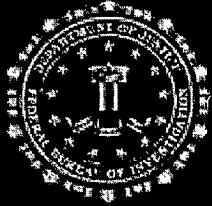




Federal Bureau of Investigation **Sovereign Citizen Extremists**

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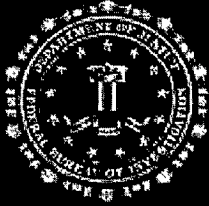


Sovereign citizen extremists are individuals and/or groups adhering to sovereign ideology who further their political or social goal through activities involving force or violence and a violation of federal criminal law.

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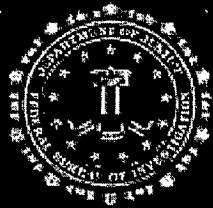
- Reject U.S. citizenship
- Fail to recognize the authority of the US government

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- Conduct debt elimination and Redemption Schemes locally
- Possess/use illegal weapons/explosives, conduct paramilitary training
- Subscribe to a number of conspiracy theories, including a prevalent theory which states the United States Government (USG) became bankrupt and began using citizens as collateral in trade agreements with foreign governments.
- Do not believe in the USG (local, state, or federal government)
- Anti-tax
- File fraudulent liens and warrants in local courts
- Can be violent
- Form parallel judicial bodies or “common law courts”
- Use legitimate commercial and financial documents outside intended purpose

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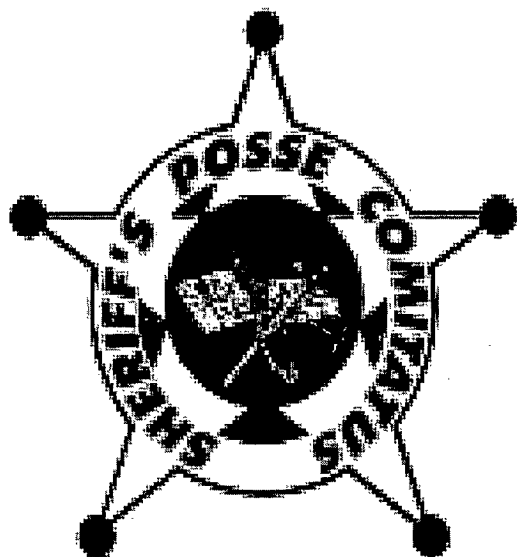


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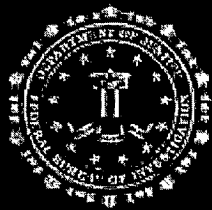
Organized: Groups of sovereign citizens conducting schemes together, or as part of a group initiative.

Independent: Have learned sovereign ideology from trainers, the internet or an organization. They do not belong to any organized group. (Harder to detect than large organizations)

- IMPORTANT! Independent sovereign citizens are not ***necessarily*** "extremists" since they may be conducting these schemes for personal gain, not due to a political or social agenda.



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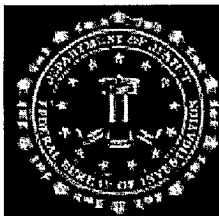


- [redacted] - Attempted to run down police officer.
- [redacted] - Police officer killed.
- [redacted] - Two police officers killed.
- [redacted] - Murder for hire. Judge, AUSA, IRS.
- [redacted] - Killed two police officers & city council member.
- [redacted] - Murder for hire. IRS Agent.
- [redacted] - Fired at officers during a traffic stop.
- [redacted] - Shot and killed two police officers and injured two other officers
- [redacted] - Shot three police officers.



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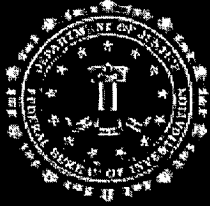
- 346 and 347 Classifications
 - Focus on white collar aspect of sovereign citizens
 - If violent tendencies are shown, may convert to 266
 - NOT way to get around force/violence prong of “DT triangle”
 - If no violent tendencies, prosecute as white collar

Cases Open as of 14 April 2011

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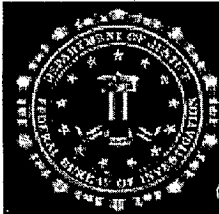
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- Threats against USG and Law Enforcement
- Fraudulent filings, financial damage, targeting judges
- Teaching sovereign tactics/selling documents
- Military/Law Enforcement involvement
- Inciting violence
- Common law courts
- Selling Bills of Exchange/Paying bills using Treasury Direct Accounts
- Prison tactics
- Lone offenders

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- Many sovereign citizen extremists claim diplomatic status since they maintain they are not part of the United States.
 - Diplomatic badges and credentials
 - Passports
 - License plates, identification
- State and local law enforcement do not always recognize them as fake.
- Known uses:
 - Provided at traffic stops
 - Bypass court security
 - Bypass airport security screening

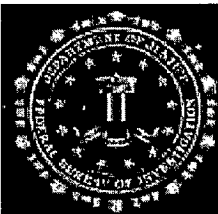
Violations:

18 USC 912 (False personation of an officer)

18 USC 915 (False personation of a diplomat)

18 USC 713 (Use of likeness of the great seal of the United States)

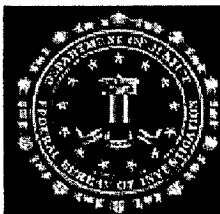
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- Hybrid with militias
 - Recruitment of militias (Example:)
- Squatters
- Recent TSA incidents
- Potential increase in violence
 - Almost daily encounters at traffic stops
- Debt elimination and mortgage fraud
 - Largely driven by foreclosures
 - Potential gateway into the movement

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- **INDICATORS**

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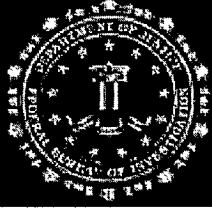
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- **POSSIBLE TRIGGERS FOR ACTIVITY**

- Perceived collapse of the United States economy.
 - Confrontations with law enforcement
 - Any law enforcement, judicial, or government action which is perceived as infringement of sovereign rights

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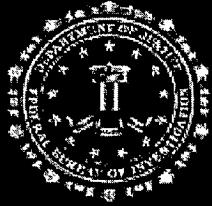
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- National v. Regional TEIs; 336S cases
- Violence typically is a “last resort”
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 - 346 and 347 cases

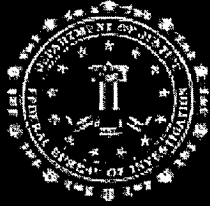
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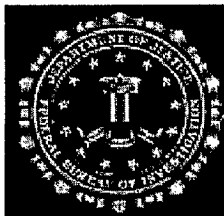
- Sovereign Citizen National Initiative being coordinated with the Department of Justice
- Takedown Strategy
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- Will present findings to Counterterrorism Section of the Department of Justice
 - Formulate prosecutorial strategy to disrupt sovereign citizen extremist activities

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- 18 U.S.C., Section 111 (Assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers or employees)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 115 (Threats against a federal official)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 371 (Conspiracy)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 372 (Conspiracy to impede or injure a federal officer)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 373 (Solicitation to commit a crime of violence)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 485 (Making/Forging/Counterfeiting coins or bars)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 513 (Securities of the state and private entities)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 514 (Fictitious obligations)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 876 (Mailing threatening communication with intent to extort)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 924 (Carrying a firearm in connection with a crime of violence)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 1017 (Government seal/instruments wrongfully used)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 1028 (Fraud and related activity related to identification documents)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 1114 (Murder of officers and employees of the United States)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 1117 (Conspiracy to commit murder)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 1341 (Mail fraud)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 1343 (Wire fraud)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 1344 (Bank fraud)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 1521 (Retaliating against a Federal judge or Federal law enforcement officer by false claim or slander of title)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 1956 (Money laundering)
- 18 U.S.C., Section 2385 (Advocating the overthrow of the Government)

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