "WhereDoCopsSleep" was being used to share home addresses of LE.
- (U//FOUO) Fuckthespd.com appeared to be a placeholder for people to post photos and badge/identifiers of police officers.
- (U//LES) As of 6 June, according to a tip, anarchist extremists were using a Telegram channel to coordinate their attacks. The channel linked to other coordinating channels and online police scanners.
- (U//FOUO) On 7 June, an identified Twitter account posted that Signal is the preferred app used by protesters and activists, including those in DC, due to encryption and strong security features. The identified Twitter account linked an article from wired.com to the post, "How to Get the Most Out of Signal and Encrypted Chat," which outlines using Signal during police-brutality protests.

(U) Number of LE Mitigation actions to include:

- (U//LES) As of 3 June, a total of **seven** individuals were arrested and charged with federal crimes, with a further **7** individuals currently being considered for federal criminal charges.
- (U//FOUO) As of 6 June, USAO charged **76** individuals with varying crimes ranging from use of explosive or fire to damage or destroy a vehicle used in interstate commerce; traveling in interstate commerce or using a facility of interstate commerce to incite a riot; organize, promote, encourage, participate in, or carry on a riot; and use of an explosive device; and conspiracy to destroy by fire and explosive.
- (U//LES) As of 6 June, a protester was arrested by Georgia State Patrol (GSP) for shining a laser pointer at a GSP helicopter. Capital police requested FBI bring federal charges and US Attorney's office concurred.

(U//LES) To date, there have been over **13,655** reported arrests made across the nation.

(U) Arrests Reported in Field Office AORs

