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(U) Significant Events in Domestic Extremism, 2012-2013

Counterterrorism Division/Domestic Terrorism Fusion Cell



(U/FOUO) The following incidents and disrupted plots are ideologically-inspired criminal events that caused, or could have reasonably led to death, grievous harm, or financial losses of at least \$1 million. All events listed here occurred between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2013. Sentencing information, where available, is current as of 1 May 2014.

January 2013

4 January: Sheriff's deputies arrested a self-proclaimed white supremacy extremist in Seale, Alabama, for allegedly plotting, an explosives attack against a high school teacher and six fellow students. The individual, who detailed his plans in a notebook and constructed explosive devices out of metal cans, is currently awaiting trial.

9 January: Three presumed white supremacy extremists in Walton, Kentucky, murdered an individual as part of an ideologically-driven campaign against suspected drug dealers.

17 January: An animal rights extremist set a fire inside a restaurant in Rosemont, Illinois, because its menu included animal products. The subject received a sentence of nine years incarceration for aggravated arson.

8 March: Sheriff's deputies attempting to execute a warrant against fugitive and presumed sovereign citizen extremist Jeffrey Wright encountered the subject armed and barricaded in his Navarre, Florida home. During a brief standoff, Wright fired his weapon and declared he was not a US citizen. He was fatally shot after he pointed a pistol at the officers.

3 May: A militia extremist plotted to rob a National Guard armory, attack a police station, and destroy a local radio tower and power grid as part of a larger plot to take control of the small town of Montevideo, Minnesota. The individual was convicted in January 2014 of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of unregistered destructive devices.

29 May: A white supremacy extremist fired an assault rifle at police officers responding to a report of "shots fired" in Mayodan, North Carolina. Rounds struck several patrol vehicles and one officer, who received a minor injury. The extremist was charged with felony assault, going armed to the terror of the public, possession of a firearm by a felon, damaging personal property, and discharging a firearm in a city.

8-9, 11-12 June: Individuals suspected of adhering to environmental extremist ideology destroyed genetically engineered sugar beets on an experimental farm in Grants Pass, Oregon. The financial loss of approximately 6,500 plants is estimated at between \$3.5 and \$4 million.

15 June: Lewis Pollard, a member of the sovereign citizen extremist group Republic for the united States of America (RuSA), rejected the authority of the Fruita, Colorado, police officer who stopped his vehicle. Pollard then fled the scene and was located later at his residence, where he pointed a pistol at police officers, who responded, killing him at the scene.

29 June: A sovereign citizen extremist who caused a disruption at a nightclub told security guards that he "answered to no man" and had a sovereign police badge. He then pointed a loaded handgun at Metropolitan Nashville (Tennessee) Police officers with the laser sight switched on. The individual subsequently pleaded guilty to aggravated assault, possession of a weapon while intoxicated, and resisting arrest with a weapon.

11 July: A self-described anarchist traveled from Montana to Seattle, Washington, in a stolen vehicle containing stolen firearms and body armor. After his arrest by University of Washington police, authorities discovered a notebook, maps, notes, and six Molotov cocktail incendiary devices inside the vehicle. The individual received a sentence of three years incarceration for transportation of a stolen vehicle, possession of a stolen firearm, and possession of destructive devices.

21 July: Sheriff's deputies in Jonesville, South Carolina, arrested white supremacy extremists Jeremy and Christine Moody for the murder of a registered sex offender and his wife; and for their plans to kill another sex offender. Jeremy Moody had previously published a book calling for the deaths of sex offenders and their families as a way to "purify the bloodline."

August

4 August: St. Joseph, Missouri, police arrested a presumed white supremacy extremist alleged to have beaten an African-American male unconscious with a bat while shouting racial epithets.

8 August: A five alarm fire destroyed a five story, 46 unit apartment building under construction in Portland, Oregon. Damages from the arson were estimated at approximately \$5 million. A posting to an anarchist Web site referenced the fire. Authorities suspect anti-gentrification as a motive.

20 August: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police arrested two sovereign citizen extremists with detailed plans to kidnap, torture, and kill police officers. One of the individuals was subsequently convicted of conspiracy to commit false imprisonment and received a sentence of one year probation. The other was convicted of conspiracy to commit kidnapping and was sentenced to five years probation.

22 August: A white supremacy extremist in Munford, Alabama, attempted to contract the murder of an African-American neighbor he suspected of rape. Referring to the neighbor with a racial epithet, the extremist demanded that he should be "hung from a tree like a deer and gutted." The extremist received a sentence of 72 months incarceration.

27 August: During a traffic stop in Maricopa County, Arizona, authorities arrested two self-proclaimed sovereign citizens found to be in possession of numerous weapons, including an assault rifle and explosives. One subject stated the assault rifle was intended for law enforcement; the other said he needed the rifle for protection against the police.

November

1 November: Domestic extremist Paul A. Ciancia shot and killed a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officer and wounded two other TSA employees and one civilian at Los Angeles International Airport.

6 November: A suspected anarchist extremist who traveled from Alabama to Washington, DC, approached US Secret Service officers near the White House while yelling "Shoot me! Shoot me!" US Park Police subsequently discovered a loaded pistol, a shotgun, two rifles, ammunition, and a possible Molotov cocktail in his vehicle. The individual was charged with transporting firearms into the District of Columbia.

16 November: Suspected animal rights extremists claimed to have contaminated 263 jars of mink oil with cyanic acid. The Racine, Wisconsin-based producer removed the remaining product from store shelves nationwide, resulting in estimated losses exceeding \$2 million.

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January 2012

8 January: Animal rights extremists claimed responsibility for a fire that destroyed 14 vehicles used to transport cattle at a ranch in Coalinga, California. Losses were estimated at \$2.5-3 million.

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2 February: A white supremacy extremist in Toledo, Ohio, obtained weapons and ammunition and identified targets as part of a planned killing spree which he hoped would ignite a race war. The individual received a sentence of 71 months incarceration for possession of body armor, trafficking in counterfeit goods, and for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

24 April: Federal authorities assisted by the Mendota Heights, (Minnesota) Police Department, arrested a white supremacy extremist who plotted to attack the Mexican Consulate with a vehicle-borne incendiary device containing homemade napalm. The plot was intended to serve as a statement against immigration. He and an associate conducted surveillance, scouted storage sites, and purchased materials to construct a device. The individual ultimately pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and was sentenced to 120 months incarceration.

30 April: Federal authorities arrested five anarchist extremists plotting to destroy the Route 82 Brecksville-Northfield High Level Bridge near Cleveland, Ohio, with C-4 explosives. Four of the conspirators pleaded guilty to acquiring and attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and received sentences ranging from eight to eleven years incarceration. The fifth individual received a 10-year sentence.

23 May: An attempted arson attributed to pro-life extremists occurred during business hours at a reproductive health care facility in Marietta, Georgia, while patients and staff were present.

30 May: A white supremacy extremist in Manassas, Virginia, plotted to kill the President and Attorney General and threatened law enforcement officers. He later pleaded guilty to attempting to manufacture an automatic weapon and received a sentence of one year incarceration.

25 July: Two black separatist extremists in Atlanta, Georgia employed a fundraising scheme involving identity theft and tax fraud that generated more than \$31 million over a period of at least two years. The proceeds were intended to fund a basic training program for other black separatist extremists.

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5 August: White supremacy extremist Wade Michael Page, a member of the Hammerskin Nation, shot and killed six persons and injured four others at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin in Oak Creek. He exchanged gunfire with responding officers, seriously injuring an Oak Creek police officer. Page was wounded during the incident and later sustained a self-inflicted fatal injury.

15 August: Domestic extremist Floyd Lee Corkins II shot and injured a security guard at the Family Research Council in Washington, DC, as part of a plan to kill Council employees. Corkins was opposed to the organization's views, including its advocacy against recognition of gay marriage. He received a sentence of 25 years incarceration for committing an act of terrorism while armed, assault with intent to kill while armed, and interstate transportation of a firearm and ammunition.

16 August: Sovereign citizen extremists Brian Smith and Kyle Joekel shot and killed two St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, sheriff's deputies and wounded two other deputies in an incident that began with a traffic stop and ended in a shootout at the suspects' residence.

30 August: A driver detained for speeding in Muskogee, Oklahoma, declared his status as a sovereign citizen, refused to open his window or acknowledge the officer's authority, and fled the scene. He was subsequently convicted of eluding a police officer, running a roadblock, assault with a dangerous weapon, and two misdemeanor violations.

September

9 September: An incarcerated selfproclaimed sovereign citizen in Fort Worth, Texas, paid an associate \$5,000 to kill a federal judge. The subject ultimately received an additional sentence of 240 months incarceration.

October

14 October: An active duty member of the US Army who also led a militia extremist group in El Paso, Texas, plotted to kill federal law enforcement officers and individuals in his chain of command. The individual was subsequently sentenced to 10 years incarceration for multiple Uniform Code of Military Justice violations and received a Dishonorable Discharge from the US Army. Two other members of the extremist group received Dishonorable Discharges and prison sentences ranging from four to seven years.

(U) Map: Significant Events in Domestic Extremism, 2012-2013

