



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

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(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) A second public service will be held in Raeford, NC on 6 June after George Floyd's remains were transported via ground transportation from Minneapolis. A third public service will be held in Houston on 8 June and a private funeral service will follow on 9 June.

(U//FOUO) On 5 June, an identified subject delivered multiple hoax improvised explosive devices (IEDs) to two businesses and then crashed his vehicle into a third business before attempting to carjack an individual, claiming to have an IED. At the time of his arrest, a total of six suspected IEDs were located. The devices were cleared as hoax devices by bomb technicians. The subject had no clear motivation and may have mental health issues.

(U//LES) As of 6 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 and 600 local officers**

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injured around the country during protests, frequently from projectiles. **It was determined the previously reported local officer killing on 3 June was not related to violent protest activity.**

(U//LES) As of 6 June, there are a number of reports of planned protests targeting federal facilities ranging from civil disobedience, calls for violence against law enforcement, bomb threats call-ins, and potential use of vehicle-borne IEDs (VBIED) and other explosives.

(U//FOUO) As of 6 June, USAO charged **70** 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 **13,600** arrests made by various law enforcement agencies across the nation.

(U//FOUO) As of **6 June**, more than 32 states have requested National Guard personnel with more than 41,500 National Guard personnel on duty.

(U//LES) According to the ATF, since the start of the unrest there have been **81** Federal Firearms License burglaries of an estimated loss of **1,116** firearms; **876** reported arsons; **76** explosive incidents, and **46** ATF arrests to date.

(U) THREAT

(U//LES) As of **6 June**, FBI reported planned or ongoing protests targeting federal facilities ranging from calls for violence against law enforcement, and bomb threat call-ins, to use of VBIEDs and other explosives. Notable reporting over the past 24 hours include:

- (U//FOUO) On 5 June, a Twitter user posted, “At this point, we should take weap*ns and attack the White House. Let matriarchy begin...”
- (U//FOUO) As of 5 June, a Twitter user suggested placing bombs on fences at unspecified locations in Washington, D.C.

(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 32 states and the District of Columbia. While violent protests and civil unrest originated in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on 26 May, these have spread to include a wide array of violent activity and ongoing civil unrest across the country. **FBI reported groups of counter protesters including right wing and anarchist extremists demonstrating at national protests and attempting to further ignite violence.**

(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.

(U) Other events that could potentially prompt a large community reaction:

- (U) **Confederate monuments and symbols were flashpoints for protests in several U.S. cities.**
- (U) Curfews remain in effect in multiple municipalities with varying dates of expiration.

(U) Damage to Facilities/Property

(U//FOUO) Anecdotal criminal activity noted around the country include:

- (U//LES) Police vehicles parked outside officer's homes have made officers vulnerable to protest or vandalism. "ANTIFA" discussed this tactic earlier in the week.
- (U//LES) Reports of significant thefts of firearms from firearms stores and pawn shops since the beginning of the unrest.
- (U//FOUO) On 5 June, a restaurant sustained physical damage due to an incendiary device thrown in the window. The words "F*ck You" and "KKK" were written on both sides of the building.
- (U//FOUO) As of 5 June, News reporting of planned attacks for 6 June on 5G towers across the US. Based on a Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Intelligence Note dated 5 June 2020, violent opportunists could use Global Stop5G Protests to attack critical infrastructure and personnel.

(U) TACTICS

(U) Upcoming infrastructure concerns (highways shut down, blockaded streets, etc.) that could be impacted by violence.

(U//LES) On 5 June, demonstrators targeted police aircraft and ground officers with bright green lasers. No eye injuries were reported.

(U//FOUO) As of 4 June, unidentified individuals appear to be using the open source flight radar www.flightradar24.com to identify law enforcement aerial assets and warning protesters of law enforcement coverage through social media groups and tags such as #acab. The social media posts include tail numbers, plane photographs, law enforcement agency ownership, flight paths, and refueling.

(U//LES) As of 5 June, law enforcement partners identified pre-staged projectiles at pre-determined four locations.

(U) INTELLIGENCE/INVESTIGATIVE UPDATES*(U) Social Media Exploitation (SOMEX)*

(U//LES) As of 6 June, FBI reported individuals using social media platforms to coordinate protest locations to sow discord. Notable reporting over the past 24 hours include:

- (U//FOUO) Incidents involving Molotov cocktails, along with other incendiary devices in the vicinity of law enforcement facilities reported.
- (U//LES) Individuals trying to obtain law enforcement PII and one individual attempting to see PII via PasteBin and the DarkWeb.
- (U//FOUO) Individuals using Facebook, Snapchat, and Instagram to coordinate protest locations, sow discord, and posting flyers seeking to hire "professional anarchists."
- (U) According to open source as of 5 June, users on Twitter and Reddit are commenting and discussing the presence of unmarked law enforcement (NFI).

- (U//LES) On 4 June, an Instagram user posted on a user’s private Instagram account “a purge” on law enforcement planned for 6 June. The user stated that anyone stopped by police should follow the only rule, to kill law enforcement first, then continue destroying property.
- (U//FOUO) Reports of Facebook post by an identified individual, entitled “How to get rid of cops”, included information on ambushing law enforcement with weapons, grabbing their identification to obtain home addresses and attacking their families.
- (U//FOUO) Some protestors and possible “ANTIFA” members attempted to bait law enforcement into displaying the “OK” hand sign. These individuals plan to photograph the officers and use the photographs as propaganda to discredit the officers. The “OK” hand sign resembles a hand sign used by members of the Three Percenter (3 Percenter or III%er) Movement, a far-right militia group.

(U) Number of LE Mitigation actions to include:

(U) As of June 6, field offices have reported activity that appears to be having a positive mitigating factor as the violence and number of arrests decrease. Multiple states are limiting or ending curfews and removing Confederate memorials and monuments. Notable reporting over the past 24 hours include:

- (U) On 5 June, an U.S. District Judge signed a temporary restraining order prohibiting a local police agency from using projectiles and chemical weapons against peaceful protestors.

(U//LES) To date, there have been over **13,643** reported arrests made across the nation.

