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- 1 Report Excerpt: 3. Covert Action and the Use of Illegal or Improper Means (selected excerpts
- 2 from the Report, pages 10 -18, footnotes excluded, concerning the 20 year period from 1953
- 3 to 1973)
- 4 (a) Covert Action Apart from uncovering excesses in the collection of intelligence, our
- 5 investigation has disclosed covert actions directed against Americans, and the use of illegal and
- 6 improper surveillance techniques to gather information. For example:
- 7 The FBI's COINTELPRO counterintelligence program- was designed to "disrupt" groups
- 8 and "neutralize" individuals deemed to be threats to domestic security. The FBI resorted to
- 9 counterintelligence tactics in part because its chief officials believed that the existing law could
- 10 not control the activities of certain dissident groups, and that court decisions had tied the
- 11 hands of the intelligence community. Whatever opinion one holds about the policies of the
- targeted groups, many of the tactics employed by the FBI were indisputably degrading to a free
- 13 society. COINTELPRO tactics included:
- -Anonymously attacking the political beliefs of targets in order to induce their
- 15 employers to fire them;
- -Anonymously mailing letters to the spouses of intelligence targets for the purpose of
- 17 destroying their marriages;
- 18 -Obtaining from IRS the tax returns of a target and then attempting to provoke an IRS
- investigation for the express purpose of deterring a protest leader from attending the
- 20 Democratic National Convention;"

-Falsely and anonymously labeling as Government informants, members of groups known to be violent, thereby exposing the falsely labelled member to expulsion or physical attack; "

-Pursuant to instructions to use "misinformation" to disrupt demonstrations, employing such means as broadcasting fake orders on the same citizens band radio frequency used by demonstration marshals to attempt to control demonstrations and duplicating and falsely filling out forms soliciting housing for persons coming to a demonstration, thereby causing "long and useless journeys to locate these addresses";

-Sending an anonymous letter to the leader of a Chicago street gang (described as "violence-prone") stating that the Black Panthers were supposed to have "a hit out for you".

The letter was suggested because it "may intensify . . . animosity" and cause the street gang leader to "take retaliatory action."

(ii) From "late 1963" until his death in 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the target of an intensive campaign by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to "neutralize" him as an effective civil rights leader.

In the words of the man in charge of the FBI's "war" against Dr. King, "No holds were barred."

The FBI gathered information about Dr. King's plans and activities through an extensive surveillance program, employing nearly every intelligence-gathering technique at the Bureau's disposal in order to obtain information about the "private activities of Dr. King and his advisors"

to use to "completely discredit" them." The program to destroy Dr. King as the leader of the civil rights movement included efforts to discredit him with Executive branch officials,

Congressional leaders, foreign heads of state, American ambassadors, churches. universities, and the press. The FBI mailed Dr. King a tape recording made from microphones hidden in his hotel rooms which one agent testified was an attempt to destroy Dr. King's marriage. The tape recording was accompanied by a note which Dr. King and his advisors interpreted as threatening to release the tape recording unless Dr. King committed suicide. The extraordinary nature of the campaign to discredit Dr. King is evident from two documents:

-At the August 1963 March on Washington, Dr. King told the country of his "dream" that: all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, I'm free at last." The Bureau's Domestic Intelligence Division concluded that this "demagogic speech" established Dr. King as the "most dangerous and effective Negro leader in the country." Shortly afterwards, and within days after Dr. King was named "Man of the Year" by Time magazine, the FBI decided to "take him off his pedestal," reduce him completely in influence," and select and promote its own candidate to "assume the role of the leadership of the Negro people."

-In early 1968, Bureau headquarters explained to the field that Dr. King must be destroyed because he was seen as a potential "messiah" who could "unify and electrify" the "black nationalist movement". Indeed, to the FBI he was a potential threat because he might

- "abandon his supposed 'obedience' to white liberal doctrines (non-violence)" 7 In short, a non-violent man was to be secretly attacked and destroyed as insurance against his abandoning non-violence.
- (b) Illegal or Improper Means-The surveillance which we investigated was not only vastly excessive in breadth and a basis for degrading counterintelligence actions but was also often conducted by illegal or improper means. For example:
- (1) For approximately 20 years the CIA carried out a program of indiscriminately opening citizens' first class mail. The Bureau also had a mail opening program but cancelled it in 1966. The Bureau continued, however, to receive the illegal fruits of CIA's program. In 1970, the heads of both agencies signed a document for President Nixon, which correctly stated that mail opening was illegal, falsely stated that it had been discontinued, and proposed that the illegal opening of mail should be resumed because it would provide useful results. The President approved the program but withdrew his approval five days later. The illegal opening continued, nonetheless. Throughout this period CIA officials knew that mail opening was illegal but expressed concern about the "flap potential" of exposure, not about the illegality of their activity.
- (2) From 1947 until May 1975, NSA received from international cable companies millions of cables which had been sent by American citizens in the reasonable expectation that they would be kept private.

(3) Since the early 1930's, intelligence agencies have frequently wiretapped and bugged American citizens without the benefit of judicial warrant. Recent court decisions have curtailed the use of these techniques against domestic targets. But past subjects of these surveillances have included a United States Congressman, a Congressional staff member, journalists and newsmen, and numerous individuals and groups who engaged in no criminal activity and who posed no genuine threat to the national security, such as two White House domestic affairs advisers and an anti-Vietnam War protest group. While the prior written approval of the Attorney General has been required for all warrantless wiretaps since 1940, the record is replete with instances where this requirement was ignored, and the Attorney General gave only after-the-fact authorization. Until 1965, microphone surveillance by intelligence agencies was wholly unregulated in certain classes of cases. Within weeks after a 1954 Supreme Court decision denouncing the FBI's installation of a microphone in a defendant's bedroom, the Attorney General informed the Bureau that he did not believe the decision applied to national security cases and permitted the FBI to continue to install microphones subject only to its own "intelligent restraint".

(4) In several cases, purely political information (such as the reaction of Congress to an Administration's legislative proposal) and purely personal information (such as coverage of the extra-marital social activities of a high-level Executive official under surveillance) was obtained from electronic surveillance and disseminated to the highest levels of the federal government.

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- (5) Warrantless break-ins have been conducted by intelligence agencies since World War II. During the 1960's alone, the FBI and CIA conducted hundreds of break-ins, many against American citizens and domestic organizations. In some cases, these break-ins were to install microphones; in other cases, they were to steal such items as membership lists from organizations considered "subversive" by the Bureau.
- (6) The most pervasive surveillance technique has been the informant. In a random sample of domestic intelligence cases, 83% involved informants and 57% involved electronic surveillance. Informants have been used against peaceful, law-abiding groups; they have collected information about personal and political views and activities." To maintain their credentials in violence-prone groups, informants have involved themselves in violent activity. This phenomenon is well-illustrated by an informant in the Klan. He was present at the murder of a civil rights worker in Mississippi and subsequently helped to solve the crime and convict the perpetrators. Earlier, however, while performing duties paid for by the Government, he had previously "beaten people severely, had boarded buses and kicked people, had [gone] into restaurants and beaten them [blacks] with blackjacks, chains, pistols." Although the FBI requires agents to instruct informants that they cannot be involved in violence, it was understood that in the Klan, "he couldn't be an angel and be a good informant."

1975 to 2021 (41 years)

Covert action field operations have been transformed over the past 40 years by coercive psychological techniques and technological advances. Psychological operations impacts have been enhanced by a deeper understanding of human psychology. Technology has advanced in breathtaking, nearly unfathomable ways. However, proper application of reasonable suspicion standards and various techniques permitted for investigations is virtually non-existent and results in abuse, and worse, of US persons. Management, supervision, and oversight are lacking, if not malign at times. Truly independent oversight of field operations, supervision, and management basically does not exist in the United States.

It is now possible for the United States to replace independent thoughts and actions with synthetic thoughts and actions, destroying human autonomy and facilitating death, incarceration, injury, and destruction while leaving no visible trace of manipulation. Deep faking human thoughts and actions by direct manipulation is done live in real time, no post facto deep fake video editing required.

- Pretexting a subject through false and misleading characterization of subject's beliefs and statements to facilitate the use of national security, counterintelligence, and/or counterterrorism "investigative techniques" can be readily accomplished.
- Synthetically inducing romantic feelings and encouraging adultery and divorce through the manipulation of oxytocin, the "love chemical" in the brain.

- Hacking a web-based address change notice to election officials to disenfranchise the subject and induce the potential for a miscast vote/voter fraud by the subject.

- Manipulating and frightening a subject using a broad array of psychological operations, from helicopter crawls while walking to overtly obvious undercover operations the subject will obviously notice to arranging a visit to a neighborhood elementary school second grade art show displaying Rorschach images and recording subject's reactions to those images.
- Making fake phone calls to a subject while posing as a family member to, for example, accuse another family member or relative of a heinous and repulsive act.
- Inducing medical conditions, such as allergic reactions, irregular heartbeat, muscle spasms, falls, sleep periods, and other symptoms and conditions to create fear of loss of life or good health, or to directly endanger life. For example, sleep inducement while driving adjacent to sea cliffs, falling off ladder, falling on mountain trail, falling on sidewalk to strike head, falling from bed and striking head on nightstand, psychological operations, and brain chemistry manipulations to induce suicide ideations.
- Targeting religious groups and faiths based upon which group may be out of political favor in that era, such as pacifists during wars, terror tied to particular religions with no history of plans or harm, or those seeking full implementation of their rights under the Constitution and the Rule of Law which the United States claims to treasure.

- Engaging other police powers operations in collaborative efforts to entrap the subject both through pretexted disinformation and through literally putting words in the subject's mouth.
- Using web search manipulation and communications blocking to create a series of fake potential and "actual" romantic partners to "investigate" and together with video surveillance and induced medical conditions to sexually humiliate the subject. Creating extreme stress and a psychological environment to encourage the subject to acting out.
- Inducing a terror label/designation and public information release to create the risk of private action or police powers overreaction by other police power agencies against the targeted subject.
- Illegally pretexted email hacking, suppression, non-delivery, spoofing, keyboard logging, computer crashes, document alterations and edits.
- Targeted use of national security pretexts to provide justification for the use of coercive and invasive techniques which are, prima facie, unconstitutional for use against a US person, such as the invasion of human autonomy, virtual incarceration, and torture, including mental abuse, medical abuse, and physical abuse. Though these techniques have not yet resulted in this subject's death or incarceration, their use systematically destroyed quality of life and risked life on numerous occasions and for long periods at a time.
- Arranging fruitless foreign commercial contacts for subject to facilitate "legal" surveillance of a US person.

- Pretexting a subject by deliberately involving them in international "business" relationships to facilitate use of foreign intelligence powers authorizations not permitted under US law, e.g., Metropolitan Police (London) and MI-6.
- Providing false and misleading information to courts to acquire legal authority to use otherwise disallowed surveillance techniques and technologies. For example, selective editing and manipulation of transcript content, failure to identify tonality and deliberate mischaracterization of same in written transcripts of spoken words used in securing warrants. Also pretexting by behavior modification to demonstrate interest in topics previously not engaged by subject, such as pornographic images.
- Direct and targeted solicitation of subject for sexual services by undercover officers when no prior history of such interest exists.
- Destroying a commercial contracting business by denying previously available SBA guaranteed bid and performance bonds. Knowingly arranging for the use of a Utah insurance company to provide bonding services while that firm was under investigation and later seized by the Utah Insurance Commissioner during a large scale project, threatening the contract and eliminating the ability of the contracting company to survive financially.
- Manipulating the financial circumstances, housing conditions, stress upon, and employment of a subject by eliminating outside employment opportunities and directing the subject to a specific enterprise for the purpose of engaging subject in national security related

projects or exposing the subject to a particular coercive police powers operation and to justify the use of otherwise disallowed "investigative techniques."

- Using fake financial contacts to induce fruitless financial solicitation activities with fake bankers, investors, private equity firms, and venture capitalists, and perpetuate the subject's financial starve out and business failures due to lack of financing while legitimate competitor businesses prosper.
- Visual intimidation, conversation snatches sequentially delivered, and other old school spy tradecraft to train and psychologically intimidate subject to fear and/or acting out.
  Inflicting physical pain by remote means while signaling the presence of immediately adjacent undercover officers to provoke subject to act out.
- Using psychological triggers from past events to cause subject to act out in the presence of undercover officers.
- Using former agency employees to infiltrate subject's enterprises and monitor and influence legal and financial activities and personal conduct of subject, potentially to subject's detriment.
- Creating pretexts systematically through fraudulent mischaracterization, and by

  literally putting words in the mouth of the subject to indicate interest in illegal activities thereby

  enabling fraudulently derived investigations and the perpetuation and extension of same.

- Targeting unwitting US persons for brain hacking and manipulation of thoughts and conduct, biomedical manipulation to induce health conditions, accidents, injuries, and death.

- Pretexting US persons to arrange their personal destruction, ranging from reputation damage to fatal "accidents" and sanctioned "justified" murder by police power agencies, whether witting or unwitting.
- Conducting durable "investigations" of subject's commercial enterprises, creating fake sales calls sequences, inducing preparation of project proposals and bids for non-existent projects, creating protracted loss of sales revenue and negative cash flow, added expenses, and eventual business failure due to the induced lack of revenue and cash flow.

Systematic failures of Congress, agency watchdogs, US attorneys, and federal agency headquarters personnel to adequately follow up and investigate complaints and constitutional petitions of subjects. A general bias and perception of judges and prosecutors presuming goodwill and good conduct on the part of department and agency officers. A systematic lack of independent, objective review of the conduct of operations, a lack of accountability, and a predatory culture hidden by deference to national security as the paramount value.

This set of collective failures and biases enables illegal conduct and systematic constitutional violations by agencies and departments. The number of agencies and their empowerment has steadily increased based upon the prior failures of these same agencies. Systematic independent oversight of field operations is non-existent and results in death,

incarceration, injury, and personal and financial destruction of US persons by bad actors operating with impunity.

- Using US persons in unwitting beta testing for international deployment, subjugation of citizens unknowingly used in field operations, and subsequent coverup and personal destruction, including discrediting, entrapping, incriminating, permanently injuring, incarcerating, and death by indirect means, including apparently justified homicides by third parties, and induced suicides.
- Retaliating against subjects for agency failures to safeguard the rights of subjects and whistleblowers.
- Arranging or inducing loss of real or synthetic employment to create emotional and financial distress. Creating conditions for eviction and homelessness to punish subjects for complaints, including to agencies and courts, and/or create conditions for suicide ideation or involuntary commitment to a mental institution.
- Systematically evading completely independent oversight of investigations, field operations, and intelligence gathering methods. All such oversight is currently at the discretion of elements of the self-interested agency and are not truly independent of the department or agency undertaking the illegal conduct.
- Failing to provide prompt accountability for improper and illegal acts in field operations, supervision. Virtually non-existent prosecutions, and consistent failures to timely discipline for misconduct. Organization cultures which encourage silence and complicity.

Government agencies have directly and specifically targeted innocent subjects of their own prior misconduct and involved in operations where confidential covers have been created for personal, financial, reputational, mental health, physical health, and family destruction. They have engaged other family members in their attacks upon innocent subjects with no prior history of involvement with the pretexted behavior being "investigated."

These are actually entrapment attempts based upon conduct completely unrelated to the subject's own specific behavior or any reasonable suspicion thereof, solely for the purpose of incrimination and/or to perpetuate a cover-up.

- Manipulating a subject to engage in a very public and highly uncharacteristic public spat with a spouse leading to an angry walkout. Spouse tracks down angry subject walking a frozen mountain pass highway. But what happens if spouse were to disappear after that public spat? An actual incident with potentially disastrous results for both parties, both of whom were likely subject to coercive manipulation by brain hacking.
- Inducing involuntary mental incapacity and hospital commitment so subject is rendered disabled and cannot pursue court action to enjoin further potentially irretrievable damage and be equitably restored for prior misconduct and damages.
- Inducing subject's failure to take routine safety precautions while crossing a street on foot without checking for vehicle traffic, causing erratic body movements during a tense confrontation with a police officer creating conditions for a justified killing (murder by indirect means).

- Arranging for the internet broadcast of subject's manifestation of stress from field psychological manipulation and induced medical conditions including depression and other mental illnesses.

- Manipulating context, videos, and images to mislead others about a subject and create false impressions regarding subject's behaviors, desires, and interests, and create adverse reactions from others. Direct and indirect damage and destruction of subject's personal and professional reputation, including with the public and unwitting police power operations.
- Arranging various false business projects and opportunities to extend over a variety of field offices and other police powers agencies so as to create the widespread perception of misconduct by the subject, endangering the life, liberty, and economic circumstances of the subject. (44 states and various countries in my particular situation.)
- Using a variety of corporate locations to provide authenticity in entrapment efforts, including numerous Fortune 50 to mid-size corporate offices and factories.
- Engaging in prior restraint of speech by blocking subject's websites and writings from public view and from exposing agency misconduct.
- Suppressing subject's access to news coverage of important political and other news events by faking websites and replacing content in authentic websites.
- Constructing a fake voting rights rally to preclude a subject from attending an authentic civil rights rally.

- Preventing free association of subject by creating fake websites to restrain freedom of association for business, social, and personal contacts.

- Preventing access to media and information such as by planting misleading stories in subject directed faked websites of major media publications such as the New York Times.
- Preventing free association, assembly, and speech by elaborate and specific misdirection of subject to a fake rally held at a different location from the actual rally and falsifying records released to subject to cover up this misconduct.
- Providing a comprehensive suite of fake friends, business contacts, and romantic interests to envelop subject in a series of pre-designated life, commercial, and financial outcomes.

The technology at the core of this misconduct was developed for use on foreign adversaries and improperly used to abuse US persons in both beta testing and deployment.

Absent practical oversight and in fear of the discovery of their own misconduct, this technology has been used against the subject. Subject believes with high confidence this technology was also used against members of his nuclear families.

Subject further believes, based upon the power of this technology and the pattern of behavior against subject, that other innocent US persons have had their civil and constitutional rights systematically and durably violated. It is highly probable the abuse of these US persons has resulted in the loss of life by direct and indirect means (sanctioned killings and suicides),

serious and disabling injuries, wrongful incarceration, destroyed marital and family relations, financial destruction and loss of income and assets, among other injuries.

Familial contact with United States police powers extends to the years before the subject was born, based upon the religious choices of the family. Subject's first known contact with an undercover federal agent was initiated by the agent when the subject was 16 years old, 50 years ago. Non-federal police powers operations were undoubtedly engaged in this misconduct for an extended period of time as the subject had extensive business contacts in numerous states throughout the United States as well as several European countries. Deliberate misinformation, headhunting, retaliation, and witting misconduct by some of these agencies undoubtedly occurred, most likely in New York, New Jersey, Arizona, California, Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, Alberta, and the United Kingdom. This list is not exhaustive as the subject has physically visited 44 states, other European countries, and attempted business relationships in numerous countries around the world.

Reasonable suspicion standards are highly discretionary and need not require any independent evidence or suspicion. Operatives can act of their own volition; even actual mere suspicion is not required in fact. In any event, suspicious conduct can be formulated using words placed in the subject's mouth, actions conducted with their own body, as needed to create a pretext for further "investigative" and coercive operations. When subjects fail to conform to the designer outcome intended by the operatives, they simply repeat or move on to some other

pretext. The goal is to win, to leave no trace of their own misconduct, to blame the victim.

Justice – a joke, not even a concept of interest in these situations.

Subjects have no legal recourse against durable, coercive, and predatory police powers and intelligence operations. Complaints go unanswered, whether to Congress or the Executive, or to the agency itself (which will more likely than not retaliate at the field operations level).

Access to the Courts for poor and indigent subjects is effectively blocked by lack of knowledge, the requirement for Lead Plaintiffs to initiate actions which conform to court required rules and practices, and their inability to enlist any independent resource to evaluate, investigate, or prompt corrective action against an element of the United States engaged in civil rights abuses, Constitutional rights abuses, or other criminal conduct. This encourages the subject to act out.

Justice is not served. The United States has accomplished one thing through these coercive practices – the World's Highest Incarceration Rate.

Additional police and intelligence gathering powers have been granted to United States agencies as a result of their prior police power and intelligence failures. Persistent failures to properly analyze and act on information in their possession has resulted in national security catastrophes. For example, the 9/11/01 aircraft terror attack, used a method publicly described by the perpetrators in advance, included in intelligence information, and corroborated by a field report from the San Diego Field Office. Also, the 1/6/21 insurrection, was the direct response to a call to action by the President, widely publicized in right-wing media and social media, and

involved a class of organizations previously identified as a key national security threat by police powers and intelligence agencies in public testimony.

The 1/6/21 threat information was sufficiently well known that the District of Columbia's own security advisor prepared the District for a mass casualty event. The Executive Branch response, including that of independent agency heads with command authority over extensive police power operations which could readily access the Capitol, was extremely slow as compared to their response to the average bank robbery or other common crime, and not in proportion to the threat if and when it did arrive.

The typical Congressional response to these failures (1975 and 2001) has been to shuffle organizational boxes (creating DHS) and write new coercive powers into law (the Patriot Act).

These days, federal agencies are looking for still more power, this time to be directed against American citizens, ostensibly to combat domestic terror threats. These agencies do not consistently observe their own current rules, the rule of law, and the Constitution when operating under the cloak of national security. Undercover agents are protected by laws providing a 15 year penalty for identifying agents and officers, so if engaged in corrupt coercive operations they run unchecked.

Organization culture and conduct of field operations continue to result in the destruction of Americans by our Government's corrupt intelligence and police powers operations. Citizen complaints about conventional policing were ignored and dismissed for over a century. Even

when recorded on citizen and news videos, individual accountability for criminal acts using police powers occurs infrequently.

The reality is much worse at the federal level inside the national security space. Lawless acts, durable misconduct, and impunity rule the day. It can happen to anyone, it can go on for decades, it eventually destroys reputations, businesses, lives, families, and freedom. Using available technologies, these operations can be both invisible and fatal. The perfect crime, cloaked in the secrecy of national security, no visible signs, no visible marks, no direct connection to the actual perpetrator. This conduct, using this technology, has been going on since at least the 1980s.

Mere exposure is not enough. A full accounting is required for those who have been destroyed, incarcerated, or have died at the hands of those sworn to uphold the Constitution and the laws, to protect us. Now, before more of us are handed the same fate by lawless elements hiding behind the cloak of national security.

There is no evidence that the culture of these police powers and intelligence operations has appreciably changed as a result of the 1975 reforms. Both the malign ethic and the malign conduct of field operations continues. It's not everyone, it's not every operation. It does persist. The 1975 reforms failed. The community's collective and systemic failures of 9/11 were rewarded with vast new powers to operate against US persons in domestic police powers and intelligence operations. In the current era, the events of the 1/6 insurrection, as clearly communicated in advance on right wing radio and TV programs, on open source

communications platforms, and by the incumbent administration, were dismissed as unserious.

This was despite the fact the Director of the FBI testified to Congress that domestic terrorists

and white supremacy are the most significant threats to national security.

The predictable result of this failure? A call by those agencies for still more power to coerce and destroy American citizens holding unpopular views. The same agencies whose history of misconduct against Americans, violations of the rule of law, the Constitution, human autonomy, family sanctity, and life itself, ask for still more power. Their heritage dates to 1908 (DOJ Bureau of Investigation then FBI), World War II (OSS then CIA), 9/11 (DHS). As do their violations of civil and constitutional rights, the rule of law, human autonomy, and life itself.

The answer to these abuses? Simple. Independent accountability. We have it for money—independent auditors, the SEC, and Sarbanes-Oxley. So, the United States has established it value people's money and the rights of people with money. But when it comes to life, health, family, and personal freedoms, the ethic is simply trust the agencies—to write their own rules, to correct their own mistakes, to safeguard individual freedom. They don't do it, they never have, their history proves it.

Isn't it time for independent accountability? Those with police powers and lawless intelligence operations won't like it. Why would they? Organizations, departments, and agencies who are getting away with violating the rule of law, acting with impunity, don't want to be truly accountable. Why would they?

Investor protection and the prevalence of fraud drove the creation of regulators and protection for money. In point of fact and based upon behavior, the United States doesn't value the lives, families, businesses, or liberties of its citizens as it does money. It values impunity cloaked in national security.

Consider this: If an individual spends most of their time working, earning a living and supporting their family, and only spends a little time hunting and killing fellow human beings, what do we call them? Husband and father, hardworking guy? Or serial killer?

The United States conducts certain of its business in the same fashion. Not everything it does is bad. It does a great deal of good, from resolving bank robberies to public corruption, and many other illegal activities. But within its national security and counter-terrorism operations, it employs and cloak of secrecy and sworn officers who hunt and destroy others with impunity.

Does that make it a protector of liberty, civil rights, and the rule of law? Or something else?

It's about time the United States provide the same respect for life, for liberty, for inalienable constitutional rights as the United States already provides for money. Sarbanes-Oxley and the SEC provide protection for money. There is no such independent protection for life and liberty. The Executive must weed out the predators, the fraudsters, and provide truly independent accountability for its actions as taken within the cloak of national security and counter-terrorism. Until those activities are completed, and independent accountability is well established within the Executive, this Court must supervise all activities of agencies in the conduct of operations against US persons. Lead Plaintiff recognizes this is a daunting task for

the Court, but the current circumstances offer no alternative to protect the Constitutional and civil rights, and the lives, families, businesses, and properties of all US persons from such misconduct. Further, the Court must order the Executive to undertake a full accounting of its illegal activities from inception and independently determine which US persons and innocent foreign nationals were killed, disabled, injured, incarcerated, financially destroyed, and/or emotionally and psychologically destroyed through both direct and indirect collaborative operations with other agencies possessing police powers both within and without the territory of the United States of America.

Lead Plaintiff's Explanatory Notes: All excerpts<sup>1</sup> are from Intelligence Activities and the Rights of

Americans, Book II, Final Report of the Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations With

Respect to Intelligence Activities, United States Senate. April 26, 1976. Frank Church, Chairman. The

complete Report and related materials are available at the Senate Intelligence Committee website under

Resources, Intelligence related Commissions

High Probability<sup>2</sup> as mentioned in the document title refers to events in which the subject was directly involved but not directly acted upon by manipulation, though other close family members likely experienced manipulation which resulted in their out-of-character or exaggerated conduct. While the subject has obviously not experienced death, severe mental injuries were inflicted, and numerous indirect attempts to injure or cause circumstances which could reasonably be expected to end in death, disablement, or severe physical injury were undertaken through direct manipulation of the subject and misinformation provided by the subjugators and/or by manipulating the subject could have led to these same outcomes on numerous occasions.

High Probability also refers to the likely experiences of other subjects not known to this subject. It is extremely likely that other subjects experienced similar conduct, which conduct may well have ended in one or more of the following: death, disablement, severe injury, and/or incarceration, as well as outcomes similar to those directly experienced by the subject, such as financial and business destruction, loss of reputation, and so forth. Documented misconduct has continued, in one form or another, since the formation of these United States departments and agencies by the Congress of the United States.

1	Lead Plaintiff provides the following comparison between policies and practices of
2	Defendant Central Intelligence Agency according to the 1975 Rockefeller Commission and his
3	own personal experience since that time. Lead Plaintiff believes Defendant CIA's policies and
4	practices are largely unchanged despite reforms ordered by Congress under law as a result of the
5	Rockefeller Commission's findings. Note that report quotes are in regular font and Lead
6	Plaintiff's own experience is denoted in italics for clarity.
7	Chapter 15. Domestic Operations of the Directorate of Operations, p. 215-216
8	B. Provision and Control of Cover for CIA Personnel
9	Accordingly, virtually all CIA personnel serving abroad and many of the agency's
10	professional personnel in the United States assume a "cover." Their employment by the CIA is
11	disguised and, to persons other than their families and coworkers, they are held out as employees
12	of another government agency or of a commercial enterprise.
13	On occasion, nonofficial cover is provided for a CIA officer by a bona fide privately
14	owned American business firm. (p. 215)
15	Deloitte's Seattle office sponsored commercial covers for two to three CIA projects.
16	These included Saudia Airlines ERP and related systems, and the apartheid era South African
17	ATM network. The Palau government ERP selection and implementation, paid for by the US
18	Department of Interior, may also have been a covert information management project.
19	Chapter 16. Domestic Activities of the Directorate of Science and Technology, p. 225-230
20	The Science and Technology Directorate is presently responsible for all of the
21	research and development engaged in by the CIA in all fields of science and technology. Projects

range from complex satellite systems to the development of miniature cameras and concealed 22 listening devices. 23 The Directorate also is engaged in developing countermeasures to neutralize new 24 scientific and technological devices developed by foreign intelligence services. 25 26 Private industry provides much of the research and development of new intelligence gathering devices on a contractual basis. 27 28 In addition to engaging in research and development, some branches of the Science and Technology Directorate provide operational support in the field for use of intelligence gathering 29 devices developed by the Directorate. 30 Other branches of the Directorate themselves engage in the task of foreign intelligence-31 gathering abroad. Utilizing technical intelligence gathering devices not developed for use by 32 operations agents. 33 The Commission investigated a number of projects of the Science and Technology 34 Directorate which have affected persons living within the United States. 35 Most such activities were lawful and proper. (p.225) (emphasis added by Lead Plaintiff.) 36 A brain hacking technology project the Lead Plaintiff has named BRMT was undertaken, 37 likely by CIA and/or military sponsors (possibly DARPA and/or military intel R&D) and 38 contractors, possibly involving CSC, now part of DXC Technology, Ashburn, Virginia. This 39 project, likely intended primarily for use against foreign adversaries involves the invasion of 40 human autonomy by manipulating the Lead Plaintiff's brain, central nervous system and other 41

biological components of the human body. The system was developed and implemented

beginning in the late 1970s to early 1980s and with research, development, cand deployment continuing into the present time.

Lead Plaintiff attended a meeting in the Bellevue, Washington area billed as an invitation-only business seminar but was the only person at this seminar who did not represent themselves as a CSC employee. Lead Plaintiff slept through a portion of this seminar (no medical or natural physiological explanation for this sleep period). This provides the possible contractor connection, though it is also possible all other persons attending misrepresented their employer.

The current entity responsible for on-going development and deployment inside the United States against US persons is not known to the Lead Plaintiff However, it requires very sophisticated computing, precision location, and communication technologies, so it is unconstitutionally deployed and operated by some element of the United States government.

First known BRMT deployment incident against Lead Plaintiff was a Fourth of July parade in Winslow, Washington in the first half of the 1980s. Further deployment included a near fatal sleep inducement on the Sea-to-Sky highway between Squamish and Horseshoe Bay, British Columbia. Lead Plaintiff evaded this attempt by stopping and sleeping at the Porteau Cove Lookout above Highway 99 in early afternoon after a full night of sleep in Whistler, British Columbia. Lead Plaintiff was 30-35 years old and fit, no reason for a natural mid-afternoon sleep period.

Additional attempts and other efforts to injure, harm, or incarcerate the Lead Plaintiff have continued into the present, including various fraud schemes, slips and falls under potentially dangerous conditions, induced medical conditions, business failures, fake

- employment incorporating phony projects, fake romantic interests, honey traps, and Lead 65 Plaintiff's designation and investigation as a national security risk and, later, as a terrorist, and 66 so forth. 67
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- It was clearly illegal to test potentially dangerous drugs on unsuspecting United States citizens. The testing of equipment for monitoring conversations should not be directed against unsuspecting persons in the United States. Most of the testing undertaken by the agency could easily have been performed using only Agency personnel and with their full knowledge. (p. 228-229)
- As above, Lead Plaintiff's constitutional and civil rights have been violated by the United States with the cooperation of foreign intelligence services, most likely including Canada and the *United Kingdom, possibly others as well, due to business or personal visits and business* 82 development efforts in those other places, but also including adversary countries including Russia and China. Taken as a whole, this represents a criminal racketeering enterprise conducted using official covers and assets of the United States to subjugate and destroy US persons by elements of the United States, with the witting or unwitting cooperation of foreign, state, and local police powers operations.

Privacy and other legal violations of classified information dissemination were combined with an illegal investigation, political influence, and predatory police powers operations in Maricopa and Pima Counties, Arizona is highly probable given the level and depth of knowledge and unusual indirect connection between the Lead Plaintiff and a prior Chair of the House Intelligence Committee, Devin Nunes. Rep. Nunes had an interest in a farming operation which employed the brother of a consultant who was selected after an online search for a specialist ag consultant in the Arizona region beginning in 2015. This specific starve-out and fake financing operation occurred while Joseph Arapaio was Sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona.

B. Other Selected Activities of the Science and Technology Directorate

#### 1. The Manufacture and Use of Documents

The Agency maintains a capability for producing and providing to its agents and operatives a wide range of "alias" credentials. Most such documents purport to be of foreign origin. Some, however, are documents ordinarily issued by other branches of the U.S. government or by private United States businesses and organizations.

Among the United States "alias" documents furnished from time to time to Agency personnel and operatives are Social Security cards, bank cards, professional cards, club cards, alumni association cards and library cards. The Agency has recently stopped producing alias driver's licenses, credit cards and birth certificates, unless needed in a particularly sensitive operation and approved in advance by the Deputy Director of Operations.

While the Agency does not produce false United States passports, it has in the past altered a few by the addition of entries to evidence travel which had not actually occurred.

The purpose of alias documents is to facilitate cover during CIA operations. These documents are not "backstopped," i.e., manufactured with the consent and knowledge of the company or organization whose card is being manufactured. They are useful only as flash identification. Only the Social Security Administration has been told that the Agency is manufacturing its cards.

The Commission found no evidence that any Agency employee has ever used false documentation of this kind to his personal advantage.

# Conclusions

Alias credentials are necessary to facilitate CIA covert operations overseas but the strictest controls and accountability must be maintained over the use of such documents: recent guidelines established by the Deputy Director for Operations appear adequate to prevent abuse in the future. (p. 229-230)

Deloitte routinely furnished employment and all related documentation for the various covers required to establish the bona-fide credentials of the CIA employees and/or contractors using the Seattle office as cover employment for the various projects. Lead Plaintiff presumes this practice was common and widespread but can offer no further insight into activities which may have been sponsored by other Deloitte offices in the US and internationally.

## Chapter 17. CIA Relationships with Other Federal, State, and Local Agencies, p. 232-240

#### 1. Federal Bureau of Investigation

Many counter-intelligence operations undertaken by the FBI also have positive foreign intelligence ramifications. Likewise, legitimate domestic CIA activities occasionally cross the

path of ongoing FBI investigations. Consequently, regular daily liaison has customarily been maintained between the CIA and the FBI to coordinate the activities of these two federal agencies.

As a part of such liaison, the CIA furnishes to the FBI much routine information obtained by the CIA in the course of its legitimate foreign intelligence gathering activities. Included is information concerning suspected criminal activities within the United States and information relevant to the country's internal security. Likewise, the FBI furnishes information to the CIA relating to foreign intelligence matters. From time to time, the CIA and the FBI have cooperated in joint operations touching on both agencies' areas of interest.

The relationship between the CIA and the FBI over the years has not been uniformly satisfactory. At the policy-making level, it has ranged from workable, at its best, to almost nonexistent at its worst. In February 1970, following a seemingly insignificant incident in Denver, all formal liaison between the two agencies was completely severed by the FBI. Formal liaison at the policy level was not restored until November 1972-though a working relationship at lower levels was always maintained.

The Commission is informed that the relationship between the CIA and the FBI has improved considerably in the last few years. Nevertheless, the relationship needs to be clarified and outlined in detail in order to ensure that the needs of national security are met without creating conflicts or gaps of jurisdiction. A better exchange of ideas and more effort by each agency to understand the problems facing the other are essential if the responsibilities of both agencies are to be met. (p. 232-233)

Lead Plaintiff had routine contacts with two acquaintances who were agents in the FBI

Seattle Field Office between 1979 and 2003. The area of assignment of the first acquaintance
was unclear. He was married to an Audit Manager in Deloitte's Seattle office who was my
indirect superior in the winter of 1979-1980 while I conducted the firm's audit of Safeco Mutual
Funds. The second acquaintance was assigned to the Bank Robbery unit in Seattle and married
to a co-worker of my second wife at first American Title Insurance. We once babysat his infant
son.

Further, Lead Plaintiff dated, married, and was divorced (1979-1988) by the former wife of a King County Police Officer who at various times commanded the Green River Task Force (hunting a serial killer in the county) and. later, the Maple Valley Precinct. Lead Plaintiff and Officer's former wife raised Officer and former wife's two daughters from pre-teen to college age prior to Lead Plaintiff's divorce from former Officer's wife.

It was during this relationship that Lead Plaintiff first experienced BRMT manipulations, including, without limitation, the Winslow crying episode and the Porteau Cove near fatal sleep episode, both mentioned above.

Lead Plaintiff believes it is possible that his first wife was subject to this manipulation as well. She experienced periodic extreme anger outbursts at various times but was otherwise quite controlled. It is also possible she was overloaded with oxytocin in the presence of her best female friend's husband, whom she later married. No proof can be provided for this hypothesis by the Lead Plaintiff. However, it is a reasonable conjecture given the Lead Plaintiff's own experience during and since that time.

## B. State and Local Police

The Agency's closest contacts have been with police departments in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area-particularly with the Washington Metropolitan Police Department, because of the wide range of CIA activities carried on in Washington-and the Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department, because of the physical presence of CIA Headquarters within that county. Liaison with other surrounding suburban police departments has been maintained to a lesser extent. Moreover, CIA historically has maintained limited contacts with a large number of state and local police departments throughout the country, some on an ad hoc basis and others on a continuing basis. In addition to its ordinary liaison activities, the CIA has on occasion provided other assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies. It has also received significant assistance from such agencies. (p. 236)

Post 9/11, the domestic operations and operations support provided by intelligence agencies was dramatically expanded, sometimes in ways which exceed the authority of Congress to grant such authority, and further exploited by agencies and departments which have "mostly" operated within the Constitution and the laws.

#### 2. Assistance Received from State and Local Police

The CIA has occasionally obtained badges and other identification from local police for the purpose of maintaining cover during CIA operations. Such "cover" has been obtained from police departments in Washington, D.C., Fairfax County (Virginia), and New York City, among others. The evidence before this Commission has shown that the CIA's use of "police cover" has been extremely limited, and we have found no evidence of abuse. (p. 239)

Lead Plaintiff's Interpretation: CIA can routinely use local agency covers in places of particular interest, such as in New York City, given the presence of the United Nations. Lead

Plaintiff has lived in this area for the past 14 years, initially during a period of fake employment, then in circumstances which included a second brief homeless period, an involuntary commitment to a psychiatric hospital induced by coercive and frightening psychological operations incorporated in an illegally pretexted terror investigation and a series of small business starve outs featuring some of the largest companies in the United States.

#### 3. Gifts and Gratuities Given to Local Police Officials

Most of the gifts and gratuities given to local police officials by the Office of Security were paid for out of a confidential fund made available to the Director of Security for his own miscellaneous use. Expenditures from this fund did not require the approval of any higher authority. The primary purpose of such "courtesies" to officials of state and local police departments was to recognize the cooperation which those officials or their departments had given the CIA. There is no evidence that any gratuities given to local police officials and paid for out of CIA funds were conditioned upon the recipient's providing the Office of Security with any particular assistance. (p. 239-240)

It is unclear whether the Lead Plaintiff's connections to his family's religion played a part in his first known backroads encounter with a federal agent toting a briefcase based satellite phone in 1972. Alternatively, it may have been his association with an Air Force psychiatrist candidate at Washington State University and/or a Navy AVROC screening there. It may also have been as a result of his employment in the Deloitte Seattle office, territory where it appears that both CIA and FBI had at least an indirect presence. In any event, BRMT was and is real.

Quotation from Interestingengineering.com article entitled "A new navy weapon actually 215 stops you from talking" follows: 216 "The U.S. Navy has successfully invented a special electronic device that is designed to 217 stop people from talking. A form of non-lethal weapon, the new electronic device effectively 218 repeats a speaker's own voice back at them, and only them, while they attempt to talk. AHAD has 219 been developed by engineers at the Naval Surface Warfare, Crane Division, a Navy research and 220 development facility in Indiana that develops handheld and crew-served weapons for the 221 222 service."

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# Joe Arpaio

Joseph Michael Arpaio<sup>[2]</sup> (/ɑːrˈpaɪoʊ/; born June 14, 1932) is an American former law enforcement officer and politician. He served as the 36th Sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona for 24 years, from 1993 to 2017, losing reelection to Democrat Paul Penzone in 2016.

Starting in 2005, Arpaio took an outspoken stance against illegal immigration, styling himself as "America's Toughest Sheriff". [3][4] In 2010, he became a flashpoint for opposition to Arizona's SB1070 anti-illegal immigrant law, which was largely struck down by the Supreme Court of the United States. [5][6] Arpaio is also known for investigating former U.S. President Barack Obama's birth certificate, and, as of 2018, he continued to claim without evidence that it was forged. [7][8]

Arpaio has been accused of numerous types of police misconduct, including abuse of power, misuse of funds, failure to investigate sex crimes, criminal negligence, abuse of suspects in custody, improper clearance of cases, unlawful enforcement of immigration laws, and election law violations. A Federal court monitor was appointed to oversee his office's operations because of complaints of racial profiling. The U.S. Department of Justice concluded that Arpaio oversaw the worst pattern of racial profiling in U.S. history, and subsequently filed suit against him for unlawful discriminatory police conduct. [9] Arpaio and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) were named as defendants in dozens of civil lawsuits brought by citizens arrested by Arpaio and his deputies alleging wrongful arrest, wrongful death, entrapment and other claims, costing taxpayers in Maricopa County over \$140 million in litigation against Arpaio during his tenure as sheriff.[10]

Over the course of his career, Arpaio was the subject of several federal civil rights lawsuits. In one case, he was a defendant in a decade-long suit in which a federal court issued an injunction barring him from conducting further "immigration round-ups". [11] A federal court subsequently found that after the order was issued, Arpaio's office continued to detain "persons for further investigation without reasonable suspicion that a crime has been or is being committed." [11] In July 2017, he was convicted of criminal contempt of court, a crime for which he was pardoned by President Donald Trump on August 25,

# Joe Arpaio

Arpaio in 2016

# 36th Sheriff of Maricopa County

### In office

January 1, 1993 - January 1, 2017

Paul Penzone

Preceded by Tom Agnos

Succeeded by

# Personal details

Born
Joseph Michael
Arpaio
June 14, 1932
Springfield,
Massachusetts, U.S.

Political party Republican

**Spouse** Ava Lam

(m. 1958; died 2021)

Children 2

**Conviction(s)** Criminal contempt of

court<sup>[1]</sup> (pardoned)

Signature

Military service

2017. [12] In a separate racial-profiling case which concluded in 2013, Arpaio and his subordinates were found to have unfairly targeted Hispanics in conducting traffic stops. [13]

Although Arpaio sought another term as Maricopa County Sheriff in 2016, the contempt of court conviction eroded much of his remaining political support, and he was defeated in the election by <u>Paul Penzone</u>, a Democrat who reversed many of Arpaio's policies after taking office. Arpaio was an unsuccessful candidate in Arizona's Republican primary election for U.S.

Allegiance	United States
Branch/service	United States Army
Years of service	1950–1954
Unit	Medical Detachment Division

Senate in 2018. In 2020, Arpaio failed in his attempt to become the Maricopa County Sheriff again. In 2022, he narrowly lost in his attempt to unseat the incumbent mayor of Fountain Hills, Arizona, garnering 49% of the vote.

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# Early life

Arpaio was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, on June 14, 1932, 17 to Italian parents, both from Lacedonia, Italy. Arpaio's mother died while giving birth to him, and he was raised by his father, who ran an Italian grocery store. Arpaio completed high school and worked in his father's business until age 18 when he enlisted in the United States Army. He served in the Army from 1950 to 1954 in the Medical Department and was stationed in France for part of the time as a military policeman.

Following his army discharge in 1954, Arpaio moved to <u>Washington</u>, <u>D.C.</u>, and became a police officer, moving in 1957 to <u>Las Vegas</u>, <u>Nevada</u>. He served as a police officer in <u>Las Vegas</u> for six months before being appointed as a <u>special agent</u> with the <u>Federal Bureau of Narcotics</u>, which later became part of the <u>Drug Enforcement Administration</u> (DEA). <u>During his 25-year tenure with the DEA</u>, he was stationed in <u>Argentina</u>, <u>Turkey</u>, and <u>Mexico</u>, and advanced through the ranks to the position of head of the DEA's <u>Arizona branch</u>.

After leaving the DEA, Arpaio became involved in a travel venture through his wife's travel agency Starworld Travel Agency, based in <u>Scottsdale</u>. While there, he sold passage on the Phoenix E space rocket, which was hoped to take off from either Edwards Air Force Base or Vandenberg Air Force Base on the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' voyage to the new world. Although he claimed in 1988 that the first 19 flights of the Phoenix E had been booked, no flights were ever made. [25][26]

# Tenure as sheriff 1993-2017

Arpaio was first elected as sheriff in 1992. He was re-elected in 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012. Throughout his tenure as sheriff Arpaio sought out media coverage. He was featured and profiled by news media worldwide and claimed to average 200 television appearances per month. In late 2008 and early 2009, Arpaio appeared in *Smile...You're Under Arrest!*, a three-episode Fox Reality Channel series in which persons with outstanding warrants were tricked into presenting themselves

for arrest.[29]

# Jail conditions

Arpaio's jail detention practices included serving inmates Nutraloaf<sup>[30]</sup> and edibles recovered from food rescue<sup>[31]</sup> and limiting meals to twice daily. He also banned inmates from possessing "sexually explicit material" including *Playboy* magazine, after female officers complained that inmates openly masturbated while viewing the articles. The ban was challenged on First Amendment grounds, but was upheld by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. In February 2007, Arpaio instituted an in-house radio station he called KJOE, broadcasting classical music, opera, Frank Sinatra hits, patriotic music, and educational programming five days a week, four hours each day.

Federal Judge Neil V. Wake ruled in 2008 and 2010 that the Maricopa County jails violated the constitutional rights of inmates in medical and other care-related issues. [35][36]

In 2013, National Geographic Channel featured Arpaio's jail in the <u>Banged Up Abroad</u> episode of "Raving Arizona". The episode told the story of the Ecstasy dealer <u>Shaun Attwood</u> who started the blog Jon's Jail Journal. [38][39][40]



Arpaio and his wife, Ava, at the 2017 Veterans Day parade in Phoenix, Arizona



Arpaio speaking at a campaign rally for Donald Trump in Phoenix, Arizona

# Tent city jail

In 1993, Arpaio set up a "Tent City" — which he described as a "concentration camp" [41] — as a temporary extension of the Maricopa County Jail for convicted and sentenced prisoners. [42][43] It was located in a yard next to a more permanent structure. [44] He later claimed that the "concentration camp" remark had been a joke, pointing out: "What difference does it make? I still survived. I still kept getting re-elected." [45]

In 1997, <u>Amnesty International</u> said Arpaio's tent city jail was not an "adequate or humane alternative to housing inmates in suitable ... jail facilities." <u>[46]</u> Tent City was criticized by groups contending that there were violations of human and constitutional rights. <u>[47]</u> Arpaio stated he reserved the punishment of living in Tent City "for those who have been convicted." <u>[48][49]</u>

During the summer of 2003, when outside temperatures exceeded 110 °F (43 °C), Arpaio said to complaining inmates, "It's 120 degrees in Iraq and the soldiers are living in tents and they didn't commit any crimes, so shut your mouths!" On July 2, 2011, when the temperature in Phoenix hit 118 °F (48 °C), Arpaio measured the temperature inside these tents at 145 °F (63 °C). Some inmates complained that fans near their beds were not working, and that their shoes were melting from the heat. 151

In April 2017, it was announced by newly elected Sheriff Paul Penzone that the Tent City jail would be shut down. [52]

In 1995, Arpaio reinstituted chain gangs. In 1996, he expanded the chain gang concept by instituting female volunteer chain gangs. Female inmates worked seven hours a day (7 a.m. to 2 p.m.), six days a week. He also instituted the world's first all-juvenile volunteer chain gang; volunteers earned high school credit toward a diploma. [54]

### **Public relations actions**

One of Arpaio's public relations actions was the requirement that inmates wear pink underwear in order to prevent its theft by the released inmates. He claimed this saved the county \$70,000 in the first year the rule was in effect. [55] Arpaio subsequently started to sell customized pink boxers (with the Maricopa County Sheriff's logo and "Go Joe") as a fund-raiser for Sheriff's Posse Association. Despite allegations of misuse of funds received from these sales, Arpaio declined to provide an accounting for the money. [56]

Arpaio's success in gaining press coverage with the pink underwear resulted in his extending the use of the color. He introduced pink handcuffs, using the event to promote his book, *Sheriff Joe Arpaio, America's Toughest Sheriff*. Arpaio has said "I can get elected on pink underwear... I've done it five times." [58][59]

In 2004, Arpaio ordered all undocumented immigrants then in jail to register for the  $\underline{\text{Selective Service}}$  System.  $\underline{^{[60]}}$ 

# Immigration posse

In November 2010, Arpaio created an armed illegal immigration operations posse to help his deputies enforce immigration law. Members of the posse included actors Steven Seagal, Lou Ferrigno, and Peter Lupus. [61] Because the MCSO lost its authority to enforce immigration law (both by losing its 287(g) authority and through a federal court order in *Melendres v. Arpaio*), as of 2013, the posse is no longer active. [62] While the MCSO website claimed 3,000 posse members, as of July 29, 2015, the posse had 986 members. [63]

# **Organizations criticizing Arpaio**

Arpaio was a controversial sheriff. His practices were criticized by government agencies such as the United States Department of Justice and United States district courts, as well as organizations such as Amnesty International, [64] the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the Arizona Ecumenical Council, the American Jewish Committee, [65] and the Arizona chapter of the Anti-Defamation League. [66] The editorial board of The New York Times called Arpaio "America's Worst Sheriff". [67] Controversies surrounding Arpaio included allegations of racial profiling, for which the ACLU sued the sheriff's office. [68][69]

# Claims that sheriff's office failed to properly investigate serious crimes

In 2000 it was claimed that the sheriff's office failed to properly investigate serious crimes, including the rape of a 14-year-old girl by classmates, [70][71] and the rape of a 15-year-old girl by two strangers. These cases were reported as "exceptionally cleared" (solved) by the MCSO without investigation or, in one instance, without even identifying a suspect – in contravention of Federal

Bureau of Investigation (FBI) standards for exceptional clearance. [72][74] In the case of the 15-year-old girl, the case was closed within one month and before DNA testing was even complete, a 13-year-old's because her mother did not want to "pursue this investigation," and the 14-year-old's because a suspect declined to appear for questioning. [70][72] In a statement to ABC15, the sheriff's office claimed "The Goldwater Institute's report cites the FBI's Uniform Code [sic] Reporting handbook, which is a voluntary crime-reporting program to compile statistical information and reports. The UCR is not intended for oversight on how law enforcement agencies clear cases... The Sheriff's Office has its own criteria for clearing cases. "[71] The Arizona Department of Public Safety, which serves as the repository for Arizona case clearance statistics, told 12 News that the guidelines in the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook are mandatory for all Arizona law enforcement agencies. Those guidelines specify that a case can be cleared by exception only when a perpetrator's identity and location is known and there is sufficient evidence to support prosecution, but, due to special circumstances (such as the suspect dying, or extradition not being possible), an arrest cannot be made. [75]

In an interview on the <u>ABC</u>'s <u>Nightline</u> news program, when asked to explain why 82 percent of cases were declared cleared by exception, Arpaio said, "We do clear a higher percentage of that. I know that. We clear many, many cases – not 18 percent." *Nightline* contacted the MCSO after the interview and was told that of 7,346 crimes, only 944, or 15%, had been cleared by arrest. [76]

Under Arpaio, the MCSO may have improperly cleared (reported as solved) as many as 75% of cases without arrest or proper investigation. [75][77][78][79][80]

# Sex crime investigations and rapist Patrick Morrison

During a three-year period ending in 2007, more than 400 sex crimes reported to Arpaio's office were inadequately investigated or not investigated at all. While providing police services for El Mirage, Arizona, the MCSO under Arpaio failed to follow through on at least 32 reported child molestations, even though the suspects were known in all but six cases. Many of the victims were children of illegal immigrants. [72][81]

In a controversial case, Arpaio's office was accused of ignoring Sabrina Morrison, a teenage girl suffering from a mental disability. On March 7, 2007, the 13-year-old was raped by her uncle, Patrick Morrison. She told her teacher the next day, and her teacher called the MCSO. A rape kit was taken, but the detective assigned to the case told Sabrina and her family that there were no obvious signs of sexual assault, no semen, or signs of trauma. [82]

As a result of the detective's statements, Sabrina was branded by her family as a liar. Her uncle continued to rape her repeatedly, saying he would kill her if she told anyone. She became pregnant by him, and had an abortion. The family did not know that the rape kit had been tested at the state lab and showed the presence of semen. The lab requested that the detective obtain a blood sample from the suspect, Patrick Morrison. [83] Instead of obtaining the blood sample, or making an arrest, the detective filed the crime-lab note and closed the case for four years. [83]

In September 2011 the sheriff's office obtained a blood sample from Patrick Morrison, which was a DNA match with the semen taken over four years earlier. Patrick Morrison was arrested and charged in February 2012; he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 24 years in prison. [83]

In December 2011, responding to continuing media coverage of the controversy, and apparently unaware that there were hundreds of victims in these cases, Arpaio stated in a press conference, "If there were any victims, I apologize to those victims." [84]

In August 2012, Sabrina Morrison filed a notice of claim against Arpaio and Maricopa County for gross negligence. In April 2015, the case settled for \$3.5 million. [85][86]

An internal memo written by one of the detectives assigned to the Morrison case blamed a high case load, saying the special victims unit had gone from five detectives to just three, and the detectives left were often called off their cases to investigate special assignments. These included a <u>credit card fraud</u> case involving the <u>Arizona Diamondbacks</u> and a mortgage fraud case in Arpaio's home city of Fountain Hills. [87]

When county supervisors provided more than \$600,000 to fund six additional detective positions to investigate child abuse in fiscal 2007, none were added to the sex-crimes squad. Sheriff's administrators concluded they had no idea where positions were added or what became of the money after it was added to the budget. [88]

# **Targeting of reporters**

In October 2007, Mike Lacey and Jim Larkin, the founders and leaders of the *Phoenix New Times*, were arrested after publishing a news article on a grand jury investigation involving Arpaio's office. [89] On the evening that the article was published, Lacey and Larkin were arrested by plainclothes sheriff's deputies, "handcuffed, put in dark SUVs with tinted windows and driven to jail." [90] Following a public uproar over the arrests, all charges were dropped against Lacey and Larkin. [90] Lacey and Larkin filed a federal Section 1983 lawsuit for the violations of their civil rights, and in 2012 the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that they could sue the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office for the arrests. [91] In 2013, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors voted to settle the suit for \$3.75 million. [92] Lacey and Larkin used the proceeds of the settlement to establish an endowed chair professorship at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, [90] and to establish the Lacey & Larkin Frontera Fund, which advocates for migrant rights and freedom of speech issues in Arizona. [93]

# Targeting of political opponents

Between 2008 and 2010, Arpaio and former Maricopa County Attorney <u>Andrew Thomas</u> together undertook a number of government-corruption investigations targeting political opponents, including judges, county supervisors and administrators. These investigations resulted in: lawsuits against the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, a federal civil-racketeering suit against the supervisors, four judges, and attorneys who worked with the county; and filing of criminal charges against several individuals. [94]

In early 2010, Arpaio and Thomas sought to have a grand jury indict a number of Maricopa County judges, Maricopa County supervisors, and employees of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. The grand jury, in an unusual rebuke, ordered the investigation ended. This action has been described as meaning that "the case is so bad, there's no further evidence that could be brought" to substantiate it. Legal experts agreed this was a rare move. [95]

Arpaio and Thomas lost every case, either by ruling of the courts or by dropping the case. [96]

Arpaio's and Thomas' actions in these matters led to Thomas' disbarment by a disciplinary panel of the Arizona Supreme Court, which found that Thomas "outrageously exploited power, flagrantly fostered fear, and disgracefully misused the law" while serving as Maricopa County Attorney. The panel found "clear and convincing evidence" that Thomas brought unfounded and malicious criminal and civil charges against political opponents, including four state judges and the Arizona Attorney General. [97] "Were this a criminal case," the panel concluded, "we are confident that the evidence would establish this conspiracy beyond a reasonable doubt." [98][99]

At least 11 individuals filed lawsuits or legal claims as a result of being targeted by Arpaio and Thomas. The county settled all 11 cases: [94][100]

- Gary Donahoe, retired Superior Court judge: \$1,275,000 settlement. County legal expenses: \$767,127.
- Kenneth Fields, retired Superior Court judge: \$100,000 settlement. County legal expenses: \$81,040.
- Barbara Mundell, retired Superior Court judge: \$500,000 settlement. County legal expenses: \$134,273.
- Anna Baca, retired Superior Court judge: \$100,000 settlement. County legal expenses: \$112,588.
- Stephen Wetzel, former county technology director: \$75,000 settlement. County legal expenses: \$107,647.
- Sandi Wilson, deputy county manager and county budget director: \$122,000 settlement. County legal expenses: \$458,318.
- Don Stapley, former county supervisor: \$3.5 million settlement. County legal expenses: \$1,682,020.
- Mary Rose Wilcox, county supervisor: \$975,000 settlement, plus \$9,938 in court-ordered legal costs. County legal expenses to date: over \$375,442.
- Susan Schuerman, Stapley's executive assistant: \$500,000 settlement. County legal expenses: \$200,201.
- Conley Wolfswinkel, Stapley's business associate: \$1,400,000 settlement. County legal expenses: \$1,586,152.
- Andy Kunasek, county supervisor: \$123,110 settlement. County legal expenses: \$1,150.

In February 2010, Pima County <u>Superior Court</u> Judge John S. Leonardo found that Arpaio "misused the power of his office to target members of the Board of Supervisors for criminal investigation". [101]

As of June 2014, costs to Maricopa County taxpayers related to Arpaio's and Thomas's failed corruption investigations exceeded \$44 million, not including staff time. [100][102]

# **Election law violation**

In July 2010, a committee established by Arpaio (the "Campaign to Re-Elect Joe Arpaio 2012") funded advertisements critical of Rick Romley, a candidate in the Republican primary for Maricopa County Attorney, and Arizona Attorney General candidate Tom Horne, despite the fact that Arpaio was not running for re-election at the time (his term did not expire until the end of 2012). [103]

In August 2010, following the filing of complaints to the Maricopa Elections Department, the Office of Maricopa County Attorney found that one of the advertisements, a direct mailer, advocated the defeat of Romley and was an in-kind contribution to Bill Montgomery (Romley's primary election opponent), in violation of Arizona election law. The order stated that a civil penalty in the amount of

three times the amount of money spent on the mailer would be imposed on Campaign to Re-Elect Joe Arpaio 2012.  $^{[104]}$  In September 2010, Arpaio's campaign was fined \$153,978.  $^{[105]}$  Montgomery ultimately defeated Romley in the primary election, with Romley stating Arpaio's ads "hurt" his results.  $^{[106]}$ 

# Misspending analysis

An analysis by the Maricopa County Office of Management and Budget, completed in April 2011, found that Arpaio had misspent almost \$100 million over the previous 5 years. [107][108][109]

The analysis showed that money from a restricted detention fund which could legally be used only to pay for jail items, such as food, detention officers' salaries, and equipment, was used to pay employees to patrol Maricopa County. [107] The analysis also showed that many sheriff's office employees, whose salaries were paid from the restricted detention fund, were working job assignments different from those recorded in their personnel records. Arpaio's office kept a separate set of personnel books detailing actual work assignments, different from information kept in the county's official human resources records. [108]

Arpaio used the detention fund to pay for investigations of political rivals, as well as activities involving his human-smuggling unit. [107][108]

The analysis also showed a number of inappropriate spending items including a trip to Alaska where deputies stayed at a fishing resort, and trips to Disneyland. [108][110]

Separate investigations by <u>The Arizona Republic</u> uncovered widespread abuse of public funds and county policies by Arpaio's office, including high-ranking employees routinely charging expensive meals and stays at luxury hotels on their county credit cards. [111]

*The Republic* also found that a restricted jail-enhancement fund was improperly used to pay for out-of-state training, a staff party at a local amusement park, and a \$456,000 bus which Arpaio purchased in violation of county procurement rules. [107][112]

# Misconduct and mismanagement memo

In September 2010, a 63-page <u>internal memo</u> written by Maricopa Deputy Chief Frank Munnell, was made public. The memo alleged years of misconduct and mismanagement by Arpaio's second-incommand and other top MCSO officers, including the use of a public-corruption task force to conduct politically motivated probes into political opponents. The memo alleged that top officials in the MCSO "willfully and intentionally committed criminal acts by attempting to obstruct justice, tamper with witnesses, and destroy evidence." Arpaio forwarded the memo to the Pinal County Sheriff's Office, requesting they conduct an administrative investigation. Former top MCSO staffers claimed that Arpaio knew of the acts alleged in the Munnell memo, but took no action to stop them. Arpaio has not commented publicly on the allegations.

In October 2010, the U.S. Attorney for Arizona confirmed that the FBI and Department of Justice had received copies of the Munnell memo and were conducting criminal investigations into its allegations. [115]

# Wrongful arrest and entrapment lawsuit and settlement

In 1999, <u>undercover</u> MCSO deputies arrested James Saville, then 18 years old, and charged him with plotting to kill Arpaio with a pipe bomb. A local television station had been tipped off to the arrest by the MCSO, and broadcast footage of the arrest that evening. The MCSO held a news conference shortly after the arrest, and Arpaio appeared in interviews on local television stations, saying "If they think they are going to scare me away with bombs and everything else, it's not going to bother me." [116]



Arpaio with State Senator Russell Pearce in 2010

In July 2003, after spending almost four years in jail awaiting trial, Saville was acquitted by a Maricopa County Superior Court jury. Jurors were persuaded that Saville had been entrapped by the MCSO as part of a publicity stunt by Arpaio. [117][118] This was a rare example of a successful entrapment defense, which is very difficult to prove. [119] Jurors interviewed following the trial said that "they were convinced that Saville had been a pawn in an elaborate media ploy." [119] The jury forewoman subsequently said: "This was a publicity stunt at the expense of four years of someone's life." Another juror stated that "This was a big setup from the beginning." [117]

In 2004, Saville, following the acquittal, sued Arpaio and Maricopa County for wrongful arrest and entrapment. In 2008, the suit was settled, with Maricopa County paying Saville \$1.1 million. Saville also received an unspecified additional compensation from the county's insurance company. [120]

# Abuse-of-power allegations and investigation

In 2008, a federal grand jury began an inquiry of Arpaio for abuse-of-power in connection with an FBI investigation. [121][122] On August 31, 2012, the Arizona U.S. Attorney's office announced that it was "closing its investigation into allegations of criminal conduct" by Arpaio, without filing charges. [123]

Arpaio was investigated for politically motivated and "bogus" prosecutions, which a former U.S. Attorney called "utterly unacceptable". Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon called Arpaio's "long list" of questionable prosecutions "a reign of terror". [122]

The targets of Arpaio's alleged abuse of power included:

- Phil Gordon, Phoenix Mayor<sup>[121]</sup>
- Dan Saban, Arpaio's 2004 and 2008 opponent for the office of Sheriff of Maricopa County
- Terry Goddard, Arizona Attorney General<sup>[121]</sup>
- David Smith, Maricopa County Manager<sup>[121]</sup>
- The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors<sup>[121]</sup>
- Barbara Mundell, Maricopa Superior Court Presiding Judge [121]
- Anna Baca, former Maricopa Superior Court Presiding Judge [124]
- Gary Donahoe, Maricopa Superior Court Criminal Presiding Judge<sup>[121]</sup>
- Daniel Pochoda, ACLU attorney<sup>[121]</sup>
- Sandra Dowling, former Maricopa County School Superintendent [122]

■ Mike Lacey, Editor, *Phoenix New Times*<sup>[122]</sup>

As of July 2010, only Sandra Dowling had been successfully prosecuted. Indicted on 25 felony counts, Dowling eventually pleaded guilty to patronage for giving a summer job to her daughter, a single class-2 misdemeanor which was not among the original counts, although as part of the plea bargain she also agreed to recuse herself from the Maricopa County Regional School District. Dowling later filed suit, alleging negligence, malicious prosecution, abuse of process and several constitutional violations, although Arpaio won summary judgment against her claims. [125]

As of December 2011, a federal grand jury was investigating Arpaio's office on criminal abuse-ofpower allegations since at least December 2009 and was specifically examining the investigative work of the sheriff's anti-public corruption squad. [126]

On August 31, 2012, federal authorities announced they were terminating their abuse-of-power investigation into Arpaio in Arizona without filing charges against him.

# Immigration patrols

In 2005, Arpaio began focusing on enforcing immigration laws, after Maricopa County Attorney Andrew Thomas was elected with a campaign slogan of "Stop illegal immigration." Arpaio stated that prior to 2005, he didn't view illegal immigration as a "serious legal issue." [128]

Starting in 2005, Arpaio regularly conducted saturation patrols and immigration sweeps, targeting Latino neighborhoods [129][130] and day laborers. [131] Arpaio also ran many operations targeting businesses employing Latinos, and arresting employees who were unauthorized immigrants for identity theft. According to Arpaio, 100% of the persons arrested for using stolen IDs in 57 raids conducted up until March 2012 were in the country illegally. [132] Until 2011, when a Federal District Court injunction halted the practice, Arpaio maintained an immigrant smuggling squad which illegally stopped cars with Latino drivers or passengers to check their immigration status. [133][134]

Arpaio has said of his immigration law enforcement efforts, "Ours is an operation where we want to go after illegals, not the crime first... It's a pure program. You go after them, and you lock them up."[135]

# Federal class-action suit

As of September 2012, Arpaio was a defendant in a federal class action suit and a United States Department of Justice suit, both of which alleged racial profiling. [136][137]

Arpaio repeatedly denied racial profiling, although the MCSO did not have a policy specifically barring the practice nor any reliable internal method of ensuring it was not taking place. [138][139]

In 2007 Manuel De Jesus Ortega Melendres, a Mexican tourist who was a passenger in a car stopped in Cave Creek, Maricopa County, filed a lawsuit (Melendres v. Arpaio [136]) in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona against Sheriff Arpaio, the MCSO, and Maricopa County, claiming to have been detained unlawfully for nine hours as a result of racial profiling. The lawsuit was expanded when several individuals joined in with similar complaints.

The plaintiffs were represented by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), and the law firm of Covington & Burling.

The lawsuit charged that Sheriff Arpaio and the MCSO unlawfully instituted a pattern and practice of targeting <u>Latino</u> drivers and passengers in Maricopa County during traffic stops, and that MCSO's practices <u>discriminated</u> on the basis of race in violation of the <u>Equal Protection Clause</u> of the <u>Fourteenth Amendment</u>, and resulted in prolonged traffic stops and baseless extended detentions in violation of the Fourth Amendment. [140]

The case was initially assigned to <u>U.S. District Judge Mary Murguia</u>. In June 2009, in response to a motion filed by Arpaio's lawyers, she recused herself. The case was then assigned to U.S. District Judge G. Murray Snow.

In his September 2009 deposition in the case, Arpaio testified he had never read the complaint in the case, was unfamiliar with the details of the allegations of racial profiling therein, didn't know the content of the 14th Amendment to the <u>U.S. Constitution</u>, and had never read the <u>Department of Justice</u>'s guidelines concerning the use of race in investigations, which would have applied to his deputies in the field when they were still operating under a <u>287(g) program</u> agreement with U.S. <u>Immigration and Customs Enforcement</u> (ICE). He insisted, however, that his deputies didn't profile based on ethnicity or race. [141]

In a December 2011 order, Judge Snow sanctioned Arpaio and the MCSO for acknowledged destruction of records in the case. [142][143][144] Judge Snow also stated:

Sheriff Arpaio has made public statements that a fact finder could interpret as endorsing racial profiling, such as stating that, even lacking 287(g) authority, his officers can detain people based upon 'their speech, what they look like, if they look like they came from another country'... Moreover, he acknowledges that MCSO provides no training to reduce the risk of racial profiling, stating 'if we do not racial profile, why would I do a training program?'"[133] Judge Snow expanded the complaint into a class-action lawsuit, including all Latino drivers stopped by the Sheriff's Office since 2007, or who will be stopped in the future. He also enjoined the MCSO and all of its officers from "detaining any person based only on knowledge or reasonable belief, without more, that the person is unlawfully present within the United States, because as a matter of law such knowledge does not amount to a reasonable belief that the person either violated or conspired to violate the Arizona human smuggling statute, or any other state or federal criminal law. [133]

# Melendres v. Arpaio racial profiling class-action lawsuit

On December 23, 2011, U.S. District Court Judge G. Murray Snow enjoined Arpaio and the MCSO from "detaining any person based only on knowledge or reasonable belief, without more, that the person is unlawfully present within the United States," halting anti-illegal immigration enforcement by MCSO in its current form. [145]

Arpaio filed an appeal with the <u>United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit</u>. The court upheld Judge Snow's injunction. [146]

Starting July 19, 2012, a six-day bench trial was held before Judge Snow. [147] On May 24, 2013, Judge Snow issued a decision finding the policies and practices of Arpaio and his office discriminatory, in violation of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. [148][149]

In June 2013, the <u>United States Department of Justice</u> (DOJ) filed a Statement of Interest in the case, recommending the appointment of an "independent monitor to assess and report on MCSO's compliance with the remedial measures ordered by the Court." [150] Adopting the DOJ's recommendation, in August 2013 Judge Snow stated in a court hearing that he would be assigning an independent monitor. [151]

In October 2013, Judge Snow issued a 59-page final order, giving the MCSO a list of reforms and requirements to institute and follow. In January 2014, Judge Snow appointed Robert Warshaw, former Rochester, New York, police chief, to act as monitor over the MCSO. [152]

Arpaio filed a limited appeal to the <u>United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit</u>, contesting the district court's order, insofar as it covered traffic stops outside of <u>saturation patrols</u>. The appeals court rejected this claim, upholding Judge Snow's inclusion of non-saturation patrols in his finding of racial profiling, and maintaining his rulings of corrective actions that included training and video recording of traffic stops. The appeals court did agree with Arpaio that the court-appointed monitor's oversight of internal investigations must only be related to the constitutional violations. [152][153]

Subsequent to Judge Snow's October 2013 order, Arpaio was videotaped during a training session for MCSO deputies, saying "we don't racially profile. I don't care what everybody says." As a result of this, and mischaracterizations of the court's order by MCSO Chief Deputy Jerry Sheridan, Snow convened a hearing in March 2014 where he chastised Arpaio and Sheridan, saying they had "defied and even mocked his order to stop singling out Latinos during routine patrols, traffic stops and workplace raids." He then ordered Arpaio's attorney to prepare a corrective letter setting the record straight, to be distributed to all MCSO deputies. Because of Arpaio's First Amendment free speech rights, the court did not require him to personally sign the corrective letter. [155]

Two days after the hearing, having just been rebuked for mocking the court's order, Arpaio sent out a fundraising letter complaining of "Rampant UNFOUNDED [sic] charges of <u>racism</u> and racial profiling in my office." Judge Snow responded to this fundraising letter, stating:

I want to be careful and say that the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has used race – has illegitimately used race as a factor, and to the extent that constitutes racial profiling, that's what it is and that's what I found and the sheriff is saying that people have wrongfully accused him of that as of last Wednesday, which was after the meeting in which he was here. So to the extent that I have a sheriff, who I'm not going to prohibit from mischaracterizing my order publicly, to the extent that I have an MCSO that is rife with a misunderstanding of my order and a mischaracterization of it when they are the people that have to understand it and implement it, I have grave concerns... [157]

On September 11, 2014, Judge Snow granted more than \$4.4 million in attorney's fees to four legal organizations that litigated *Melendres v. Arpaio*. Attorney's fees were granted to the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, the ACLU of Arizona, MALDEF, and Covington & Burling. [158]

On June 4, 2014, the *Phoenix New Times* reported that Arpaio had initiated a criminal investigation of Judge Snow as well as the DOJ. [159] The article quoted unnamed sources, including a former detective with the MCSO's Special Investigations Division, who claimed that the investigation was being run directly by Arpaio and was based on his belief that Judge Snow and the DOJ had engaged in a conspiracy against him. [159]

Arpaio neither confirmed nor denied the investigation to the *Phoenix New Times*. [159] However, in an April 2015 civil contempt hearing before Judge Snow, Arpaio testified that his attorney, Tim Casey, had hired a private investigator to investigate Judge Snow's wife, and that the MCSO had paid Dennis L. Montgomery to investigate whether the DOJ had been penetrating Arpaio's e-mails as well as those of local attorneys and judges, including Judge Snow. (This was called the "Seattle Operation.") [160][161] Subsequently, MCSO Chief Deputy Jerry Sheridan testified that there was no investigation into Snow, his wife, or his family. As a result of the potential for ethical conflicts arizing from Arpaio's and Sheridan's testimony, Casey withdrew as legal counsel for Arpaio and the MCSO. [162][163]

During a status conference on May 14, 2015, Judge Snow, reading from a prepared statement, said that documents unearthed from the "Seattle Operation" by the court-appointed monitor revealed "an attempt to construct a conspiracy involving this court" as well as other entities and individuals including the DOJ, former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, former Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon, and former MCSO Executive Chief Brian Sands, among others. [164] One week after this status conference, Arpaio's criminal defense attorney filed a motion to disqualify Judge Snow, claiming that he had moved from being an independent arbiter in the case into the role of investigating "issues involving his own family." Judge Snow temporarily halted further hearings in the case, but ultimately denied the motion and resumed holding hearings. [165][166][167][168][169] On August 7, 2015, Arpaio asked the Ninth Circuit to remove Judge Snow from the case. [170] On September 15, 2015, the Ninth Circuit denied Arpaio's request to remove Judge Snow, as well as Arpaio's related request to halt the lower court's proceedings. [171]

As part of the contempt proceedings, Judge Snow concluded Arpaio and others had made intentionally false statements about the efforts to investigate him. [172]

# Litigation on jail conditions

# Graves v. Arpaio: federal court finding of unconstitutional jail conditions

Federal Judge Neil V. Wake ruled in 2008, and again in 2010, that the county jails violated the constitutional rights of inmates in medical and other care-related issues. [35][36] This ruling was a result of a lawsuit brought by the ACLU which alleged that "Arpaio routinely abused pre-trial detainees at Maricopa County Jail by feeding them moldy bread, rotten fruit and other contaminated food, housing them in cells so hot as to endanger their health, denying them care for serious medical and mental health needs, and keeping them packed as tightly as sardines in holding cells for days at a time during intake." [173]

In a ruling issued in October 2010, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ordered Arpaio to comply with Judge Wake's 2008 ruling, which required Arpaio to end the overcrowding and to ensure all detainees received necessary medical and mental health care; be given uninterrupted access to all medications prescribed by correctional medical staff; be given access to exercise and to sinks, toilets, toilet paper and soap; and be served food that met or exceeded the U.S. Department of Agriculture's dietary guidelines. [174][175][176][177]

# Braillard v. Maricopa County: wrongful death suit and settlement

In 2005, Deborah Braillard, a <u>diabetic</u> was arrested and detained in county jail on a minor drug-possession charge. Without medical attention, Braillard soon became ill. Although Braillard "groaned and cried for help as she defecated and vomited on herself and others," guards refused to listen to pleas to medical treatment for Braillard, who went into a <u>diabetic coma</u> and died while chained to a hospital bed. [178]

In the subsequent wrongful death of *Braillard v. Maricopa County*, [179] the plaintiff's attorney cited numerous reports commissioned and paid for by Maricopa County, dating back as far as 1996, detailing a "culture of cruelty" where inmates were routinely denied humane healthcare at Maricopa County jails run by Arpaio. Testifying in this case, Arpaio stated he could not deny making the statement that even if he had a billion dollars he wouldn't change the way he runs his jails. [180] Arpaio said his jails were meant as places for punishment, and that the inhabitants were all criminals, although in fact most inmates had not been convicted of a crime and were awaiting trial. [181]

In the litigation, the former medical director for the country jails and other witnesses testified on the destruction of evidence, specifically "about evidence in the case being swiped and deleted from his computer." In 2012, after the judge assigned to the case "that the jury was to be told about the MCSO's coverup, including missing jail videos and recordings of Braillard's phone calls," the county settled the litigation for \$3.25 million. The county spent an additional \$1.8 million in legal fees on the Braillard case. [178]

# Justice Department investigation on racial profiling

In June 2008, the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division began an investigation of Arpaio amid accusations of discrimination and unconstitutional searches and seizures. The investigation was conducted under the authority of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which forbids discrimination related to programs that receive federal funds. [182]

On July 7, 2009, Arpaio held a press conference and announced that he would not cooperate with the investigation, either by providing documents or permitting interviews with personnel. On September 2, 2010, the Department of Justice filed suit against Arpaio [183] to compel his cooperation with the investigation. A spokeswoman for the Justice Department stated that it was unprecedented for an agency to refuse to cooperate with a Title VI investigation, and that this was the first time the Justice Department had sued to compel access to documents and facilities. [184][185][186] The suit was settled in June 2011, after Arpaio allowed federal officials to interview Sheriff's office employees and review hundreds of thousands of documents for the investigation. [187][188]

On December 15, 2011, the Justice Department released their findings after a 3-year investigation of Arpaio's office amid complaints of <u>racial profiling</u> and a culture of bias at the agency's top level. The report stated that under Arpaio, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has "a pervasive culture of discriminatory bias against Latinos" that "reaches the highest levels of the agency." [189]

The Justice Department accused Arpaio of engaging in "unconstitutional policing" by unfairly targeting Latinos for detention and arrest, and retaliating against critics. [190] In the report, a Justice Department expert concluded that Arpaio oversaw the worst pattern of racial profiling in U.S. history. [191]

Based on the Justice Department report on discriminatory policing practices within the MCSO, on December 15, 2011, the <u>United States Department of Homeland Security</u> removed the MCSO from the 287(g) program. This decision revoked the MCSO's federal authority to identify and detain illegal

immigrants.[192]

# United States v. Maricopa County

On May 10, 2012, the <u>United States Department of Justice</u> (DOJ) in *United States v. Maricopa County, et al* (Case number 2:12-cv-981), filed suit against Arpaio, the MCSO, and Maricopa County, alleging that "The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and Sheriff Joseph M. Arpaio have engaged and continue to engage in a pattern or practice of unlawful discriminatory police conduct directed at Latinos in Maricopa County and jail practices that unlawfully discriminate against Latino prisoners with limited English language skills." [137] The complaint included accusations that Arpaio and his staff forced women to sleep in their own menstrual blood, assaulted pregnant women, ignored rape, and criminalized being a Latino. [193]

The United States' claims in this suit encompassed, but were broader than, the unconstitutional discriminatory conduct that the Court in *Melendres v. Arpaio* found the MCSO to have engaged in concerning its immigration enforcement-related traffic stops. [150]

A DOJ representative said that the agency was left with no choice but to file suit after Arpaio's attorneys balked at a demand for a court-appointed monitor to ensure the sheriff's office complied with any settlement terms. Arpaio rejected the notion of a court-appointed monitor, and denied that the MCSO engaged in racial profiling. [194][195]

On June 15, 2015, Senior United States District Judge Roslyn O. Silver of the United States District Court for the District of Arizona entered partial summary judgment for the DOJ, and against Arpaio, on the central racial-profiling allegations in the suit. [196] On July 15, Maricopa County's board of supervisors voted to settle the lawsuit. [197] The partial settlement, however, did not resolve the claims of discriminatory policing. [198]

# **Birther movement**

At two press conferences held in March 2012, Arpaio and members of his Cold Case Posse claimed that President Barack Obama's long-form birth certificate, released by the White House on April 27, 2011, [199] is a computer-generated forgery. The Posse also claimed that Obama's Selective Service card was a forgery. [200][201] The allegations regarding the birth certificate were repeated at a July 2012 news conference in which Arpaio stated that Obama's long-form birth certificate was "definitely fraudulent." [202]

Some of the major claims presented by Arpaio were subsequently shown to be false; specifically, the 1961 Vital Statistics Instruction Manual that Arpaio and his team claimed to possess contradicted what they claimed it said, and images shown by them, purportedly from that manual, were instead from computer specifications dated 1968 and 1969. [203]

In response to Arpaio's claims, Joshua A. Wisch, a special assistant to the Attorney General of Hawaii, said in a statement, "President Obama was born in Honolulu, and his birth certificate is valid. Regarding the latest allegations from a sheriff in Arizona, they are untrue, misinformed and misconstrue Hawaii law." [204] Arizona state officials, including Governor Jan Brewer and Secretary of State Ken Bennett, also dismissed Arpaio's objections and accepted the validity of Obama's birth certificate. [205] Brewer also stated that Obama's mother's U.S. citizenship made him a citizen by jus sanguinis, regardless of where he was born. [206]

During September 2016, Arpaio claimed to be still investigating President Obama's birth certificate, stating, "We are looking at a forged document. Period." On December 15, 2016, Arpaio held a news conference along with posse member Mike Zullo, detailing "9 points of forgery" supposedly found on the digital image of Obama's birth certificate. [208]

In 2007, Arpaio said that it was an "honor" for his department to be compared to the <u>Ku Klux Klan</u>, a white supremacist terrorist organization. On the witness stand in a civil trial in 2012, however, Arpaio backtracked, saying that he no longer considered the comparison an honor. [209]

# Conviction for contempt of court and presidential pardon

# **Contempt of court**

In December 2014, after many warnings, U.S. District Judge G. Murray Snow told Arpaio there was a very real possibility that he would refer Arpaio to the U.S. Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution on contempt of court charges due to the MCSO's failure to comply with the court's order to stop its racial profiling practices. Snow advised Arpaio to retain a criminal defense attorney. In a bid to shield Arpaio from criminal proceedings, his attorneys filed a written statement arguing that any mistakes in complying with the court's orders were unintentional, or the fault of former employees. [210] Judge Snow found Arpaio's arguments unavailing, and, in January 2015, announced that Arpaio would face a contempt hearing in April 2015 for violating court orders in *Melendres v. Arpaio*. [211]

In March 2015, a month before the scheduled contempt hearing, Arpaio admitted that he violated several court orders, and consented to a finding of civil contempt against him. Because the matter of criminal contempt was still at issue, the initial contempt hearing was held as scheduled. [212]

On July 24, 2015, the court directed <u>U.S. marshals</u> to seize evidence, which was possibly related to the contempt of court charges and was slated for destruction, from the sheriff's office. [213]

On May 13, 2016, the court held Arpaio in contempt on three counts. [172] On August 19, 2016, the court asked the federal government to file criminal contempt charges against Arpaio and some of his subordinates over his failure to follow the court's instructions. [214] On October 11, 2016, federal prosecutors announced that they would press criminal contempt of court charges against Arpaio. [215] On October 25, 2016, such charges were officially filed, though Arpaio would not be arrested and no mugshot would be taken. The charges were filed just two weeks before an election in which Arpaio was running for re-election. [216]

On July 31, 2017, Arpaio was found guilty of criminal contempt of court. U.S. District Judge <u>Susan Bolton</u> wrote that Arpaio had "willfully violated an order of the court" by failing "to ensure his subordinates' compliance and by directing them to continue to detain persons for whom no criminal charges could be filed." Arpaio was scheduled to be sentenced in October 2017. [11]

# Presidential pardon

On August 25, 2017, President <u>Donald Trump</u> pardoned Arpaio for his conviction for criminal contempt of court, a decision that provoked considerable controversy. [217][218][219] The pardon covers Arpaio's conviction and "any other offenses under Chapter 21 of Title 18, United States Code that

might arise, or be charged, in connection with *Melendres v*.  $Arpaio."^{[220]}$ 

Trump also announced his decision on Twitter, declaring that Arpaio is an "American patriot" who had "kept Arizona safe." [221] Arpaio expressed his thanks to the President in a series of tweets [222][223] and to his "loyal supporters." [224] Arpaio also declared that his conviction was "a political witch hunt by holdovers in the Obama justice department!" [222] The Washington Post fact-checker gave the claim "Four Pinocchios" (its worst rating), noting that Arpaio was convicted by two federal judges: a Bush-appointed federal judge, and federal judge respected by both Republicans and Democrats. [225] Attorneys for Arpaio have stated that they are moving for his case to be dismissed in light of the pardon. [218]

# Reactions to pardon

Arizona Governor <u>Doug Ducey</u> was among the politicians praising the pardon, <u>crediting Arpaio</u> with helping to reduce crime over a long career, and Ducey also welcomed the finality that the pardon gave to the whole matter. <u>Carry</u> The pardon was strongly criticized by Arizona Senator <u>John McCain</u> as Arpaio had

expressed no remorse for his actions. Arizona Senator <u>Jeff Flake</u> and House Speaker <u>Paul Ryan</u> signaled their opposition to the pardon. [228][229]

A number of law professors and political scientists described the pardon as troubling and unusual.  $\frac{[229][230][231][232][233]}{[232][233]}$  Several experts on authoritarianism described the pardon as  $\frac{\text{illiberal}}{\text{illiberal}}$  and said that it undermined the rule of law.  $\frac{[233]}{[233]}$ 

# Subsequent proceedings

After the pardon, Arpaio filed a motion to vacate his conviction for criminal contempt. District judge Susan R. Bolton denied the motion. She held that Trump's pardon "undoubtedly spared Defendant from any punishment that might otherwise have been imposed. It did not, however, 'revise the historical facts' of this case." Arpaio's attorneys said that he would probably appeal to the <u>United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. [234]</u> One of the <u>American Civil Liberties Union</u> attorneys who had represented the plaintiffs in the underlying racial-profiling case agreed with the denial of Arpaio's motion, stating, "The court made detailed findings after a bench trial about Joe Arpaio's criminal conduct. The court's findings and documents in the record of the case should stand and now will stand." [234]

The legal status of the pardon continued to be challenged. Although the federal prosecutors did not contest its validity, some legal groups challenged the pardon as unconstitutional. [234][235]

In 2018, Arpaio sued *The New York Times*, the *HuffPost*, *Rolling Stone*, and <u>CNN</u>, alleging that their analyses of Arpaio's proceedings had defamed him. [236][237]

# **Election results**

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President Trump's full pardon of Joe Arpaio

# 2000

# 2000 Maricopa County Sheriff's Office election, Arizona [238]

Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%
Republican	Joe Arpaio (incumbent)	572,063	66.5	n/a
Democratic	Robert Ayala	227,055	26.4	n/a
Independent	Tom Bearup	60,401	7.0	n/a
n/a	Write-in candidate	825	0.1	n/a
Majority		345,008	40.1	n/a
Turnout		860,344		
Republican hold		Swing		

# 2004

# 2004 Maricopa County Sheriff's Office election, Arizona [238]

Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%
Republican	Joe Arpaio (incumbent)	642,923	56.7	-9.8
Democratic	Robert Ayala	347,981	30.7	+4.3
n/a	Steven W. Martin	142,296	12.6	n/a
Majority		294,942	26.0	-14.1
Turnout		1,133,200		+31.7
Republican hold		Swing		

# 2008

# 2008 Maricopa County Sheriff's Office election, Arizona [238]

Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%
Republican	Joe Arpaio (incumbent)	730,426	55.2	-1.5
Democratic	Dan Saban	558,176	42.2	+11.5
Libertarian	Chris A.H. Will	35,425	2.7	n/a
Majority		172,250	13.0	-13.0
Turnout		1,324,027		+16.8
Republican hold		Swing		

# 2012

### 2012 Maricopa County Sheriff's Office election, Arizona [238]

Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%
Republican	Joe Arpaio ( <u>incumbent</u> )	679,967	50.7%	-4.5%
Democratic	Paul Penzone	599,328	44.7%	+2.5%
Independent	Mike Stauffer	61,973	4.6%	n/a
Majority		80,639	6.0%	-7.0%
Turnout		1,342,221		+1.4%
Republican hold		Swing		

# 2016

2016 Maricopa County Sheriff's Office election, Arizona [238]

			±%
	861,757	56.3%	+11.6%
	665,581	43.5%	-7.2%
Majority	196,176	12.8%	
Turnout	1,530,887		+14.1%
		665,581 <b>Majority</b> 196,176	665,581 43.5% <b>Majority</b> 196,176 12.8%

# Failed recall petitions, 2007 and 2013

In November 2007, a group calling itself *Arizonans for the U.S. Constitution and Recall of Joe Arpaio* filed the paperwork to begin an effort to recall Arpaio and County Prosecutor Thomas from office for allegedly disobeying and violating the <u>United States Constitution</u> and abuse of power. [239] Their petition to get a recall question for the two officials onto the next general election ballot failed when the group was unable to collect the more than 200,000 registered voter signatures required. [240] In a survey taken by the <u>Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication</u>, while the petition was in circulation, nearly three out of four respondents opposed the recall, and 65 percent of the respondents held a positive opinion of Arpaio. [241]

On May 30, 2013, a recall attempt on Arpaio again failed only a week after a federal judge ruled that the sheriff's office had engaged in systematic discrimination against Latinos in violation of their constitutional rights. Members of *Respect Arizona* and *Citizens for a Better Arizona* started the recall effort, but were unable to get the required 335,000 valid voter signatures by the 5 p.m. deadline. [242]

# Campaigns for other public offices

### 2018 U.S. Senate election

Arpaio stated in a September 2017 interview with <u>American Free Press</u> that he would consider running for office again, including the <u>United States Congress</u>, if President <u>Donald Trump</u> asked him to. [243] In January 2018, Arpaio announced his intention to seek the Republican nomination for the

<u>U.S. Senate in 2018</u>. [244][245] He faced <u>Martha McSally</u> and <u>Kelli Ward</u> in the August 28, 2018, Republican primary. Arpaio was defeated, receiving 19% of the vote to McSally's 52% and Ward's 28%. [246]

# 2020 Maricopa County Sheriff election

On August 25, 2019, Arpaio issued a statement saying that he would run for Sheriff of Maricopa County in 2020, saying "Watch out world! We are back!" and promising to reinstitute the severe prison conditions he imposed in the past. [14] He lost the primary election to his former right-hand man, Jerry Sheridan. [247]

# 2022 Fountain Hills mayoral election

Arpaio announced his candidacy for mayor of <u>Fountain Hills</u>, <u>Arizona</u>, on October 5, 2021. This followed comments made in September about running for the office. In the election on August 2, 2022, he failed to oust the incumbent Ginny Dickey, receiving 5,207 votes (49.0%).

# Personal life

Arpaio married his wife Ava in 1958 and they had two children. [251] In 2021, Ava died of cancer complications. [252] As of 2008, he lived in Fountain Hills, Arizona. [253] In 2018 Arpaio was featured on Sacha Baron Cohen's spoof TV comedy Who Is America?, in which he discussed gun control with Baron Cohen's fascist-sympathising YouTuber alter ego OMGWhizzBoyOMG.



Joe and Ava Arpaio speaking with Ben Carson in September 2014

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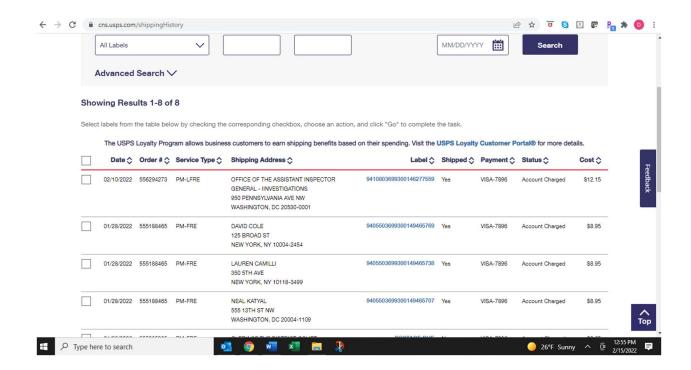
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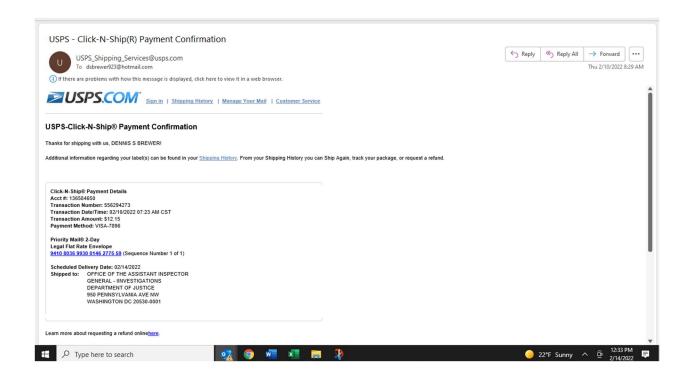
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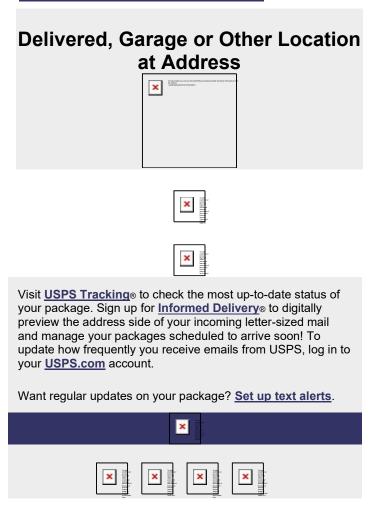
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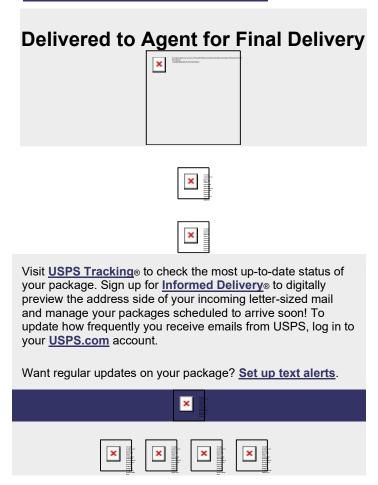
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Mr. David Cole Legal Director American Civil Liberties Union 125 Broad Street, 18th Floor New York NY 10004

Good day - I'm now on my sixth try to get the attached whistleblower misconduct Complaint admitted to DC US Court. The Complaint details illegal experimentation on and the destruction of one U.S. person by the United States. But it unquestionably leads to something much bigger than a single victim.

The issue in the Complaint is at the very heart and soul of what the United States of America allegedly holds itself up to be. But this illusion does not translate to reality when it comes to its misuse of classified intelligence weapons hiding behind a veil of secrecy. The core issue is at the very heart of liberty, human autonomy; the second ring is black space misconduct leading to death, permanent injury, incarceration, suicide, or destruction; the third ring is collaboration through illegal police powers operations; and the outer ring is public disclosure leading to vigilantism.

Since I'm in forma pauperis and the claims made in the Complaint are based upon a highly technical system not in the public domain, which sounds like a science fiction horror film plot (including prequels and sequels spanning 50 years), five DC federal judges have dismissed it as frivolous. But, as we have seen in other cases and in the publicly viewable elements of this situation, the government's misconduct can be factually deadly.

At the very least, this has been one of the most closely held secrets in the United Sates arsenal of intelligence tools. But it seems likely our adversaries discovered this tool sometime back, likely turned it against us to provide disinformation for a time, then found ways to retaliate which are as untraceable as this US government tool. It's use against adversaries is a highly plausible explanation for the series of retaliations against State, CIA, and FBI employees leading to their brain injuries and permanent disability. The global powers intelligence game has been played with human assets for a very long time with very few real casualties on any side being killed by others despite the record of torture shared by many, including our own CIA in recent times, making it still more plausible that the Havana Syndrome was retaliation rather than a new offensive in these types of actions.

But the illegal experimentation on U.S. persons which has been part of these activities has resulted in multiple life-terminating situations involving me (and others at times), sometimes narrowly avoided. As with MKULTRA and COINTELPRO, it is very unlikely I have been the sole victim of this misconduct. More than likely, some of my current and former relatives suffered

from this, as did many others. The possible outcomes for those innocent victims range from death, permanent physical or psychological injury or disability, incarceration, financial and personal destruction, to damaged reputations.

As you know, whistleblowers with allegedly secure government jobs and protection have faced all types of retaliation and adverse consequences from their courageous decisions to blow the whistle. At the same time, those favored by federal institutions - like J Edgar Hoover - have retired to full pension and zero consequences for year of illegal and unconstitutional conduct. Same with the CIA Director Helms who ordered the destruction of MKULTRA evidence, then, instead of being criminally charged with evidence destruction, was confirmed by the Senate as Ambassador to Iran. More recently, the FBI agent responsible for the investigation of Larry Nassar was fired for his conduct and for allowing hundreds of additional sex abuse offenses to be committed in the interim. His termination came six years after the case and one week before the Director testified in mournful tones about the case to Congress.

Between qualified immunity, the Reynolds case providing a national security legal precedent which was based upon perjured affidavits provided from USAF to the trial court, and a national security classification system easily overused to evade accountability, this process continues unchecked, including against me as I write this.

So, I need counsel and sufficient support to get this Complaint across the transom and into discovery and the series of US government appeals which will need to be overcome so that the United States, the entity chartered by the People after confederation failed, is required to comply with the Constitution and all 27 amendments in both form and substance. The criminal misuse of national security tools against U.S. persons cannot be allowed to stand.

As with Area 51, nearly everyone knows it's there - our adversaries certainly do, members of Congress and the public do (though not all yet), only the United States itself insists on denying it and the damage they have caused. Like the "mysterious" sheep die-off near the Toole Arsenal's nerve gas repositories, Agent Orange in Vietnam and elsewhere, the burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan, and on and on, these misdeeds cannot be allowed to stand.

Government stonewalling for the simple expediency of avoiding embarrassment to the US government, and accountability for violations of the Constitution, our laws, international law, the UN charter on human rights, and other treaty obligations worldwide, cannot be allowed to stand. It violates all we allegedly stand for as a nation and puts our people around the world at risk, be they soldiers, spies, diplomats, businesspeople or tourists.

There must be accountability for every victim and for all losses. This is just the first step in that process. But like the journey to basic civil rights for all disfavored persons or groups, it must begin somewhere. It's long past time for that beginning.

Please consider this situation and let me know if and how you would like to proceed.

Thank you.

Regards,

**Dennis Brewer** 

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PS – Since the abuse of human autonomy continues, I presume all communications with others are monitored and some is blocked as part the Defendants' on-going interference.

Cc: Neal Katyal
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Lauren Camilli General Counsel Human Rights Watch 350 Fifth Avenue, 34<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10118-3299 Mr. Cole - Good day. A familiar story has reemerged along the lines of MKUTLRA and its sibling COINTELPRO but wrapped in one neat package. While this story originates in the State of Washington, it has transpired over decades across 44 states and several European countries, and over the past 16 years, primarily in the NYC metro area. It integrates national security assets, police powers misconduct and counter-terrorism operations all wrapped in one complex package but designed, as usual, to obscure sources, methods, and, in this program, criminal misconduct hidden behind the cloak of state secrets and self-exculpatory acts, as well as the discrediting and destruction of the subject(s). It follows the same familiar script as police powers and intelligence as the misconduct disclosed by the Church and Rockefeller Committees of the early 1970s while these agencies were under the control of Richard Helms, J Edgar Hoover, and involve NYPD here in New York City.

To be clear, I have never served in the military or intelligence services, never held a security clearance. I have been the subject of five traffic stops (speeding up to 10 miles over the limit and expired tabs, all in Washington and Oregon states prior to 2006) and two New Jersey parking tickets before 2010. There were probably a few other parking tickets around the country as well. No arrests ever for anything. I worked with the Governor's staff and state legislators in Washington state for several years as the volunteer Chair of a technology trade association. I hold a BA and MBA from a land grant university, passed the CPA exam with little accounting coursework, hold a pilot's license, and other ordinary activities, jobs, and achievements. Nothing in particular stands out from millions of other U.S. persons. Such is my record of maladies and missteps.

But please take the time to read the attached Complaint and related documents or ask a member of your team to do so. I have purposely filed in DC so that the precedent established in this case can apply to the entire Executive Branch as this step is essential to full implementation. I am currently acting pro se on my own behalf to get this case over the transom so discovery can proceed. I have also made numerous pre-discovery FOIA requests. All federal FOIA and PA requests to DHS, DOJ, and FBI have been stonewalled to date. Various DOD elements are processing FOIA and PA requests now. Army and CIA (both involved directly in MKULTRA from the 1950 into the 1970s) have never responded in any form to my FOIA/PA requests, including a letter to the Secretary of the Army noting this legal deficiency.

There is one notable exception – an admission by NYPD under NYS FOIL that I was investigated as part of a counter-terrorism operation. FBI did surveil the 7 unit apartment building I lived in previously and removed one tenant for deportation. And, of course, upon my return to NYC, I was met by a squad of about 2 dozen bulletproof vested submachine carrying NYPD officers standing about 8 feet apart in the bike lane and extending the full length of the Port Authority Bus Terminal's South Building on the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue side, a "privilege" I had not previously been accorded.

It is inconceivable that the regional JTTF's, including NYPD, PAPD, FBI, DHS, and so forth were not involved and coordinating on this matter. That they had no reasonable legal basis for their conduct, which likely included trafficking me from a nearly foreclosed residence in Washington state to 21 months of homelessness in Boston to a fake seven month \$140,000 per year job in Fort Lee, NJ, or later resurrecting a long dead investment banking firm to "work" with me on a designed for failure financing exercise is, of course, beside the point – at least as seen from their perspective.

I continue to experience numerous difficulties in daily life ranging from an ongoing managed string of "dates" beginning in Washington and Oregon in 2005, to the NYC area in 2019 to the present, and honey traps (one on November 13, 2021 involving 10-12 female officers dispatched from the 108<sup>th</sup> Precinct in a marked NYPD van with lights flashing a few minutes ahead of my early evening arrival to the mostly

deserted sidewalks of the Gantry Plaza area and apartments adjacent to the East River); to interference with websites including the lack of a floor number for both your office and the NYC Human Rights Watch office on January 27; to an unmanaged steak choking episode in January 2022; and the inability to control my own body resulting in forward momentum which tumbled me to the floor while I was flipping an office chair to replace the rollers while seated, also in January 2022. I am 6 foot 4 inches, nearly 300 pounds, so an office chair would not typically result in a total loss of body control and forward roll to a back sprawl.

I have been carefully medically evaluated, no neurological damage, no substantial health problems, no psychological issues in the past ten years, and so forth. There have also been a series of unexplained falls, mostly abrupt blackouts (not fainting, more like flipping a light switch) on mountain trails, ladders, and so forth, as well as an abrupt effort to put me to sleep while driving adjacent to a sea cliff about 8 feet away. Sleep periods in other settings, sudden repetitive cramps, and on and on. Not the normal maladies of everyday life, though an effort to make them appear natural is generally part of the incident. Put another way, a comprehensive management of human autonomy itself – bizarre, yes, delusional, no.

This technology is based upon currently available advanced technologies. I have carefully reverse engineered the overall system using the scientific method, found that many of the actions are programmed and somewhat repetitive, all more fully summarized in the Complaint. The command set is based in computational neuroscience and has been used in increasingly capable forms as an intelligence asset, though it was likely uncovered some years ago by our adversaries. The motivation behind the billions spent to develop this computational neurosystem, and to leverage other advanced technologies including supercomputing, satellite communications, and precision location technology was quite simple.

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Yes, this sounds bizarre and unbelievable, but then so did putting a man on the moon by 1969 when Jules Verne wrote about it in 1865, as the first transcontinental railroad was being completed and the Pony express was being replaced by the telegraph. And, of course, with Moore's law, computing power was said to double every two years (today it's more like ten-fold every two years).

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Finally, I assure you that I am not the conspiracy monger type. I have a strong background in logic, the scientific method, and have worked on complex consulting, engineering, science, business and political

issues throughout my adult life. Two if the Exhibits attached deal specifically with mental fitness and character issues.

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Blocked Emails to Computational Neuroscience Experts at Research Universities

From: Dennis Brewer

Sent: Saturday, October 9, 2021 9:42 AM

**To:** jjfins@med.cornell.edu

**Subject:** Applied Remote Computational Neuroscience

**Attachments:** BRMT - Dennis Brewer 211007.docx

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Sent: Saturday, October 9, 2021 9:33 AM

To: dwhelan@ucsd.edu

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Sent: Saturday, October 9, 2021 9:36 AM

**To:** csaper@bidmc.harvard.edu

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Sent: Saturday, October 9, 2021 10:42 AM

**To:** Saper,Clifford B (HMFP - HMFP - Neurology) **Subject:** Re: Applied Remote Computational Neuroscience

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From: Saper, Clifford B (HMFP - HMFP - Neurology) <csaper@bidmc.harvard.edu>

Sent: Saturday, October 9, 2021 10:38 AM

To: 'Dennis Brewer' <dsbrewer923@hotmail.com>

Subject: RE: Applied Remote Computational Neuroscience

Thank you for your interest, but this is way outside of my area of expertise. I wish you luck with your work though. C. Saper

Clifford B. Saper, MD, PhD

James Jackson Putnam Professor of Neurology and Neuroscience, Harvard Medical School

Department of Neurology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

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To: agittis@andrew.cmu.edu

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From: donotreply@records.nyc.gov

**Sent:** Friday, September 3, 2021 11:07 AM

**To:** dsbrewer923@hotmail.com

**Subject:** [OpenRecords] Request FOIL-2021-056-13163 Closed

The New York City Police Department (NYPD) has **denied** your FOIL request <u>FOIL-2021-056-13163</u> for the following reasons:

• In regard to the document(s) which you requested, I must deny access to these records on the basis of Public Officers Law Section 87(2)(e)(iv) as such information, if disclosed, would reveal non-routine techniques and procedures.

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From: FOIL APPEALS <FOILAppeals@nypd.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 1:14 PM

**To:** Dennis Brewer

**Subject:** RE: FOIL-2021-056-13163 - Appeal

**Attachments:** Appeal Letter.pdf

Appeal determination attached.

Respectfully,



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Good day - I am appealing the NYPD's denial of my FOIL request. These records are key to my discovery of misconduct within the intelligence and counter-terrorism agencies of the United States government.

I am concurrently requesting such information from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Homeland Security as part of a pattern of misconduct and misattribution by employees of the United States which resulted in the loss of personal assets and personal autonomy, risk to my personal safety and security, and resulted in virtual incarceration without justification, or charges ever being brought against me.

Your agency has subsequently closed this case as we know and has provided other services I will not specify here on an on-going basis. Copies of correspondence from NYPD are attached for your convenience.

Thank you.

Regards, Dennis



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September 15, 2021

Dennis Brewer dsbrewer923@hotmail.com

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW REQUEST: FOIL-2021-056-13163

Dear Mr. Brewer:

This letter is in response to your email, dated September 3, 2021, appealing the determination issued by the Records Access Officer (RAO) on September 3, 2021 regarding records requested from the New York City Police Department. Your request, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law, was originally received by the FOIL unit on September 1, 2021 and subsequently denied pursuant to Public Officers Law §87(2)(e)(iv).

Your appeal of that determination is denied because a diligent search has been conducted for the requested records based on the information provided; however, no records were located. The New York Court of Appeals has determined that "[w]hen an agency is unable to locate documents properly requested under FOIL, Public Officers Law § 89(3) requires the agency to certify that it does not have possession of a requested record or that such record cannot be found after diligent search . . . Neither a detailed description of the search nor a personal statement from the person who actually conducted the search is required" *Raittley v. New York City Police Dept.*, 96 NY2d 873, 875; 730 NYS2d 768 (2001).

Furthermore, in 2009, the Appellate Division held that an agency cannot produce documents it does not possess or cannot disclose and that the Court cannot require respondents to produce documents that they certify they cannot find after a diligent search because petitioner "has received all that he . . . is entitled to under the law" *Bernstein Family Ltd. P'ship v. Sovereign Partners, L.P.*, 66 AD3d 1, 8; 883 NYS2d 201, 206 (1st Dept 2009).

You may seek judicial review of this determination by commencing an Article 78 proceeding within four months of the date of this decision.

Respectfully,

Jordan S. Mazur

Sergeant

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	Records Access Appeals Officer		
c: Committee on Open Government			

November 16, 2021

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Re: NOTICE OF DUTY TO PRESERVE EVIDENCE

Good day:

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From: Dennis Brewer

Sent: Saturday, November 27, 2021 8:44 PM

**To:** robert.corbett@nypd.org

**Subject:** Re: Your Response to my Preservation Demand **Attachments:** NYPD Response to FOIL Request 210903.docx

Lt. Corbett - Thanks for your Nov 23, 2021 letter response to my preservation demand. As you requested, please find further detail below. My request specifically relates to the following:

- I presume my information is not available on your NYPD system generally available to personnel as it relates to sensitive issues. The attached NYPD FOIL response indicates that irregular operations methods were used, likely involving NYPD and other agencies under JTTF.
- A counter-terror operation was undertaken by NYPD, likely in conjunction FBI, various elements of DHS, as well as PANYNJ Police, Bergen County Sheriff, Ramsey, NJ Police, Edgewater, NJ Police, NJ State Police, NY State Police, and including cooperation with Massachusetts State Police and Boston Police beginning in about 2005 and extending into recent times. This series included a highly visible reception by about two dozen NYPD counter-terror unit officers with tactical equipment, including vests and submachine guns lining the sidewalk outside the 8th Avenue Port Authority Bus Terminal South entrance on my first visit to NYC after moving to Cliffside Park, NJ in August 2007. This occurred one weekend afternoon, likely a Saturday, somewhere between September 2007 and November 2007.
- Further, a series of female officer investigatory "dates" were arranged on Match.com and later Tinder.com in 2007 and 2008, including a Canadian resident of New York City known to me as Marinka who had a residence in the Canal Street area of NYC and an email address on nycroadrunners. We were together for several dates over about three months in Spring 2008 into Summer 2008.
- About 15 more one and out dates were arranged via Tinder.com and other dating sites in 2019 and early 2020; followed up by a faux girlfriend who reached back out to me in about March 2021 after a couple of December 2020 "dates." This faux girlfriend was known to me as a resident of east Harlem and used various names, including screen name Shay, and in-person names Gia and later as Norelle Dean on the id used for air travel, birth date 3/7/1990, address 700 or 720 Lenox Avenue, NYC. A package of materials being returned by me to her was returned to me recently from the 700 Lenox address marked "unknown." This faux girlfriend was with me from about March 2020 until 3 months or so ago. She likely was not directly attached to, or a sworn officer of, any police powers agency but would have had to be permitted by sworn personnel into the restricted access dating site arranged for me in order to make the initial contact.
- A honey trap operation, a series of 8 to ten female undercovers, who were likely dropped off by a
  marked NYPD van which I had observed moving in that direction as I walked toward the area, was
  undertaken on the streets of Hunter's Point, primarily along the East River on Center Blvd., between
  approximately 6PM and 8PM on November 13, 2021. Further, as referenced above, my internet access
  to dating sites has been highly restricted, whether by NYPD or by another police agency not yet
  identified.

Similar honey trap operations and faux dates were run against me in 2005 in Washington and Oregon. Presumably, this too involved FBI, as it was done interstate, with local backup or direct involvement.

As you review the NYPD "investigations" and records you will undoubtedly locate other information regarding NYPD investigations, reports, analyses, written and electronic communications within various NYPD units likely including intelligence, precincts, detective units, and with other City agencies, as well as with other federal, state, and local agencies, and so forth. My request is to be interpreted broadly to include the entire sequence of reports, observations, analyses, etc., from as early in NYPD's first awareness of me, which is likely to have extended at least the post 9/11/2001 period and perhaps even sooner.

#### **BACKGROUND**

My first visit to New York City dates to approximately 1980. I visited the NYC World Trade Center location of Deloitte, an international accounting and consulting firm headquartered in NYC, in the WTC in about 1983/84 in conjunction with the breakup of AT&T and spin-off of its mobile phone units. Further, I was a member of the Board of AeA (formerly American Electronics Association, now Tech America) from 1999 to 2002, and visited the WTC family viewing area in about November 2001.

I was born and lived in the Seattle, Washington area until 2005. I traveled extensively in 44 U.S. states prior to 2005, travel was mostly on the West Coast, as well as through the NYC area at various other times. I lived in Boston, first in a hotel for about four months beginning in late December 2005 then a homeless shelter, Pine Street Inn, until moving to Cliffside Park, NJ in August 2007 through September 2010, was employed by Establish Inc in Fort Lee, NJ from August 2007 through July 2008. From October 2010 to April 2011, I was at Bergen Regional Medical Center, then in Ramsey, NJ until November 2018 when I moved to my current location in Edgewater, NJ.

I have worked with Federal, State, County, and municipal governments, the Washington State Legislature and three Governors there. No contractual work for any State of NJ or NY agency, nor any city or county on the East Coast. My federal government work involved various DOD facilities on the West Coast, a number of DOD contractors, Boeing Space Delta IV rocket assembly plant for the USAF, Hughes Space Systems satellite launch failures, a nuclear sub and aircraft carrier maintenance base where I was left standing beside an ultra-classified high-tech sub pump for ten minutes by myself for no explained reason, as well as various other technologies touching on national security, intelligence, banking regulation and examination (FDIC), and so forth. I have also worked with and sold to other major and mid-size companies ranging from aerospace (F-35 prototype development and various rocket systems were developed there) banks, software, consumer products, semiconductor manufacturing, and so forth, over the course of my career from 1979 to 2005.

#### FEDERAL MISCONDUCT PREDATES NYPD INVOLVEMENT

Federal misconduct related to this sequence may well extend as far back as 1980. The spiraling trend of public visibility (never initiated by me) and illegally pretexted police powers operations, were likely first initiated by FBI's Seattle Field Office, and basically destroyed my career in the early 2000s. It is also highly probable that CIA used the Deloitte Consulting units I worked in and with, the local office and the National Banking Unit, to establish a commercial cover for the team leader of an apartheid era ATM system implementation to facilitate the Agency's surveillance of the banking system and financial affairs of the government of South Africa in the early 1980s, as well as a prominent Mideast national airline. That nation's royal head of state's on-board bedroom was bugged while the Boeing 747 aircraft was being fitted out and discovered sometime later, as reported in the media at the time of the discovery.

A couple of other odds and ends - my first wife was the former wife of a King County serial killer task force hunting the Green River killer who later became a Precinct Commander. I also personally knew two Seattle FBI agents and babysat the first-born son of one as an infant. Probably nothing to this but thought I would mention it. I have never been arrested or booked for anything anywhere, have no violent history anywhere, and have paid parking and moving violations timely.

#### US DISTRICT COURT COMPLAINT

This information is being collected as part of my initial informal discovery process related to an Amended Complaint filed in US District Court in Washington, DC 21-cv-2954, which is available on PACER. A subpeona will follow in a few weeks. Information obtained will be used to, among other things, identify potential witnesses, request depositions, further develop the case, and so forth, as is typical of civil and constitutional rights litigation. This request relates to all discoverable information maintained or archived by NYPD related to me into the present time.

Thanks very much.

Regards, Dennis

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Since the NYPD persists in its pattern of interference with civil and constitutional rights, this duty to preserve all evidence is extended to the present time and to all future interactions with the Plaintiff, whether conducted directly or in coordination with others. Attached please find an example of recent misconduct from April 22, 2022. These is one example only and does not come close to documenting the full scope and duration of interferences and violations by NYPD and/or its collaborators.

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Sincerely,

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**Enclosures:** 

April 22, 2022 incident documentation

# NYPD Event Sequence - April 22, 2022

The following is fairly typical event sequence involving police powers undercover operations I have experienced in New York City over the past several years. Each NYC excursion has some variation on some type of psychological operation and/or sting package as does much of my online life as well. These types of events are also typical of my near daily trips and errands in Edgewater, New Jersey. Since these operations are part of daily life, I rarely take extensive notes as I would otherwise spend several hours per day writing up the detail of the outing, much as police officers must spend considerable time documenting instead of being on the street. The irony does not escape me either.

## **Date, Time, Planned Destination:**

Friday, April 22, 2022, event located and reserved on Club Free Time.com in NYC at Irish Arts Center 11<sup>th</sup> Ave between 51<sup>st</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> to see Mufutau Yusuf: Owe.

### **Overall Travel Sequence:**

New Jersey Transit (NJT) Rt. 158 Old River Rd stop on River Road to Port Authority Bus Terminal (PABT/NYC). Walk to Galaxy Diner on 9<sup>th</sup>, then to Duane Reed on 9th for replacement mask (replace broken strap) which is unavailable, then toward Irish Arts Center but misdirected and divert one block short at 51<sup>st</sup> due to address misunderstanding created by BRMT intervention, then cross 11<sup>th</sup> Ave to west side, walk south one block to 50th and west then south by Westside Highway to Intrepid, then turn east and zigzag walk to PABT Walgreens for mask, then to NJT Rt. 158 at PABT Gate 202.

Note that my diversion at 51<sup>st</sup>, one block short of the Irish Arts Center on 11<sup>th</sup>, was due to BRMT induced confusion which caused me to wrongly believe the Center was between 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup>. I further note there have been several times when I was directed to non-existent addresses, unoccupied addresses and facilities, and/or non-existent events in NYC since 2007, so I wrongly assumed this was yet another one of those.

#### **Enroute Occurrences Notes:**

Typical high profile female honey trap cameos, pickets, et cetera from boarding at NJT Rt. 158 stop in Edgewater at Old River Road toward NYC. Walk from PABT to Galaxy Diner on 9<sup>th</sup>. At Diner, loud noises, backfires, and loud car revs outside, no check to table for extended period, otherwise normal. Depart Galaxy Diner at 736pm with broken mask ear loop needing replacement, beginning at Duane Reade on 9<sup>th</sup> where unable to locate mask to replace mask

with broken ear loop, 4 younger undercover white males laughing in Duane Reed and more on sidewalk.

Walk toward Irish Arts Center: Up 11th to 51st, cross 11th down to 50th, walk 50th to Westside Highway.

Verbalize on 50<sup>th</sup> Street on the way from 11th to Westside Highway. Verbalizations are regarding this set of coercive operations being used to damage and endanger subjects and anyone nearby if subject lashes out. I verbally note potential for destruction, incarcerations, and killings of or by subject, also suggest evidence tampering if my sidewalk speech is not being accurately recorded with directional mic and camera at the end of the block (walking west on 50<sup>th</sup> during this verbalization). As expected, I note a camera/directional microphone is being placed by an older white male in a parked SUV as I pass by. Suggest possibility of evidence tampering and destruction if this cannot be found on the record in future discovery activity.

Walk south on sidewalk on the east side of Westside Highway through cluster of 4 younger adult females (honey trap bait), one of whom walks from building corner where they stand together to street corner just before I pass, then walk past pickets, and two high visibility vested parking flaggers about 1 block south (undercover older males), then more on-sidewalk pickets, then turn east just south of Intrepid, and zigzag street and avenues to return to PABT.

On return to PABT, NJT Rt. 158 bus leaves on my approach to door in gate 202 area. That bus replaced about 5 minutes later by the next bus (typical intervals between buses at this time of the evening is 15-30 minutes). Jerky high frequency accelerate/decelerate and braking by bus driver noted on ride home. This atypical bus replacement and driving behavior is likely part of the package of psychological operations intended to cause the subject to act out as a result of and/or during the event sequence.

# Missing GPS location travel history sequence

During my late evening initial recap of this event sequence, I noted exceptions in my Google Maps GPS data capture on my cell phone:

556pm NJT Route 158 Edgewater, NJ to NYC

640pm to 736pm Galaxy Diner.

Missing GPS location travel history sequence on phone during my travel in NYC from Galaxy Diner to West Side Highway to Intrepid to PABT between 736pm and 812pm. Likely deleted purposefully since I had mentioned the possibility of evidence tampering in my dialog recorded during one block walk described above.