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**SELF-PROCLAIMED WHITE-SUPREMACIST WILLIAM WHITE CONVICTED  
OF SOLICITING VIOLENCE AGAINST HALE JURY FOREMAN**

CHICAGO — A self-proclaimed white-supremacist was convicted today by a federal jury in Chicago of soliciting violence to the foreman of a federal jury in Chicago that convicted another white-supremacist, Matthew Hale, in 2004, federal law enforcement officials announced today. The defendant, **William A. White**, was found guilty on one count of solicitation, announced Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and Robert D. Grant, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

White, 33, also known as “Bill White,” of Roanoke, Va., faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Jurors deliberated several hours following a two-day trial before U.S. District Judge Lynn Adelman, of Milwaukee, who was assigned to preside over the case in U.S. District Court in Chicago. A sentencing date was not immediately set.

Judge Adelman initially had dismissed the indictment against White but a federal appeals court in Chicago reinstated the solicitation charge last summer. Today’s verdict is White’s second federal conviction in little more than a year. He is currently serving a 30-month federal sentence that was

imposed last April after a federal jury in Roanoke convicted him in December 2009 of three counts of communicating threats in interstate commerce and one count of witness intimidation.

“After one white supremacist was tried, convicted and sentenced for soliciting the murder of a federal judge in Chicago, White solicited his followers to retaliate against the foreman of that jury,” Mr. Fitzgerald said. “While freedom of speech is among our most cherished rights, the First Amendment does not protect anyone who intends to induce others to kill or injure. It is critical to our system of justice that jurors and judges alike must be free to perform their duties without living in fear.”

According to the evidence at trial, White created and maintained a former web site, “Overthrow.com,” which was publicly accessible on the Internet. The web site purported to be affiliated with the “American National Socialist Workers Party” (ANSWP), and claimed the organization was comprised of a “convergence of former [white supremacy] ‘movement’ activists who grew disgusted with the general garbage that ‘the movement’ has attracted and who formed the ANSWP under the Command of Bill White.” Members of the ANSWP were described as “National Socialists... who fight for white working people.”

Between Sept. 11 and Oct. 11, 2008, White used the Web site to solicit another person to injure Juror A on account of Juror A’s role as the foreperson of the jury that convicted Hale, the leader of a white-supremacist organization known as the World Church of the Creator, who was found guilty and sentenced to 40 years in prison for soliciting the murder of a federal judge in Chicago.

As part of White’s solicitation of violence against Juror A, White posted derogatory comments and personal information about Juror A, including Juror A’s home address and phone numbers, to be posted on the Overthrow.com Web site on Sept. 11, 2008. The solicitation occurred under circumstances strongly corroborating White’s intent that another person engage in criminal conduct using, attempting to use or threatening the use of force against Juror A.

White was aware that individuals associated with the white-supremacist movement, who were the target audience of his Web site, at times engaged in acts of violence, directed at non-whites, Jews, gays and persons perceived by white-supremacists as acting contrary to their interests. Prior to the solicitation against Juror A, White on multiple occasions caused postings to the Web site which disclosed what purported to be the home address and/or personal identifying information of individuals who were targets of criticism on the Internet. Certain of these postings during the same time period expressed White's desire that acts of violence be committed against these specific individuals, including author and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, individuals known as the "Jena 6," a Canadian civil rights lawyer, and syndicated newspaper columnist Leonard Pitts.

The Government is being represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Michael Ferrara and William Hogan.

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