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It is interesting that the tactics we have seen in Portland are being exported to other locations, possibly by people from outside the local community. Of particular interest was the paragraph about the media turning off their cameras, adding accelerant to a fire, then turning on their cameras to cover the news story they just helped to create. This is similar to some of the reports we have received from Portland that people wearing press indicia have actively participated in the violence.

Last night, Kenosha saw widespread protests which quickly developed into numerous incidents of looting and arson.

KCPD described the first night of riots/arsons as perpetrated by persons from the immediate community. They stated that the second night saw the arrival of "outside agitators", which they described as people wearing personal protective equipment (helmets/shields), and carrying baseball bats and other blunt instruments. Additionally, they stated that the crowds on the second night were far more confrontational towards police lines, and made efforts to agitate/bait police into confrontations.

KCPD also reported that on the second night they were dealing with several smaller groups last night as opposed to one large group on the first night. They reported that the smaller groups set fire to a furniture store, a probation/parole office, as well as other buildings/vehicles in the area. In addition, he said these groups smashed any windows they saw, as well as ripping down streetlights/poles. They also reported numerous incidents of stores being looted in several areas of the city. They did not observe any activity that made them think the looting was coordinated or planned.

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In terms of weaponry, KCPD observed people using Molotov cocktails, M80's, assorted fireworks, baseball bats, and other incendiary devices. Some people were observed throwing incendiary devices into garbage cans, dumpsters, and vehicles with open windows. Also, KCPD has reported finding hidden stockpiles of bricks and small rocks in several locations in the city. They stated that they filled a large truck, similar to our barrier trucks, with bricks/rocks recovered from the street yesterday.

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KCPD reported that one of its officers was struck with a mortar in the neck, but is in stable condition. Additionally, several officers were treated for heat exhaustion last night. There were no confirmed incidents of shots fired at police last night.

KCPD observed members of the "Boogaloos" in Kenosha last night. They stated that the "boogaloos" stood outside some of the businesses in the city in body armor and carrying weapons, but did not become involved in any of the protesting/rioting.

KCPD also observed groups referred to as "Riot Chasers". 'Mercado Media' and 'CJ TV' have been reporting on the riots in Kenosha, paying special attention to looting and incidents of arson. KCPD states (b)(7)(D) observed members of the media groups respond to fires, begin to record them and while on camera claim to be making efforts to extinguish the fire. They further stated that the groups have been turning their cameras off, entering locations where fires have begun, and actually using accelerant to have the fires grow, and then turn their cameras back on.

Kenosha PD is currently being supported by the Wisconsin State Patrol, the National Guard, and other local law enforcement agencies in their response to these incidents.

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