



Civil Unrest May 2020

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(U) Executive Summary

(b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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targeting of law enforcement with rocks fireworks, and firebombs (AT, SL, LA). At present, **five** field offices reported planned protest activity (LA, NK, SF, SD, TP).

(U//~~FOUO~~) There was no significant damage reported to FBI facilities, **four** FBI field offices (BA - Wilmington RA, EP, SE, DE) reported graffiti and one (DE) also reported **four** broken windows. **Sixteen** field offices reported other federal properties were damaged and vandalized. **Twenty-five** field offices reported significant damage to local government facilities, especially local law enforcement facilities and equipment including reports of vehicles either vandalized, damaged, or burned.

(b)(7)(E) per FBI

(U//~~LES~~) Potential Activities of Concern - Listed below are planned activities derived from AOR reporting:

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(U) National Mosaic

I. (U) THREATS

(U) Threats of violence against FBI facilities, employees, and equipment to include protests at or near FBI facilities for situational awareness - past/ongoing (within last 12-24 hours) and planned (next 12-24 hours).

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- On 30 May 2020, the FBI Detroit Grand Rapids RA was vandalized with graffiti.
- On 31 May 2020, a window of an FBI IP offsite downtown was damaged by a projectile. Repairs are planned for 1 June.

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(b)(7)(E) per FBI

- Atlanta: Unknown threat to ICE agents and facility.
- Chicago: The Federal Courthouse was spray-painted and the Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (RCFL) was vandalized.
- Detroit: Four windows of the McNamara Federal Building were broken and graffiti was found on exterior walls. Grand Rapids Secretary of State Office and Federal Bankruptcy Court Building had extensive damage.
- Indianapolis: Federal courthouse was vandalized on 30 May.
- **Louisville: Planned protests to occur at five locations in Louisville, KY (26th & Broadway, Jefferson Square, Baxter & Highlands, Breckenridge & Shelbyville, and Big 4 Bridge), according to an LMPD liaison. Currently participant numbers are unknown.**
- Norfolk: The US Courthouse in Norfolk sustained damage, including graffiti, destroyed cameras, and broken windows.
- Omaha: Windows of federal courthouses in Des Moines were broken in the last 48 hours.

- Phoenix: On 29 May, protestors vandalized the Sandra Day O'Connor Federal Court House in Phoenix resulting in broken windows and graffiti; no one entered the building.
 - Initial Estimates are over \$100,000 in damages
 - (b)(7)(E) per FBI
- Portland: ICE facility struck with Molotov cocktail on 27 May; Multnomah County Justice Center target of arson and looting on 29 May; US Post Office in downtown Portland target of arson on 29 May.
- Richmond: The Federal Courthouse sustained damage from gunfire (b)(7)(E) per FBI
- Sacramento: Minor vandalism occurred on 30 May at a federal courthouse.
- San Antonio: On 1 June, contacts from the US Attorney's Office provided the San Antonio Command Post with images of tagging at the JJ Pickle Federal Building in Austin. The images were also shared with the Texas Fusion Center (TXFC). The photos include comments such as - kill your local cops, ACAB and F*ck 12 tags. [Comment. ACAB is an acronym for All Cops Are Bad.]
- San Francisco (b)(7)(E) per FBI
 - Additionally, damage to the Oakland Federal Building is estimated at \$350,000.
- Seattle (b)(7)(E) per FBI
- St. Louis: Graffiti on the Gateway Arch at Gateway Arch National Park.
- Baltimore FO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
- Washington, DC: Damage to multiple federal properties, including the Washington Monument Grounds and Lafayette Park.

(U) Size and make up of violent protestors, to include counter protestors, at locations to include (as known) any information on future locations/targeted facilities

(U//FOUO) Protests in each city have ranged in size, and those with counter-protestors have represented a small fraction of the total. Sub-groups of violent protest activity included burning police vehicles (CV) and targeting of law enforcement with rocks and fireworks (AT, SL). At present, the following field offices are aware of planned protest activity:

- NK: One event on 1 June at 1300 starting at Berry Park Lane and ending at the Jersey City PD; One event on 1 June at the Hackettstown PD, and one event on 1 June at 1600 at Essex County Courthouse, Lincoln Statue, Springfield Avenue and Market Street.
- RH: There are two events scheduled to take place on 1 June. There was a march planned to take place at 1700 from Monroe Park to Carytown. There was a protest march organized by BLM 804 and scheduled to take place at 1800 hours at the State Capitol
- SF: One event on 1 June at 1200 at 1515 Clay St in Oakland, a second event at 1400 at San Francisco City Hall, and a third event at 1600 starting at Oakland Tech and going to OPD.
- SD: Planned protest at Craven and Twin Oaks Blvd (all 4 corners) in San Marcos today 1 June at 1830 to 1930hrs (Black Lives Matter). Additionally, one planned protest in San Diego County on 6 June at 1200hrs, location TBD. This is a moving protest caravanning through San Diego County (Black Lives Matter San Diego). Lastly, a planned peaceful meetup in

Pacific Beach on 1 June at 2000, at the Denny's parking lot, 800 Garnet Ave. 92109. Organizer claims SDPD has been notified.

- SA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D) per FBI [REDACTED], per an anonymous caller who claims (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D) per FBI [REDACTED]. Additionally, The Red Wing United organized a protest at City Hall in Laredo, Texas on 1 June 2020. A group of approximately 25 protesters attempted to enter the building on three occasions. Per Laredo PD, some protesters attempted to push past Laredo law enforcement positioned at the entrance, but were held off. City Hall employees locked the doors to the building and protesters pushed on the doors but could not gain access. No property was damaged and no injuries or arrests were reported.
- SD: One event on 1 June at 1800 in El Centro at the Imperial Valley Superior Court Building
- TP: One event on 2 June at 1500 at City Hall Orlando and one event on 5 June at 1200 at Lake Eola Park in Orlando
- CG: Planned protest at ICE HQ in downtown Chicago, 1 June at 0800 with an estimated 100-400 protesters.
- BA: As of 31 May, 7-10 subjects dressed in all black carrying rifles in Seaford, DE. Protest remained peaceful.
- JN: Potential for civil unrest and/or violence in the Columbus, MS area due to the MS Attorney General dropping charges against a former white police officer in the 2015 shooting death of a black man.
- KC: One event on 3 June at 1830 at Nelson Atkins Museum. One event on 6 June at 1500 in Springfield, Missouri Central Square. One event on 7 June at 1200 at Camden County Courthouse. One event on 7 June at 1400 at Boone County Courthouse.
- LR: One event on 4 June at 1645 at Arkansas State Capital. One event on 7 June at 1500 at Arkansas State Capital.
- ME: One event on 2 June at 1700 at Fortera Stadium in Clarksville. One event 2 June at 1200 PM at 4932 Main Street in Spring Hill. One event on 4 June at 1600 at the Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park in Nashville.
- MW: One event on 2 June at 1730 at South Shore Park in Milwaukee.
- NH: Two events on 6 June at 1500 on New Haven Green and at 1600 on Meriden Green.

II. (U) Damage / Violence Assessment to AOR to the following

(U) Damage to Facilities

(U//~~FOUO~~) There was no significant damage reported to FBI facilities; **four** FBI field offices reported graffiti (BA - Wilmington RA, EP, SE, DE) and Detroit also reported **four** broken windows.

(U//~~FOUO~~) Open source reporting indicates that most metropolitan areas have suffered some protest related damage. **Sixteen** field offices reported other federal properties were damaged and vandalized. The most common damage reported was graffiti and broken windows. **Twenty-five** field offices reported significant damage to local government facilities, especially local law enforcement facilities and equipment including reports of vehicles either vandalized, damaged, or burned. Field offices reported significant damages to private property through vandalism, fire, and looting.

(U) Injuries from Violence

(U//FOUO) (b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
[Redacted]

(U//~~FOUO~~) There were **four** additional reports of hospitalizations (TP, SU, LA). A law enforcement officer was reported to be shot in the leg (Jacksonville). **Twenty-five** field offices reported local law enforcement sustained injuries during protests, frequently from projectiles (AL, AT, BA, BF, CE, CG, CI, CV, DN, HO, IP, JV, KC, LV, LA, MM, MP, NY, PH, PG, RH, SL, SA, TP, WF).

(U//~~FOUO~~) **Thirteen** offices reported protestors sustained injuries (BA, BF, DN, HO, IP, OM, PG, RH, SA, SL, SU, SE, WF). There were **two** reported deaths, including a protestor shot b (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI and a protestor run over by a delivery vehicle in St. Louis. There were shootings reported in Atlanta, Louisville, Erie, Chicago, and Richmond, although relationships between the shooting and protests are not clear.

III. (U) Intelligence / Investigative Updates

(U//~~LES~~) During the reporting period, **ten** field offices (CE, CV, DE, DN, HO, KX, LV, ME, MW, MP) reported (b)(7)(E) per FBI protestors were arrested.

(U) Methods utilized to incite violence and agitate protestors.

(U//~~LES~~) Reporting indicates protestors are using vehicles to incite violence and agitate protestors to vandalize property. Offices have reported protestors obstructing roadways, assaulting police officers, interfering with public duties, and resisting. There is also reporting of shots fired and Molotov cocktails thrown, in addition to protestors shining bright lights in officers' eyes.

(b)(7)(E) per FBI
[Redacted]

(U//~~LES~~) Local protestors have also been seen utilizing handheld radios to communicate.

(U//~~LES~~) News reports indicated social media platform TikTok was being used to spread tactics for sabotaging National Guard vehicles and Instagram was being used to share digital tradecraft to remain anonymous and avoid identification.

(U (b)(7)(E) per FBI
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(U//~~LES~~) Protest planned in the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston for 2 June 2020. The protest is being organized by Black Lives Matter and Violence in Boston INC. This protest is expecting around 100 attendees.

(U//~~LES~~) Charlotte – Fayetteville mobilized the National Guard; reporting that unidentified groups plan to target unidentified police stations.

(b)(7)(E) per FBI [REDACTED]

(U//~~LES~~) No known threats of violence in Hawaii, Guam, Saipan, or American Samoa. There is a peaceful protest planned for 5 June in Hagatna, Guam.

(b)(7)(E) per FBI [REDACTED]

(U) *Known criminal group associations or memberships.*

(U//~~FOUO~~) The FBI—in close coordination with its federal, state, and local partners—continues to monitor and respond to events related to the nationwide civil unres (b)(7)(E) per FBI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yet, much of the violence and vandalism is perpetrated by opportunistic, individual actors acting without specific direction. We continue to aggressively to seek to corroborate whether or not there is in fact an organized effort to incite violence by either known criminal groups or domestic violent extremist (b)(3), (b)(7)(E) per FBI [REDACTED]

(U) *Known DT, IT, CI, CyD or Criminal actors utilizing peaceful protests to incite riots, conduct criminal activity, or enhance their ideology.*

(b)(6), (b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI [REDACTED]

(U//LES (b)(6), (b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI [REDACTED]

On 1 June, FBI DL arrest (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI [REDACTED] without incident for violation of Title 18 United States Code § 875 (c), *Interstate communications of a Threa* (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI [REDACTED] posted a threat which alluded to harming unknown number of "racist MAGA people".

(U) Number of Predicated FBI Cases

(b)(3), (b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(E) per FBI



(b)(3), (b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(E) per FBI



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(U) Local LE arrests

(U//LES) There were more than **2,000** arrests made across the nation, which was provided by field offices during the reporting period:

- AT – 150
- DE – 84
- IN -80
- JK –87
- LA –1,129
- LR -2
- LS –90
- LV –13
- MW –83
- NY –350
- PD – 66
- PX – 129
- SA – 4
- SU – 45
- WF - 7

(U//LES) Of note, two Atlanta Police Department officers were fired for using tasers on protestors.

(b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI



(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI



IV. (U) FBI / Federal Deployment Posture

(U) FBI deployment of assets (i.e., self-deployment or in response to State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement requests for FBI assistance to combat violence and protect property)

(b)(7)(E) per FBI



(b)(7)(E) per FBI



(b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

V. (U) Non-Federal Deployment Posture

(U//~~FOUO~~) More than 20 states have requested National Guard personnel.

(b)(7)(E) per FBI

(U) Other deployments in AOR of other non-federal assistance

(b)(7)(E) per FBI

(b)(7)(E) per FBI with certain information withheld (b)(7)(E) per ICE



(b)(7)(E) per FBI



(b)(3), (b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(E) per FBI



(b)(3), (b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

