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**Subject:** Civil Unrest in Kenosha

Marshal, (b) (6), (b) (7)(F)

I apologize for only keeping text communication with you over the past 36 hours. As the events unfolded it was the best method for keeping you up to date on the events as they unfolded and as I had a few moments to type quickly. Now with a little rest please allow me to offer a better breakdown of the events and our office/GLRFTF response.

In the evening of Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Kenosha Police Department had an Officer involved shooting as the result of a call for service to a domestic violence incident. In the hours following the shooting incident I was in contact with the Kenosha Police Department regarding potential civil unrest. At that time protest events in the city had not reached the point of needing a law enforcement response outside of local Kenosha County law enforcement agencies and surrounding counties. In the early morning hours of August 24<sup>th</sup> the protests devolved into a riot event and the Kenosha Police Department requested our assistance. At that time myself (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F), (b) (7)(E) of our GLRFTF TFO'S responded to Kenosha immediately. Additional personnel consisting of myself, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F), (b) (7)(E) GLRFTF TFO's responded to Kenosha the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> into this morning. Although I am still working out the details and staffing we will be responding to Kenosha again this evening and into tomorrow morning.

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Yesterday evening and into this morning Kenosha experienced what (b) (5)

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A Kenosha Police Sergeant became separated from his riot response squad and called for rescue when he was surrounded rioters and he began to be hit with rocks and other objects. We responded and began to make our way to him through the crowd. As we vectored in on his location he was able to exfil himself and return to their lines. We then exfired ourselves and left the area to deescalate the immediate area.

We responded to multiple officer assist calls where other units were in contact with citizens, rioters, looters, etc. but where being overwhelmed or needed additional support to effect arrests, clear buildings or clear areas of people.

We responded to multiple, armed subject calls and vehicles of armed people roving neighborhoods. Wisconsin is an open carry state, in these instances we responded, identified and surveilled individuals, groups and vehicles when we could sending back descriptions, location and other intel to the command posts should there be any instances later involving those people or vehicles that would become illegal.

We responded to multiple shots fired incidents and two shootings with reported victims down in the roadway. In one instance we attempted a rescue of the shooting victim who was reported to be in a used car lot that had been set afire. Upon entering the scene we encountered an estimated 200-300 people actively rioting, looting and starting structure fires. At that time we were responding lights and sirens as there was a shooting victim. As our teams began to push through towards the reported victim we encountered rocks and other projectiles being thrown at our vehicles. Upon arrival at the scene of the shooting we were notified that the victims group of friends had moved the victim and they self-transporting to a local hospital. We then had to exfil ourselves, continuing to take rocks and other items as we did so. In the second instance we were unable to locate a victim.

We responded to multiple instances of looting/burglary of businesses. We searched and cleared a multitude of business and commercial structures and turned the properties over to owners, key holders or Kenosha PD patrol units. We made contact with a multitude of suspected looters who were found to be in possession of items consistent with looting, new in packaging items, multiple of the same unopened items. In those instances we turned the detained individuals over to Kenosha PD units where they were arrested or cited for various violations or ordered in at a later date. In one instance we engaged in foot pursuits of three suspected looters, arresting two of them. One of them was from Florida and one from Illinois. In a second instance two suspected looters were contacted during a traffic stop and arrested on outstanding warrants and a firearm seized.

During the worst of the rioting last night the Kenosha Fire Department refused to respond to numerous structure fires, some of which were burning entire blocks of connected structures due to rioting and looting and violence directed towards them when they arrived on scene of other fires. We responded along with other law enforcement elements to include armor and MIRT teams. The immediate area was pushed and cleared of rioters and we then provided perimeter and close in security for the fire fighters as they did their jobs.

Marshal, you noted that the Director in his call asked if we needed additional support and what we needed as a district. (b) (5) We are running our QRF vehicles coupled with Kenosha officers assigned to us. (b) (5) We of course will continue to support them until they no longer need it.

(b) (5), (b) (7)(E) Milwaukee is one of the poorest large metro cities in the U.S. and also the most racially segregated large city depending on what polls you read. We have been included in every VRN and PSP Operation and now Relentless Pursuit and Legend because of its violence and the violence in general of South East Wisconsin. (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

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I apologize for the rant but I believe we have a unique opportunity to seek what we all know we need if the Director's Office is calling the District and asking what we need. This is what we need to be effective in Wisconsin. On a national scale this is a drop in the bucket.

Thank you,

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