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(U) ANARCHIST EXTREMIST MATTERS
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Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Chicago Against Cop City Formed - Target Construction
Re: [REDACTED] 08/16/2022

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Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) Potential criminal activity directed at construction of the Obama Presidential Library, Tiger Woods Golf Course, and Chicago Police Training Center. Chicago Against Cop City formed in Chicago, Spinoff of Defend The Atlanta Forests (DTAF)

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Enclosure(s) : Enclosed are the following items:

- 1. (U) Chicago Against Cop City
- 2. (U) [Redacted]
- 3. (U) Chicago Against Cop City

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Details:

(U//~~FOUO~~) Potential criminal activity directed at construction of the Obama Presidential Library, Tiger Woods Golf Course, and Chicago Police Training Center.

(U//~~FOUO~~) Anarchist Violent Extremists (AVE) and Environmental Violent Extremists (EVE) target construction sites in an Atlanta, Georgia park/forest area. Opposed to removal of trees and park land.

(U//~~FOUO~~) Defend the Atlanta Forest (DTAF) targeted construction at Intrenchment Creek Park in Atlanta Georgia which included three projects: Blackhall Studios; Michelle Obama Park; and a new Atlanta Police Department training facility, according to FBI reporting [Redacted] Construction equipment targeted with criminal damage and arson; Atlanta Police Department targeted with criminal actions including Improvised Incendiary Devices (IID); personal injury direct actions [Redacted] used including vehicle traps; financial institutions funding construction targeted with criminal damage.

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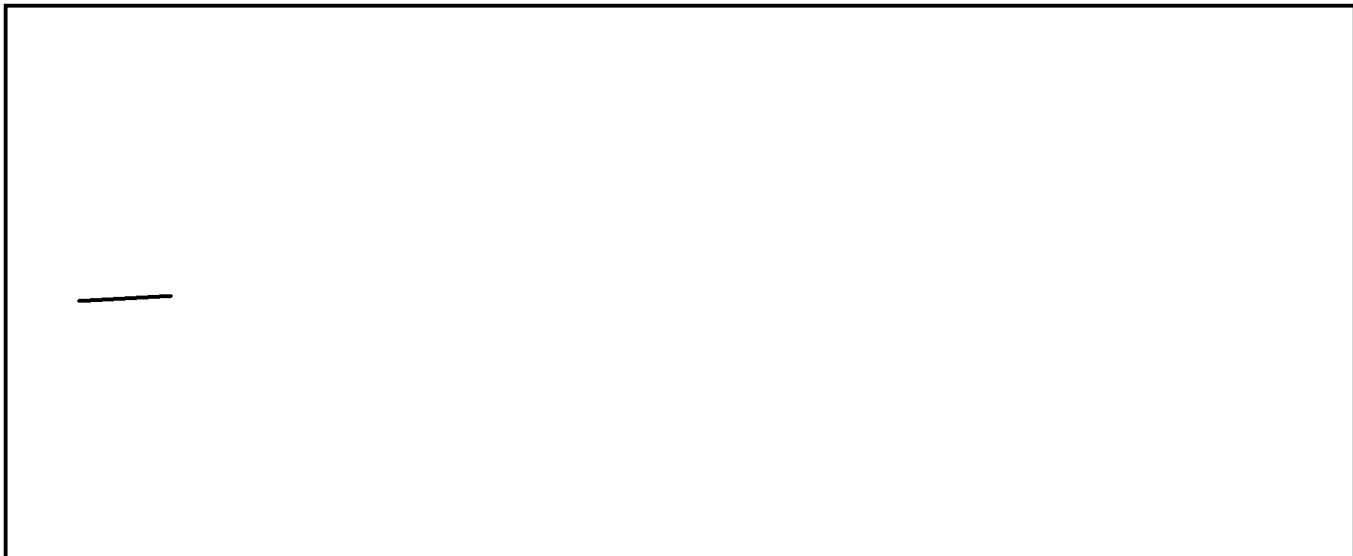
(U//~~FOUO~~) In May 2022, [Redacted]

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(U//~~FOUO~~) In January 2022, an Atlanta Bank of America facility windows smashed and graffiti “stop cop city.” In March 2022 a Well Fargo Bank and a Bank of America in Philadelphia targeted with [Redacted] according to FBI reporting. [XIV]

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Chicago, Illinois has similar construction projects. DTAF members traveled to Chicago, Illinois to meet with Chicago AVEs and EVEs and provide training. Spinoff group formed in Chicago called Chicago Stop Cop City (@CHIforests). [Redacted]
[Redacted]

(U) Chicago plans for a new police/fire training facility for 4301 West Chicago Ave, according to reporting by the Public Building Commission. [XV] The Obama Presidential Library under construction in Jackson Park, according to reporting from the Obama Presidential Center website. [XVI] Tiger Woods Golf Course construction in Jackson Park and the South Shore Country Club and a movement exists to stop trees being cut down, [Redacted]
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(U//~~LES~~) On 28 July 2022, FBI Atlanta located a Twitter account used to promote DTAF activities in Chicago. The tweet listed Chicago Against Cop City (CACC) @CHIforests. The tweet indicated the group formed in July 2022 with 19 following and 158 followers, according to FBI investigative reporting. [XVII]

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(U//~~FOUO~~) On 18 July 2022, CACC posted on Twitter, "The proposed Tiger Woods Golf Course would destroy the South Shore Nature Sanctuary... replacing it with an overpriced and restricted golf green." On 18 July 2022 and 20 July 2022 CACC posted to Twitter a Defend the Forest Stop Cop City Midwest tour with training in Chicago, Illinois at Pilsen Community Books (PCB). On 20 July 2022 PCB posted to Twitter a DTAF meeting at PCB. On 25 July 2022 a reply to a CACC post stated "We have assaults on nature, here in Chicago as well. Consider the plans to deforest Jackson Park and the South Shore Cultural Center, to make way for a "new" golf course. More than 2,670 trees will be removed. Any chance we can see some action on this front?" Screen captures attached in a digital 1A.

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 20 July 2022, PCB retweeted a CACC tweet "The people of Atlanta are refusing to let their forest be bulldozed in favor of police and sold out to Hollywood. Come learn more about and discuss the autonomous fight to defend the Atlanta forest and #stopcopcity." Screen captures attached in a digital 1A.

(U//~~FOUO~~) AVEs and EVEs use PCB as a meeting, planning and networking venue, according to a source with direct and indirect access, some of whose reporting was corroborated. [xix] In May 2022, the owners of PCB claimed PCB a "not police friendly space" and told a Mexican-American female state trooper to leave the store, according to reporting in Newsweek and Block Club Chicago. [xx] [xxi] On 21 August 2021, PCB announced a partnership with For The People-Chicago (FTP-CHI), [4] according to the same source. Pro-abortion extremists used the PCB to prepare for a pro-abortion direct action, according to the same source. [xxii] On 2 August 2022, lit.newcity.com ran an article on "Booksellers and Allies." PCB was one of the bookstores highlighted. The owners described themselves as one a socialist and one an anarchist, according to reporting in lit.newcity.com. [xxiii]

(U) On 24 April 2022 [redacted] traveled to New York City, New York to visit the Bluestockings Cooperative (BC), 116 Suffolk, New York City, New York. [redacted]

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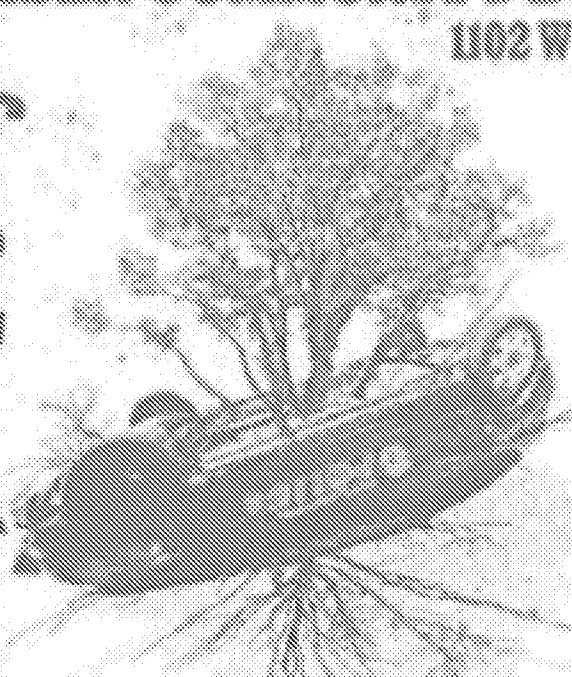
Rising Tide Chicago

July 18 · 🌐

Check out this event this Wed. evening! Frontliners from Defend Atlanta Forest are touring and speaking about the work they are doing to protect the forest. See you there!

PILSEN COMMUNITY BOOKS,
1102 W 18TH ST

NO COMPLICITY



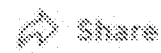
Corporate developers have teamed up with city governments nationwide to destroy our land, control our space, and imprison our people all in the name of law, order, and the economy. Join us to hear how the people of Atlanta continue to defend their land from these companies and discuss what we can learn from their struggles.

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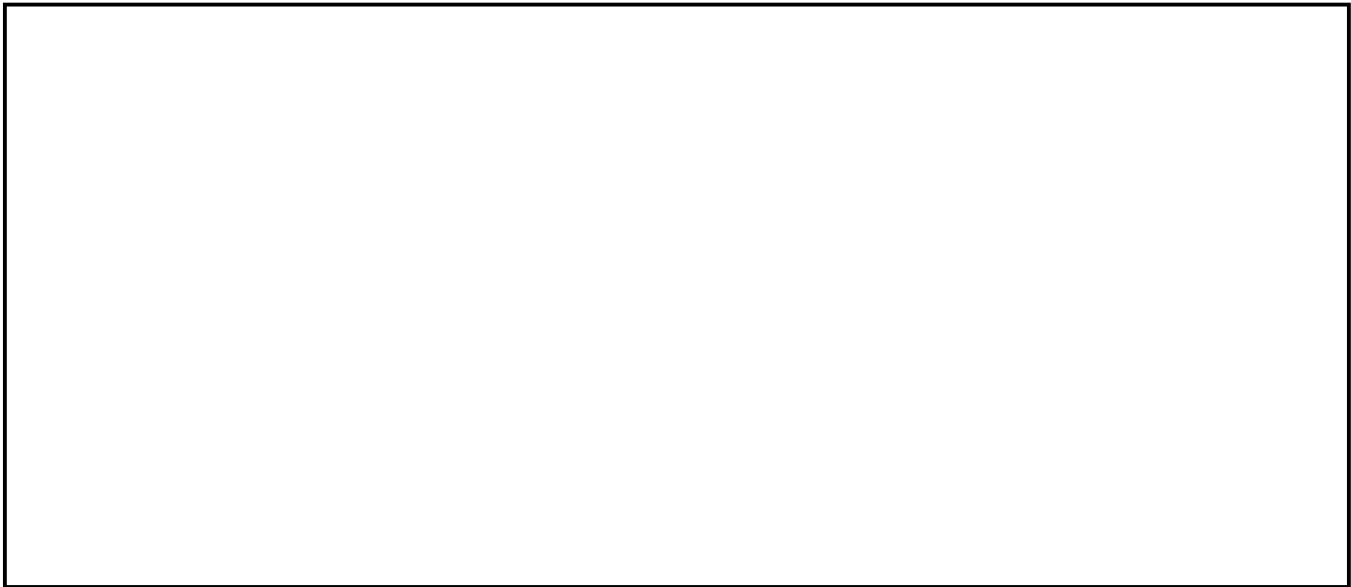


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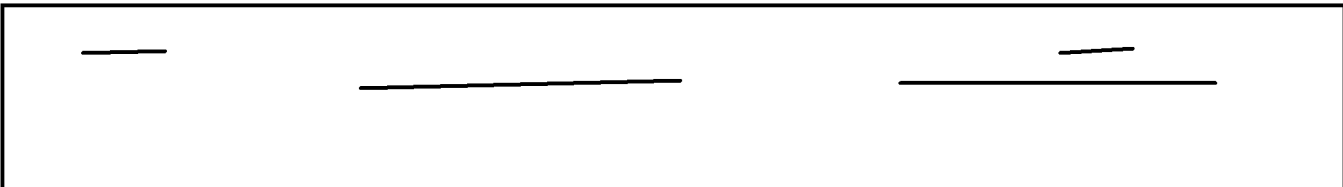
- [1] (U) Direct Action is a term used by domestic violent extremists (DVEs) and defined by DVEs to describe an activity which targets a business or individual by blocking operations, blocking access, criminal damage to property, interrupting communications, and/or sabotaging equipment to stop a targeted organization from operating or intimidate an individual.
- [2] (U) Vehicle traps consisted of pointed metal in a Y shape with two prongs pointed up to disable a vehicle. The traps could also injured a person if stepped on.
- [3] (U) Tree spiking is to pound metal spikes into a tree so when a chain saw hits the spike, the chain saw will kick back damaging the chain saw and potentially injuring the operator.

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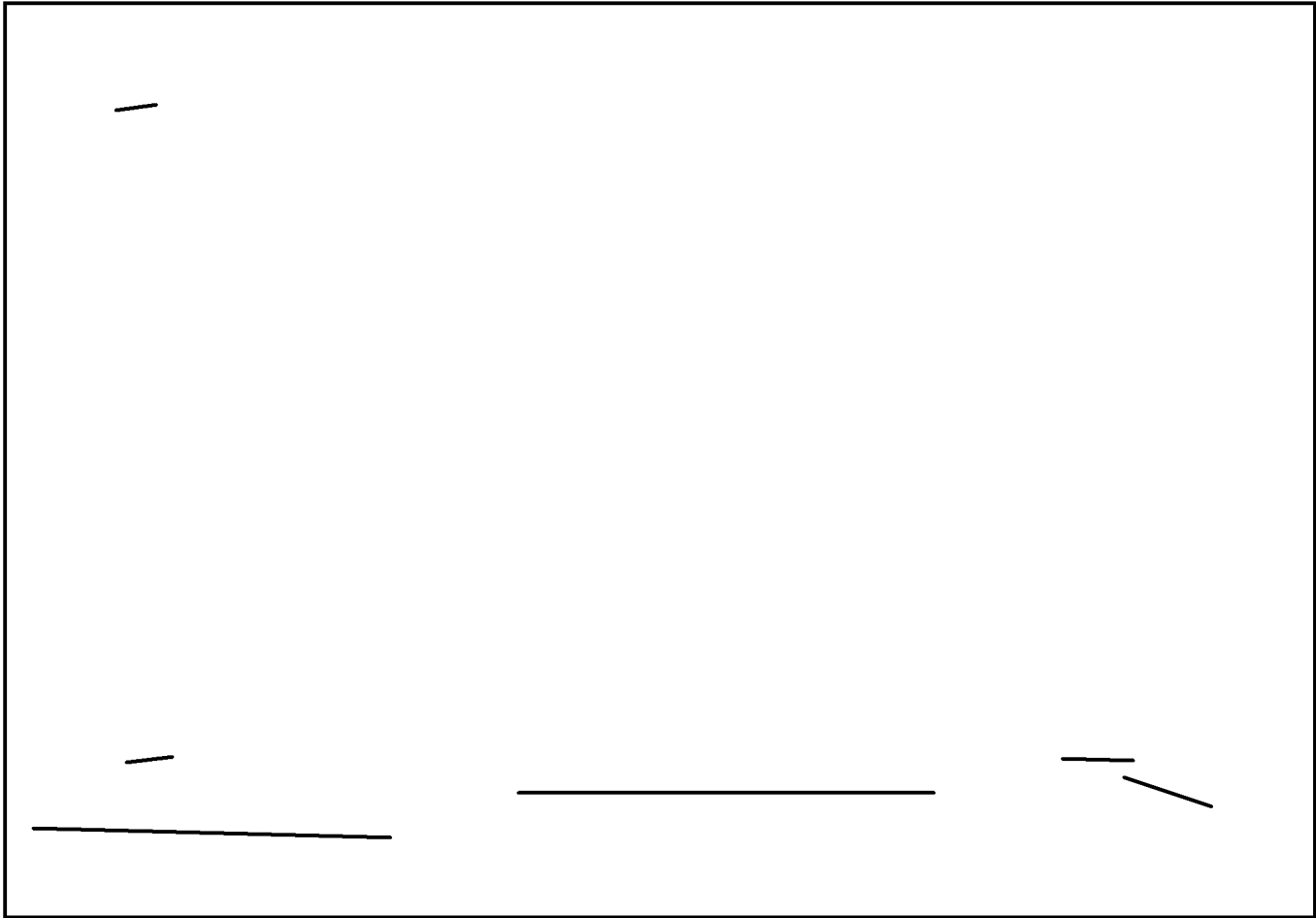
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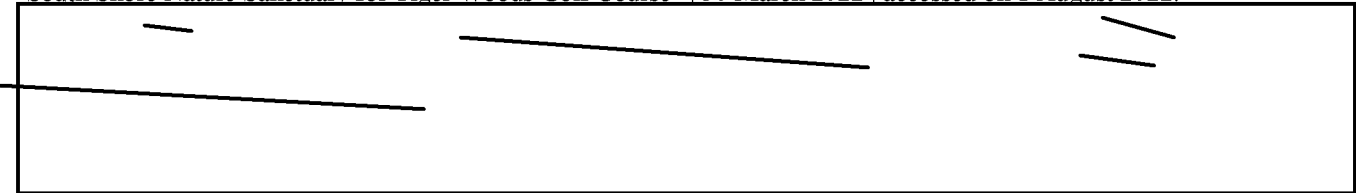


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[XVI] (U) Website | pbcchicago.com | “(U) RPF for Design-Build for Joint Public Safety Training Campus phase 01A-Outlot Restaurant Area” | No date | <https://pbcchicago.com/opportunities/rfp-for-design-build-services-for-joint-public-safety-training-campus-phase-01a/> | accessed on 01 August 2022.

[XVI] (U) Website | Obama.org | “(U) The Obama Presidential Center” | No date | <https://www.obama.org/the-center> | accessed on 1 August 2022.

[XVII] (U) Website | blockclubchicago.org | “(U) Organizers Rally to Save Trees From Being Cut Down in Jackson Park, South Shore Nature Sanctuary for Tiger Woods Golf Course” | 30 March 2022 | accessed on 1 August 2022.



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[XVIII] (U) Website | Newweek.com | “(U) Cop Buying Bible Told to Leave Over Stores “Police-Free” Stance” | <https://www.newsweek.com/cop-buying-bible-told-leave-over-store-police-free-stance-1709542> | UNCLASSIFIED | accessed on 20 May 2022.

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[XXI] (U) Website | Blockclubchicago.org | “(U) Pilsen Bookstore Pledges to Refuse Service to Cops As Owners Declare It a Police-Free Store” | <https://blockclubchicago.org/2022/05/19/pilsen-bookstore-pledges-to-refuse-service-to-cops-as-owners-declare-it-a-police-free-store/> | UNCLASSIFIED | accessed on 20 May 2022.

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[XXII] (U) Website | lit.newcity.com | “(U) Lit 50 2022: Booksellers and Allies” | <https://lit.newcity.com/2022/08/02/lit-50-2022-booksellers-and-alliesPilsen/> | 2 August 2022 | accessed on 3 August 2022.

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Chicago Against Cop City

26 Tweets



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@CHIforests

Local support for the fight to defend the Atlanta forest and stop cop city

📅 Joined July 2022

19 Following 158 Followers

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MN Against Cop City

40 Tweets



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Local support committee for the fight to defend the Atlanta forest and stop cop city

📍 Minnesota defendtheatlantaforest.org

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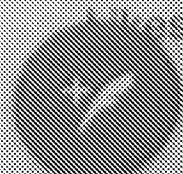
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MN Against Cop City Retweeted





Rising Tide Chicago is at Chicago Park District's Iowa Building.

July 8 · Chicago · 🌐

📅 Save the date 📅 for a political education event in solidarity with Stop Cop City @stopcopcity / Defend the Atlanta Forest @defendatlantaforest, a campaign against the construction of a massive police training compound in Atlanta in what is currently 300 acres of forest. 🌳 ✂️

For over a year, police abolitionists and people struggling against climate and environmental injustice have been resisting through a diversity of tactics - from showing up at decision makers' homes, to ... See more

SAVE THE DATE

ABOLITIONIST CLIMATE JUSTICE FROM ATL TO CHI

SAT JULY 23, 3-7 PM
HYDE PARK @ IOWA BUILDING
(AN OUTDOOR PAVILION)

*A Political Education event in solidarity with the
STOP COP CITY / DEFEND THE ATLANTA FOREST
Week of Action*

FEATURING

SESSIONS on Stop Cop City / Defend the Atlanta Forest AND local abolition & climate justice campaigns

ART BUILD & TABLING with local campaigns

ACTION STEPS to find your role in the struggle

FOOD & DRINKS!

MOVIE NIGHT after dark. Feat. Blockville USA, a documentary on mock-cities where US police forces practiced urban warfare in the 1960s.



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(U) In June 2021,

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(U//~~FOUO~~) In early October 2021, PCB hosted a USBUS YouTube live event featured the authors of the books “How to Blow Up a Pipeline” and “Stay in the Fight.” One author proposed sabotage is a logical form of climate activism and pacifism equates to fatalism in the climate movement, according to the same source. [xxviii]

(U//~~FOUO~~) Rising Tide Chicago (RTC) (@RisingTideChi) posted a Twitter message “We take direct action to confront the root cause of the climate crisis & create climate justice thru trainings and solidarity, followed by a link for PCB. On 18 July 2022, RTC posted a flyer for the July 20 meeting at PCB. On 21 July 2022 RTC posted to Twitter “Miss last nights #stopcopcity discussion or want more? Come out Saturday (23 July 2022) for a @defendATLforest solidarity event featuring a special screening of #riotsvilleUSA.” On 8 July 2022, RTC posted information on Abolitionist Climate Justice from Atlanta to Chicago to he held 23 July 2022 at the Iowa Building in Hyde Park, Chicago, Illinois. Screen captures attached in a digital 1A.

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 5 June 2022, DTAF posted to Twitter two photos on Stop Cop City banner drops during the Chicago Bank of America Half Marathon. Screen captures attached in a digital 1A. In April 2022, Extinction Rebellion (ER) [S] Facebook account promoted DTAFs fight against cop city, according to FBI investigative reporting. [xxix]

Facility searched	Platform	Display name	User name	User ID
	Twitter	StopCopCity	@CHIforests	
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	Twitter	Pilsen Community Books	pilsoncommbooks	

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