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Domestic Terrorism Newsletter

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(U) Current Focus

(U) SHAC-7^{USPER} Verdict May Incite Further Animal Rights Extremist Attacks



Photo by David Waldorf
(U) SHAC USA Founder and President, Kevin Kjonas^{USPER}

(U) *Trenton, NJ* – A New Jersey court in September 2006 convicted six members of the animal rights extremist group SHAC-7 on six counts of conspiring to physically disrupt the operations of Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) and to physically damage and cause the loss of property used by HLS. SHAC-7 is a group of individuals who are part of the larger group Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC)^{USPER} that is engaged in extremist actions. Each defendant received more than a year

in prison. The defendants also were ordered to pay over \$1 million in restitution to HLS. SHAC is notorious for its harassment campaign against HLS using intimidation tactics such as assaulting HLS employees and associates, threatening their families, vandalizing their homes and property, and spamming corporate offices with nuisance phone calls and e-mail messages. (UPI, 13 September 2006, Star Ledger; 13 September 2006; SHAC7.com; Indictment)

(U) *Hardwick, MA* – Shortly after the SHAC-7 sentencing, animal rights activists reportedly stole 23 rabbits from an animal testing laboratory in Hardwick, Massachusetts. In a communiqué sent to the North American Liberation Press Office^{USPER} the perpetrators stated that “this liberation is dedicated to the SHAC-7 and was done in direct response to the government’s assault on them. Not a single member of the judge, jury, and prosecution have the compassion, the conviction, or the courage of any of those six individuals, and they never will.” (UPI, 22 September 2006)

(U//FOUO) **DHS/I&A Comment:** HLS is one of the world’s largest research organizations conducting product testing on animals. HLS is headquartered in the United Kingdom and operates facilities in New Jersey. SHAC favors a more radical approach to resistance than other animal rights activists and its personal harassing tactics have been highly effective in instilling fear in the victims, their families, and their associates. SHAC’s success in targeting individuals may inspire other animal rights extremists to adopt the same tactics. Other extremists could perceive the SHAC-7 verdict as an attack on the animal rights movement and as an incentive to adopt more aggressive and violent forms of action. The animal release incident in Massachusetts may be the first of occurrences committed as an act of solidarity with the SHAC-7.



(U) SHAC members resort to violence against HLS employees and their personal property.

(U) Single Issue Extremists

(U) Suspected Serial Arsonist's Motives a Mystery

(U) *Coweta County, GA* – Paul Libri^{USPER}, arrested for the 18 November 2004 arson of a house under construction is a person of interest in 22 additional arsons committed in the county within the past 3 years. Investigators believe Libri's whereabouts coincide with several fires that occurred on or near the time he relocated to the area. Prior to 2002, Libri lived in Long Island, New York, where several unsolved arsons occurred. Most of the 22 houses targeted were under construction, and at 1 of the sites, "No more homes" was written in graffiti. (11 Alive News, 13 September 2006)

(U//FOUO) **DHS/I&A Comment:** Ecoterrorists usually target houses under construction when the framing stage is complete to guarantee plenty of combustible fuel and maximize the fire's success. Libri's motives are unknown; the graffiti found at one arson scene indicates a possible environmental motive.

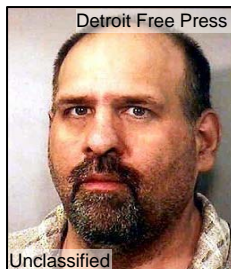
(U) Reputed Arsonist Attempts to Place Blame on Animal Rights Extremists

(U) *Cambridge, MA* – Authorities arrested the new owner of an exotic pet store for setting fire to his business on 27 September 2006. Fire investigators found the slogan, "No more exploitation of animals" spray-painted at the scene. Investigators, however, were in doubt over possible animal rights extremist involvement because no attempt was made to release or save the animals prior to setting the fire. (Sommerville Journal, 6 October 2006)

(U//FOUO) **DHS/I&A Comment:** This incident demonstrates how common criminals exploit the animal rights/ecoterrorist movements in order to conceal their motives.

(U) Anti-Abortion Extremist Targets Wrong Clinic

(U) *Davenport, IA* – David R. McMenemy^{USPER} rammed his vehicle through the entrance of the Edgerton Women's Health Center on 11 September 2006. He then attempted to burn the center by pouring gasoline over the vehicle. McMenemy mistakenly believed that the center was an abortion clinic after he had researched abortion clinic locations on the Internet and in telephone directories. McMenemy claimed he planned to commit suicide during the attack but abandoned that aspect of the plan. (QC Times, 12 September 2006; Detroit Free Press, 14 September 2006)



(U) David R. McMenemy.

(U//FOUO) **DHS/I&A Comment:** The investigation continues as to whether McMenemy acted alone or conspired with other anti-abortion extremists and why McMenemy, who lives in Michigan, drove hundreds of miles to Iowa for the attack. McMenemy is reportedly a former U.S. serviceman who has been unemployed for some time. It is unknown whether he placed any significance on the 11 September 2001 anniversary date.

(U) Plowshares^{USPER} Activists Vandalize Nuclear Missile Silo

(U) *Garrison, ND* – A North Dakota court on 14 September 2006 convicted three members of the anti-war extremist group called the Plowshares for destruction of government property stemming from an attack on a Minuteman III missile silo on 20 June 2006. During the incident, the men, dressed as clowns, spray-painted anti-war slogans and splattered their own blood on the silo. The suspects then attacked it with a hammer causing an estimated \$14,000 in damage. One suspect, Carl Kabat^{USPER}, claimed he had grown increasingly frustrated with peaceful acts of protest such as letter writing and demonstrations because they produced little results. (Bismarck Tribune, 15 September 2006; Sojourners, 1 September 2006)

(U//FOUO) **DHS/I&A Comment:** The Plowshares Movement was formed in 1980 by eight nonviolent anti-war activists. Since its formation, Plowshares members have committed more than 70 attacks against various military targets. Their tactics switched from nonviolent to violent once they became frustrated by the lack of change resulting from their peaceful actions.

(U) Ecoterrorists Suspected in \$500,000 Sabotage Attack

(U) *Hilt, CA* – A logging company suffered \$500,000 in damages from an apparent sabotage attack on 1 October 2006. Vandals destroyed nine pieces of construction equipment by pouring dirt into the fuel tanks; cutting hoses, lines, and belts; and removing computer components. Investigators



(U) **Police investigate the sabotage of nine pieces of construction equipment.**

believe the vandals likely had a master key to the equipment and were familiar with the mechanical functions of the machines. The "ELF" moniker used for the Earth Liberation Front was spray-painted on some of the equipment. (Mail Tribune, 3 October 2006)

(U//FOUO) **DHS/I&A Comment:** Logging and construction companies are typical targets of ecoterrorists. Environmental extremists believe the companies are responsible for the destruction of animal habitats and natural resources. They also blame the companies for profiting from these activities. Other examples of ecoterrorist targets include car dealerships, houses under construction, and locations the groups perceive as symbols of urban sprawl.

(U) Right-Wing Extremists

(U) White Supremacist Convicted for Weapons Violations

(U) *Seattle, WA* – Keith Gilbert^{USPER}, a 66-year-old white supremacist, was convicted on 13 September 2006 on seven counts of weapons possession. During a search of Gilbert's home in February 2005, the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives discovered 70 guns, including illegal fully automatic weapons. (Seattle Post Intelligencer, 14 September 2006)

(U//FOUO) **DHS/I&A Comment:** Right-wing extremists often stockpile weapons in anticipation of a perceived impending confrontation with the U.S. Government or a race war. Gilbert is a convicted felon and is specifically prohibited from possessing any weapons.

(U) Sovereign Citizen Impersonates Law Enforcement Officer



(U) U.S. Constitution Rangers Logo.

(U) *Yellville, AR* – Police on 15 August 2006 arrested the passenger of a vehicle involved in a routine traffic stop after he claimed he was an officer of the U.S. Constitution Rangers^{USPER}. (Baxter Bulletin, 14 September 2006)

(U//FOUO) **DHS/I&A Comment:** The U.S. Constitution Rangers is a sovereign citizen group that views itself as the enforcement arm of the Common Law Courts and the protector of their interpretation of the Constitution. Sovereign citizens are antigovernment extremists who reject the notion of U.S. citizenship. They claim to follow only God's laws and the amendments found in the original Bill of Rights. They believe they are emancipated from all other responsibilities associated with being a U.S. citizen, such as paying taxes, possessing a driver's license, registering vehicles, or holding a social security card. In addition, they generally do not recognize Federal or State government authority or laws. Several sovereign citizens groups in the United States produce fraudulent documents for their members who then pass them off as legitimate forms of identification. Of particular concern is the potential for domestic or international terrorists to exploit this tactic in order to circumvent security and screening procedures at restricted areas.

(U) White Supremacists Convicted of Selling Explosive Compound

(U) *Pennsville, NJ* – Craig Orler^{USPER}, a member of the Creativity Movement (TCM)^{USPER}, was sentenced to 11 years

in Federal prison on 29 August 2006. Gabriel Carafa^{USPER}, another TCM member and local leader of a racist skinhead group known as "The Hated"^{USPER}, received a sentence of 80 months on 8 September 2006. The men were convicted of possessing and selling stolen firearms to an informant and the possession of firearms by convicted felons. Carafa also provided 60 pounds of urea—a fertilizer compound sometimes used as a component in explosives—to the informant adding that it was "more pure" than the compound used by Timothy McVeigh in the Oklahoma City Bombing. (New Jersey Office of Attorney General, 23 May 2006; Philadelphia Inquirer, 30 August 2006; ADL News, 12 September 2006)

(U//FOUO) **DHS/I&A Comment:** TCM is a neo-Nazi group formerly known as the World Church of the Creator (WCOTC)^{USPER}. WCOTC's leader is currently incarcerated for plotting the murder of a federal judge in Illinois. TCM members continue to plot and carry out violent acts, despite the group's disarray because of its leader's conviction.

(U) Despite Crackdown, Aryan Brotherhood^{USPER} Continues to Pose a Threat

(U) *Dallas, TX* – Authorities arrested four members of the Aryan Brotherhood (AB), including leader Jason Hankins^{USPER}, on 25 August 2006 for the murder of a drug user they believed to be an informant. The four are also believed to be involved in the murder of Hankins' girlfriend, who was killed as a form of internal discipline. (Houston Chronicle, 10 September 2006)

(U) *Lubbock, TX* – Authorities arrested AB member Jeremy Womack^{USPER} following a routine traffic stop in which the officer found an unregistered firearm and an improvised explosive device. Womack was sentenced on 13 October 2006 to six years in federal prison. (Star Telegram, 13 October 2006)

(U) *Lubbock, TX* – A Texas court on 6 October 2006 sentenced three members of the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas^{USPER} prison gang for the theft of 26 firearms from a Lubbock home in 2005. The three stole the weapons in order to trade them for methamphetamine and money. Their sentences ranged from 5 to 15 years. (Associated Press, 7 October 2006)

(U//FOUO) **DHS/I&A Comment:** The AB is a notoriously violent prison gang that formed in the California prison system in 1964 and is present in federal and state correctional facilities throughout the country. The group has been involved in assaults, robberies, narcotics distribution (particularly methamphetamine), murder, and contract killings. Members typically continue their illegal and often violent behavior once released from prison. The AB is considered a Security Threat Group both within and outside of correctional institutions, and poses a specific threat to correctional officers and law enforcement. Group members often have assaulted and killed law enforcement and correctional officers as part of their initiation into the gang.

(U) Skinhead Convicted of Attempted Murder of Police Officers

(U) *Lochbuie, CO* – A Colorado court on 4 October 2006 sentenced known skinhead Nicholas Vovos^{USPER} to 38 years in prison for the attempted murder of police officers. On 3 July 2005 officers attempted to question Vovos and his wife concerning the murder of Carolyn Avdeef, whose vehicle he was driving. Following a police chase, Vovos fired a shotgun at the officers. (Greeley Tribune, 5 October 2006)

(U//FOUO) **DHS/I&A Comment:** More than 20 incidents involving white supremacists attacking law enforcement officers have occurred since 1990, resulting in the deaths of five officers.

(U) Other Topics of Interest

(U) Separate Pipe Bombing Incidents Throughout the United States

(U) *Multiple Pipe Bombs Discovered in California*

(U) *Livermore, CA* – Four pipe bombs were discovered in the span of five days in Livermore, California. The first device was found on 22 September 2006 in an industrial area near the Livermore Airport. The other three devices were found together on 27 September 2006 in a public park. Although the pipe bombs were missing fuses, they were large enough to cause significant damage. (Press Enterprise, 29 September 2006)

(U) *Pipe Bomb Explodes at Public Library*

(U) *Salt Lake City, UT* – A pipe bomb planted in the Salt Lake City Main Library detonated on 15 September 2006. The improvised device had enough power to kill a person. No one was injured in the attack. (Salt Lake Tribune, 19 September 2006)

(U) *Pipe Bomb Detonates at Train Station*

(U) *Hinsdale, IL* – A sophisticated pipe bomb left in a trash can inside the Hinsdale Metra train station on 1 September 2006 detonated during the morning commute. The device featured a timer that allowed for a delayed explosion. Although there was some property damage, no one was injured in the blast. (Chicago Tribune, 2 September 2006)

(U//FOUO) **DHS/I&A Comment:** Police have no suspects or known motives for the California bombings. Thomas Zajac^{USPER} has been arrested for the Illinois and Utah bombings. Zajac stated that the bombings were done as an “element of revenge” following a conflict between his family and law enforcement.

(U) Murder Suspect Claims Membership in “the Nation”

(U) *Aurora, CO* – Brian Washington^{USPER} shot and killed Aurora Police Detective Mike Thomas in broad daylight on

20 September 2006. Thomas was driving his personal vehicle while on duty, and was not wearing his police uniform when killed. Washington was not provoked in any way, and it is believed he was not aware that Thomas was a police officer. Items found during the search revealed the shooting was likely racially motivated. When Washington was arrested he allegedly proclaimed, “I shot him...It’s okay, I’m Federal, I’m with the Nation.” A close relative of Washington’s stated that he recently had become more religious, often speaking about the Quran and his desire to travel to Iran to become the Muslim president. (Denver Post, 4 October 2006; The Denver Channel, 21 September 2006)

(U//FOUO) **DHS/I&A Comment:** Authorities believe that Washington’s statement refers to membership in the Nation of Islam (NOI)^{USPER}, a black separatist organization. NOI practices a strict form of Islam with a history of racism—specifically, anti-Semitic and anti-Christian beliefs. NOI leaders claim no knowledge of Washington, but may not personally know each of the more than 1,000 members.

(U//FOUO) **DHS/I&A Comment:** This particular incident has drawn the attention of white supremacists online as an example of “Black on White” crime. Despite white supremacist claims to the contrary, victims of retaliation attacks usually have no connection to the perpetrator. Such incidents often are spontaneous attacks against random targets of opportunity.

(U) Update: Alleged Serial Bomber Arrested in Oregon

(U) *Salem, OR* – Authorities charged Lonnie Troy Glinski^{USPER} with attempted aggravated murder and multiple counts of possession of a destructive device after he placed four pipe bombs under vehicles in Salem and Dallas in early August 2006. One of the targeted individuals was Glinski’s ex-wife; the police have not released information as to why he chose the other three individuals. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, which is assisting with the investigation, believes the suspect intended to detonate multiple devices to mislead investigators. (KOIN News, 17 October 2006; Salem~News, 17 October 2006)



(U) Troy Glinski, accused serial bomber.

(U//FOUO) **DHS/I&A Comment:** Investigators have not revealed Glinski’s motive. Because one of the bombings targeted Glinski’s ex-wife, however, the incidents probably are the result of a domestic dispute rather than acts of terrorism.

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