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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:26 PM  
**To:** Hoffman, Jonathan R SES OSD OSD (USA); Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Farah, Alyssa A. EOP/WHO; Gilmartin, Kayleigh M. EOP/WHO (b)(6) per DHS  
[REDACTED]; Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO; Halfhill, DeDe S Col USAF JS OCJCS  
(USA)  
**Subject:** RE: 1445: Sync

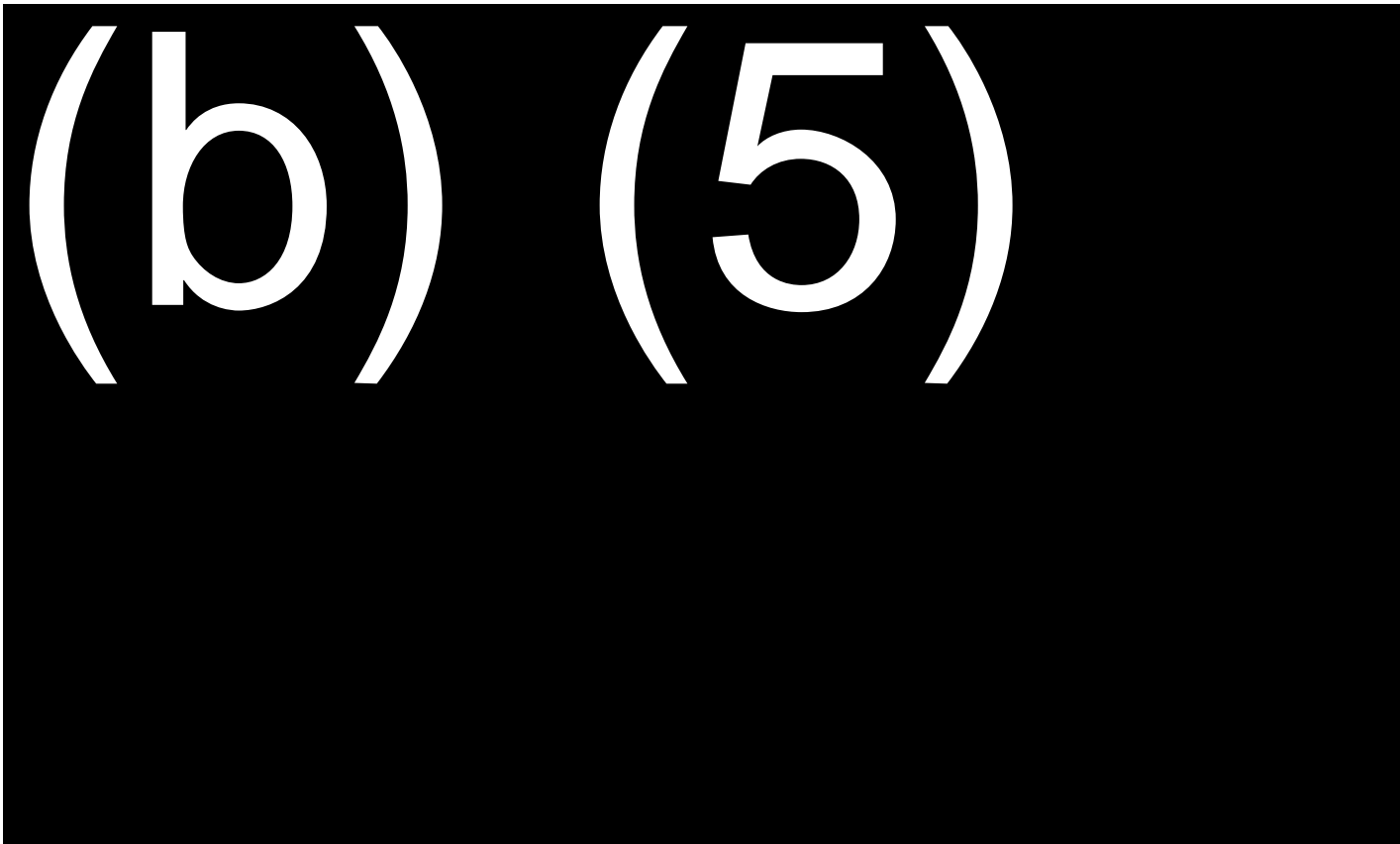
Will need to circle w/ the team on this - we just arrived a (b)(7)(E) per FBI [REDACTED]

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From: Hoffman, Jonathan R SES OSD OSD (USA (b)(6) per DOD [REDACTED])  
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:40 PM  
To: Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WH (b) (6) [REDACTED]  
Cc: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6) [REDACTED]) Farah, Alyssa A. EOP/WH (b) (6) [REDACTED]; Gilmartin, Kayleigh M. EOP/WHO (b) (6) [REDACTED] (b)(6) per DHS [REDACTED]; Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO (b) (6) [REDACTED]; Halfhill, DeDe S Col USAF JS OCJCS (USA (b)(6) per DOD [REDACTED])  
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Highly recommend that this go sooner rather than later. The units are moving, reporters are writing.

\*\* Draft WH Statement \*\*



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From: Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 2:44 PM

To: Hoffman, Jonathan R SES OSD OSD (USA (b)(6) per DOD

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**Subject:** RE: Urgent. Us attorney statement

Sounds good. Thank you

**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 8:53 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)  
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**Subject:** RE: Urgent. Us attorney statement

Okay, sounds good. We'll let you know anything that comes our way. I mentione (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI is handling the CP tonight, so she'll be monitoring and answering our media inquiries. I'll give her a call and loop her in on the statement. I'll still be available of course.

Thanks,

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

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On Jun 1, 2020 8:50 PM, "Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)" wrote:

I think at this point we are going to use it as they come in on the chance they may not fit every situation.

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**Subject:** RE: Urgent. Us attorney statement

Matt, can you BCC me an (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI on the guidance to USAO offices, and we'll forward it to our public affairs officers.

Thanks!

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

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On Jun 1, 2020 8:31 PM, "Lloyd, Matt (PAO)" (b) (6) > wrote:

Great thanks. OAG and ODAG are good as well. Thanks all.

**From** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 8:23 PM

**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6) >; Moossy, Robert (CRT)  
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Nicholas (USAKYW (b) (6) >; Assefi, Omeed (CRT (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Clark, Melissa D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Benvenuto, Osmar (NSD)  
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(OPA (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA (b) (6) >;  
Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent. Us attorney statement

FBI Civil Rights is supportive.

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On Jun 1, 2020 7:59 PM, "Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6) > wrote:

Below is approved from CRT crim sec. FBI, LMK if you have issues, otherwise this is what we will give USAs and SACs to use tonight.

“The US Attorney’s office for xxxxxxx, the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice and the FBI are aware of the situation regarding xxxxx and will review all available evidence to determine what federal response is warranted. Experienced prosecutors and agents will be assigned to review the matter for potential federal civil rights violations.”

**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 7:16 PM  
**To:** Storm, Nicholas (USAKYW) (b) (6); Moossy, Robert (CRT)  
(b) (6) >; Assefi, Omeed (CRT) (b) (6) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
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**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6); Kjergaard, Alison (OPA)  
(b) (6) Clark, Melissa D. (PAO (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent. Us attorney statement

Change of plans. We are clearing boilerplate language now that all USA offices can use for the next 24 hrs as we expect a lot of these tonight. Please standby.

**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 7:08 PM  
**To:** Storm, Nicholas (USAKYW) (b) (6) >; Moossy, Robert (CRT)  
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(b) (6); Clark, Melissa D. (PAO (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent. Us attorney statement

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 9:21 AM  
**To:** Johnson, Christie  
**Cc:** Alexa Henning; Daravi, Roma S. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Re: Checking in

Hi Christie - thanks for reaching out. Unfortunately there's not much he can say given that we are in the middle of an investigation on the matter, so we will have to pass.

KK

On May 29, 2020, at 9:17 AM, Johnson, Christi (b) (6) wrote:

Hey -

Checking in on if you're thinking of putting out the AG surrounding everything happening with George Floyd. We're obviously covering this from top to bottom and it would be impactful to hear from AG Barr if we can work something out. I know he likes Jake. I'm open to Jake or any of our anchors/shows that work best on your end.

Let me know. Hope you're doing well and staying safe during this unprecedented time.

Christie Johnson | CNN Worldwide

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**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:35 PM  
**To:** Stafford, Steven J. EOP/OVP  
**Subject:** RE: Please call

Great call anytime

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**From:** Stafford, Steven J. EOP/OV (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:31 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Please call

Yes thank you!

Steven Stafford

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:30 PM  
**To:** Stafford, Steven J. EOP/OV (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Please call

You good?

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**From:** Stafford, Steven J. EOP/OVP (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 10:45 AM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6); Moossy, Robert (CR (b) (6); Treene, Eric (CR (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Assefi, Omeed (CR (b) (6); Dreiband, Eric (CRT) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Please call

Thank you all!

Will likely run something by you in the next few minutes

Steven Stafford

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 10:42 AM  
**To:** Stafford, Steven J. EOP/OV (b) (6) Moossy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6) >; Treene, Eric (CR (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Assefi, Omeed (CRT) (b) (6); Dreiband, Eric (CR (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Please call

GA: ><https://twitter.com/KerriKupecDOJ/status/1259873661995094017?s=20><



MN is attached. Note date stamp on MN release: administration was immediately involved.

My cell (b) (6)

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**From:** Stafford, Steven J. EOP/OV (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 10:30 AM  
**To:** Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6); Treene, Eric (CRT) (b) (6); Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Assefi, Omeed (CR (b) (6); Dreiband, Eric (CR (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Please call

Hi Matt,

Can you give me a call?

Steven Stafford

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**From:** Moosy, Robert (CR (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 8:49 AM  
**To:** Treene, Eric (CR (b) (6); Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Stafford, Steven J. EOP/OV (b) (6); Assefi, Omeed (CRT) (b) (6); Dreiband, Eric (CR (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Please call

Adding Matt Lloyd from our press office who has the most recent public statement.

Robert Moosy  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division  
US Department of Justice

On May 29, 2020, at 8:44 AM, Treene, Eric (CR (b) (6) > wrote:

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Robert

Steve Stafford from the Vice President's Office called and said the VP is speaking in Atlanta today and wanted to know what he could and could not say about the George Floyd killing and the Ahmaud Abery killing. His phone is below.

Eric Treene

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**From:** Stafford, Steven J. EOP/OV (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 8:34 AM  
**To:** Treene, Eric (CR (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Please call

Hi Eric,

I hope that you're doing well. Would you mind giving me a quick call?

Thank you,

Steven Stafford  
Office of the Vice President

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 2:45 PM  
**To:** (b)(6): Kayleigh McEnany email address; Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** FW: ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF MR. GEORGE FLOYD

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**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6))  
**Subject:** ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF MR. GEORGE FLOYD

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# ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF MR. GEORGE FLOYD

WASHINGTON Attorney General William P. Barr has issued the following statement:

“The video images of the incident that ended with death of Mr. Floyd, while in custody of Minneapolis police officers, were harrowing to watch and deeply disturbing. The state prosecutor has been in the process of determining whether any criminal charges are appropriate under state law. On a separate and parallel track, the Department of Justice, including the FBI, are conducting an independent investigation to determine whether any federal civil rights laws were violated. Both state and federal officers are working diligently and collaboratively to ensure that any available evidence relevant to these decisions is obtained as quickly as possible. Under our system, charging decisions must be, and will be, based on the law and facts. This process is proceeding quickly. As is the typical practice, the state’s charging decisions will be made first. I am confident justice will be served.”

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**Subject:** RE: DoD support to MN

Thanks [this is our statement.](#)

“The greatness of our Nation comes from our commitment to the rule of law. The outrage of our national community about what happened to George Floyd in Minneapolis is real and legitimate. Accountability for his death must be addressed, and is being addressed, through the regular process of our criminal justice system both at the State and at the federal level. That system is working and moving at exceptional speed. Already initial charges have been filed. That process continues to move forward. Justice will be served. Unfortunately, with the rioting that is occurring in many of our cities around the country, the voices of peaceful protest are being hijacked by violent radical elements. Groups of outside radicals and agitators are exploiting the situation to pursue their own separate and violent agenda. In many places, it appears the violence is planned, organized and driven by anarchistic and far left extremists, using Antifa like tactics, many of whom travel from out of state to promote the violence. We must have law and order on our streets and in our communities, and it is the responsibility of the local and state leadership, in the first instance, to halt this violence. The Department of Justice (including the FBI, Marshals, ATF, and DEA) and all of our 93 U.S. Attorneys across the country will support these local efforts and take all action necessary to enforce federal law. In that regard, it is a federal crime to cross state lines or to use interstate facilities to incite or participate in violent rioting. We will enforce these laws.”

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**Subject:** DoD support to MN

We just put the below out. Nothing important but want you to be aware.

Below is the DoD statement on support to Minnesota authorities, attributable to Jonathan Rath Hoffman, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs:

“The Secretary of Defense and the Chairman have personally spoken with Governor Walz twice in the last 24-hours and expressed the department’s readiness to provide support to local and state authorities as requested. Currently, the Governor is fully activating the Minnesota National Guard and is working with neighboring states for more potential support. At this time there is no request by the Governor of Minnesota for Title 10 forces to support the Minnesota National Guard or state law enforcement. As a prudent planning measure, the department has directed U.S. Northern Command to increase the alert status of several units should they be requested by the Governor to support Minnesota authorities. These are units that normally maintain a 48-hour recall to support state civil authorities for several contingencies (like natural disasters) and are now on 4-hour status.”

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### ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S STATEMENT ON RIOTS AND DOMESTIC TERRORISM

WASHINGTON Attorney General William P. Barr has issued the following statement:

“With the rioting that is occurring in many of our cities around the country, the voices of peaceful and legitimate protests have been hijacked by violent radical elements. Groups of outside radicals and agitators are exploiting the situation to pursue their own separate, violent, and extremist agenda.

It is time to stop watching the violence and to confront and stop it. The continued violence and destruction of property endangers the lives and livelihoods of others, and interferes with the rights of peaceful protestors, as

well as all other citizens.

It also undercuts the urgent work that needs to be done through constructive engagement between affected communities and law enforcement leaders to address legitimate grievances. Preventing reconciliation and driving us apart is the goal of these radical groups, and we cannot let them succeed.

It is the responsibility of state and local leaders to ensure that adequate law enforcement resources, including the National Guard where necessary, are deployed on the streets to reestablish law and order. We saw this finally happen in Minneapolis last night, and it worked.

Federal law enforcement actions will be directed at apprehending and charging the violent radical agitators who have hijacked peaceful protest and are engaged in violations of federal law.

To identify criminal organizers and instigators, and to coordinate federal resources with our state and local partners, federal law enforcement is using our existing network of 56 regional FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTF).

The violence instigated and carried out by Antifa and other similar groups in connection with the rioting is domestic terrorism and will be treated accordingly.”

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 2:44 PM  
**To:** Hoffman, Jonathan R SES OSD OSD (USA); Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Farah, Alyssa A. EOP/WHO; Gilmartin, Kayleigh M. EOP/WHO (b)(6) per DHS  
[REDACTED] Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: 1445: Sync

Are we jumping on now?

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From: Hoffman, Jonathan R SES OSD OSD (USA (b)(6) per DOD [REDACTED])  
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 2:36 PM  
To: Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WH (b) (6) [REDACTED]; Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6) [REDACTED]) >  
Cc: Farah, Alyssa A. EOP/WH (b) (6) [REDACTED]; Gilmartin, Kayleigh M. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6) [REDACTED] (b)(6) per DHS [REDACTED]; Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6) [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: 1445: Sync

Yes. As soon as she is done we can jump on.

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From: Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO (b) (6) [REDACTED]  
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To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6) [REDACTED]) Hoffman, Jonathan R SES OSD OSD (USA)  
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Cc: Farah, Alyssa A. EOP/WH (b) (6) [REDACTED]; Gilmartin, Kayleigh M. EOP/WHO  
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(b) (6) [REDACTED]  
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Want to do so immediately following the briefing?

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Subject: Re: 1445: Sync

Agree

> On Jun 1, 2020, at 1:53 PM, Hoffman, Jonathan R SES OSD OSD (USA (b)(6) per DOD [REDACTED]) > wrote:  
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> We need to do a call ASAP to get on the same page with regard to the pending action for military's role in counter protests tonight. (b) (5) [REDACTED]

(b) (5)

[Redacted]

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(b) (5)

(b)(6) per DOD

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> Jonathan

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> Jonathan Rath Hoffman

> Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) The Department  
> of Defense

(b)(6) per DOD

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**Kupec, Kerri (OPA)**

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What number?

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I'll be 10 late. Sorry

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 1, 2020, at 2:36 PM, Hoffman, Jonathan R SES OSD OSD (USA) (b)(6) per DOD [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] > wrote:

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:31 PM  
**To:** Hoffman, Jonathan R SES OSD OSD (USA)  
**Subject:** RE: 1445: Sync

Thank you for doing this

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Subject: RE: 1445: Sync

Can I get a sense of timing on knowing what the President is going to say and on whether the statement will go out?  
The cat is out of the bag, and aircraft are in the air.

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From: Hoffman, Jonathan R SES OSD OSD (USA)  
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:40 PM  
To: 'Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
Cc: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6) >; Farah, Alyssa A. EOP/WH (b) (6); Gilmartin, Kayleigh M. EOP/WH (b) (6) (b)(6) per DHS; Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Halfhill, DeDe S Col USAF JS OCJCS (USA (b)(6) per DOD  
Subject: RE: 1445: Sync

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 8:18 AM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re:

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Levi, William (OAG)" (b) (6) >  
**Date:** June 2, 2020 at 7:23:04 AM EDT  
**To:** "Ahern, Bill (OAG)" (b) (6), William Bar (b) (6)  
**Cc:** "Kupec, Kerri (OPA)" (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re:

Follow-up: Vegas was NOT/NOT a fatality but officer is in critical condition.

Also motive may not be protest related. Hard to tell.

On Jun 2, 2020, at 7:13 AM, Levi, William (OAG) (b) (6) >  
wrote:

Big stories from last night are:

St Louis, where we were successful in getting DEA to support other FLEOs in maintaining order and Jeff Jensen visited cops in the hospital

A number of serious attacks on police across the country with a fatality in Las Vegas. We've been in touch with Nick T.

DC was basically fine all night. SIOC worked pretty well.

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
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Cc:  
Bcc:  
Subject: Fwd: are you principals in town tomorrow?  
Date: Wed Jun 03 2020 09:57:28 EDT  
Attachments:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kupec, Kerri (OPA)" <(b) (6)>  
Date: June 3, 2020 at 9:57:14 AM EDT  
To: "Allen, Joseph J." (b) (6)  
Cc: "Bissex, Rachel (OAG)" (b) (6), "Kilgallon, John (USMS)" (b) (6),  
"Pistro, Kevin (BOP)" (b) (6), "Thiemann, Robyn L (DEA)" (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per DEA,  
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI)" (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI "Levi, William (OAG)"  
<(b) (6)>  
Subject: Re: are you principals in town tomorrow?

- Location: 7th Floor Conference Room at Main Justice
- Your principal should arrive at 1:30 pm
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- This will be a virtual press conference and reporter calls will come in over a loudspeaker and all will be able to hear them. We've conducted our last two press conferences this way and it's provided max control and both reporters and principals have liked the format. We won't take many questions.
- Timing on media advisory is tbd and I will keep you posted. Please keep at close hold until then.

This is a constantly evolving situation so I appreciate your flexibility.

Thanks very much,  
Kerri

On Jun 3, 2020, at 9:38 AM, Allen, Joseph J. (b) (6) wrote:

Thank you.

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From: Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:38 AM  
To: Allen, Joseph J. (b) (6) >  
Cc: Kilgallon, John (USMS) (b) (6) >; Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >  
Pistro, Kevin (BOP) (b) (6) >; Thiemann, Robyn L (DEA) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per DEA >  
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Subject: Re: are you principals in town tomorrow?

Yes

On Jun 3, 2020, at 9:31 AM, Allen, Joseph J. (b) (6) > wrote:

Thanks Rachel. Acting Director Lombardo will also be there. Location RFK?

From: Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:26 AM  
To: Kilgallon, John (USMS) (b) (6) >  
Cc: Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >; Allen, Joseph J. (b) (6) >; Pistro, Kevin (BOP) (b) (6) >; Thiemann, Robyn L (DEA) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per DEA >  
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Levi, William (OAG) (b) (6) >  
Subject: Re: are you principals in town tomorrow?

All -

Confirming we are requesting your principals participation in the AG's press conference this afternoon. The press conference will be at 2:00pm, not 1:00pm. Please prepare short remarks that address your agency's operations in DC related to the civil unrest/riots. There will be a short Q&A at the end. If you have questions, please let us know.

Please confirm your principal will be in attendance.

Rachel

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On Jun 3, 2020, at 9:18 AM, Kilgallon, John (USMS) (b) (6) wrote:

All - checking back in to see if we are a Go for 1300. Any additional details are appreciated.

Thanks

John

John Kilgallon

Chief of Staff

Office of the Director

United States Marshals Service

(b) (6) office

(b) (6) mobile

On Jun 2, 2020, at 10:19 PM, Kupec, Kerri (OPA) <(b) (6)> wrote:

I pm

On Jun 2, 2020, at 10:09 PM, Kilgallon, John (USMS) (b) (6) > wrote:

Okay thanks .... Do you have a tentative time for planning purposes?

John Kilgallon

Chief of Staff

Office of the Director

United States Marshals Service

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(b) (6) mobile

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On Jun 2, 2020, at 10:07 PM, Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (b) (6) wrote:

They may be asked to participate in the AG's press conference. If this goes forward, AG would provide overall remarks and then each agency head would give 2-3 minutes of remarks on what their agencies have done to support these operations.

On Jun 2, 2020, at 9:58 PM, Kilgallon, John (USMS) (b) (6) wrote:

Rachel - any insight/ details?

John Kilgallon

Chief of Staff

Office of the Director

United States Marshals Service

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(b) (6) mobile

On Jun 2, 2020, at 9:47 PM, Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (b) (6) wrote:

Rachel P. Bissex

Deputy Chief of Staff & Counselor to the Attorney General

(b) (6) (desk)

(b) (6) (cell)

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**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 11:31 AM  
**To:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA); Fitzpatrick, Joseph (USAILN)  
**Subject:** RE: Rioting/Protests news conference

Would prefer you do this with state/locals as well since it truly is their responsibility to secure their state and local communities.

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**From:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA (b) (6))  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 10:46 AM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6)) Fitzpatrick, Joseph (USAILN)  
(b) (6)  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Rioting/Protests news conference

We can probably share some Q&A with you as well. One thing to drill the SAC and USA on is that the media will most likely try to (b) (5)

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6))  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2020 10:42 AM  
**To:** Fitzpatrick, Joseph (USAILN) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA (b) (6)) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Rioting/Protests news conference

Joe,  
Ccing Matt and Marc for their awareness or views.

The AG will be holding a virtual press conf today with law enforcement components at 12:30 eastern if you want to tune into that (livestreamed at [justice.gov/live](https://justice.gov/live)). It may give you some direction on messaging.

I'm not against the idea of having some sort of media availability. Ideally this type of event would be good together with state and locals to send a unified message. In the end, you know your district and situation best.

Also heads up, we will likely be using some of the images from your complaint (clown face , burning car), as well as others from around the country to demonstrate the need for law enforcement.

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**From:** Fitzpatrick, Joseph (USAILN (b) (6)) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2020 10:32 AM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6))  
**Subject:** Rioting/Protests news conference

Hi Wyn,

The local FBI office approached us about doing a joint news conference to talk about federal efforts to keep the city safe during the protests/looting. I thought I'd reach out to OPA to see you have any hesitation with us doing that. It seems delicate to avoid making it look like the feds are monitoring protesters, etc. Maybe a written statement would be more appropriate? I see some USAOs have done that.

If you have any thoughts on it, could you let me know?

Thanks,  
Joe

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From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
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To: Kevin Pistro (b) (6)  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Subject: Re: are you principals in town tomorrow?  
Date: Thu Jun 04 2020 11:53:45 EDT  
Attachments:

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Yes

On Jun 4, 2020, at 11:45 AM, Kevin Pistro (b) (6) wrote:

Confirming - AG Conference Room 5th floor?

If so, BOP is present. Thanks.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Kupec, Kerri (OPA)" (b) (6)  
Date: 6/4/20 09:07 (GMT-05:00)  
To: Kevin Pistro (b) (6); Robyn Thiemann (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per DEA  
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Joseph Allen (b) (6); Rachel  
Bissex (b) (6); William Levi (b) (6); John Kilgallon (b) (6)  
Subject: Re: are you principals in town tomorrow?

>>> "Kupec, Kerri (OPA)" 06/04/2020 09:07 >>>

Hi, all - The press briefing has been moved to 12:30 pm. Please arrive at Noon; we will meet first in the AG conference room. Again, deeply appreciate your flexibility and patience. Please reply all to confirm whether you can make this changed time.

KK

On Jun 3, 2020, at 7:55 PM, Kupec, Kerri (OPA) <(b) (6)> wrote:

That's everyone! Thanks again, all. Really appreciate it.

From: Thiemann, Robyn L (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per DEA

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Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:45 PM

To: Kevin Pistro (b) (6)

Cc: Allen, Joseph J. (b) (6); Kupec, Kerri (OPA) <(b) (6)>

(DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Kilgallon, John (USMS) (b) (6)

Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (b) (6); Levi, William (OAG) <(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: are you principals in town tomorrow?

Confirming DEA Acting Administrator Shea.

On Jun 3, 2020, at 7:39 PM, Kevin Pistro <(b) (6)> wrote:

Director Carvajal will be attending. Take care everyone. Be safe.

>>> "Kupec, Kerri (OPA)" (b) (6) 6/3/2020 7:30 PM >>>

Hi, again – would you all mind replying all to this thread and confirm your principal will attend? Again, appreciate everyone's flexibility – looking forward to tomorrow.

Kerri

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:59 PM

To: Allen, Joseph J. (b) (6)

Cc: Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (b) (6); Kilgallon, John (USMS) (b) (6)

Pistro, Kevin (BOP) (b) (6); Thiemann, Robyn L. (DEA) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per DEA

(DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Levi, William (OAG)

<(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: are you principals in town tomorrow?

Hi, everyone – the press conference is back ON for tomorrow morning at 11 am. Please keep in mind that the memorial events begin for George Floyd begin tomorrow afternoon, so I would recommend addressing that at the top of your principal's remarks. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Kerri

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From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:16 AM

To: Allen, Joseph J. (b) (6) >

Cc: Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (b) (6); Kilgallon, John (USMS) (b) (6)

(b) (6), Pistro, Kevin (BOP) (b) (6); Thiemann, Robyn L (DEA) (b)(8), (b)(7)(C) per DEA

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Levi, William (OAG)

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Subject: Re: are you principals in town tomorrow?

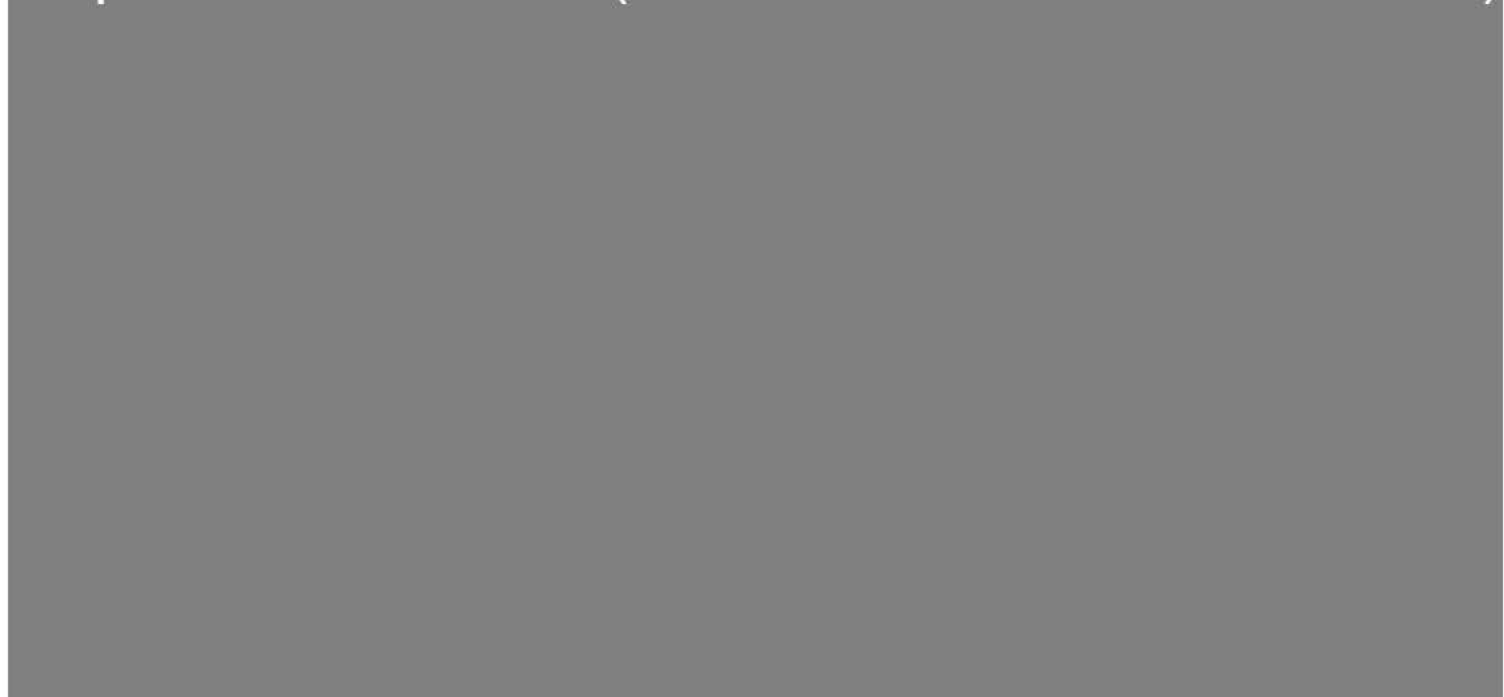
Hi all - apologies, but we are postponing this press conference. Will get back to you if/when we reschedule. Thank you for your flexibility.

Best,

Kerri

On Jun 3, 2020, at 9:57 AM, Kupec, Kerri (OPA) <(b) (6)> wrote:

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**Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)**

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 2:14 PM  
**To:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI); Navas, Nicole (OPA); Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Request, HuffPost in ref expanded security perimeter around the White House/ religious freedom

I think that's right. I'm sure we'll have a transcript at some point soon.

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** Navas, Nicole (OPA) (b)(6) Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b)(6) Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b)(6)  
**C:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** Re: Media Request, HuffPost in ref expanded security perimeter around the White House/ religious freedom

Hi Nicole,

I believe the AG addressed this in the press conference. I'm not sure what he said exactly - do you have his Q&A or a transcript to check?

Thanks,

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

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National Press Office  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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**From:** Navas, Nicole (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 1:47 PM  
**To:** NPO <[NPO@FBI.GOV](mailto:NPO@FBI.GOV)> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (JMD) (b)(6) Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (JMD)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Media Request, HuffPost in ref expanded security perimeter around the White House/ religious freedom

FBI team,

Please check with SIOC on below and who would be appropriate entity to respond, even if just declining comment. I

also included Matt if there is anything in general to provide on religious freedom.

Thank you,

Nicole Navas Oxman  
Spokesperson  
U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)  
(b) (6) (cell)  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Carol Kuruvi (b) (6)  
**Date:** June 4, 2020 at 1:36:42 PM EDT  
**To:** "Kupec, Kerri (OPA)" (b) (6) "Herlihy, Brianna (PAO)"  
(b) (6) "Woltornist, Alexei (PAO)" (b) (6) "Navas, Nicole  
(OPA)" (b) (6)  
**Subject: Media Request, HuffPost**

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Hello,

I'm Carol, a religion reporter at HuffPost. I'm reaching out about reports that the expanded security perimeter around the White House prevented Bishop Mariann Budde (of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington) from holding a vigil at St. John's Church yesterday afternoon. I wanted to see if a DOJ official could explain why this happened and respond to claims that it violated these clergy's religious freedom.

The diocese planned to hold a prayer vigil outside of St. John's Church on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. The diocese was forced to move the vigil to 16th and H St NW because of the security perimeter, which made it much harder for the vigil to take place as planned.

"We have really seen what it's like when the entire force of the government and the military and the state come out against religious freedom," said Rev. Melanie Mullen, the Episcopal Church's director of reconciliation, evangelism and creation care.

**I have a few questions below -- an emailed statement works well. Hoping to hear back as soon as possible.**

- What is the name/title of the person responding to this request?
- Was the DOJ involved in the decision to create a security perimeter around the White House that included the patio of St. John's Church?
- Why was the Episcopal Diocese of Washington prevented from holding a vigil on the patio of St. John's Church yesterday afternoon? What was the reasoning behind keeping them outside of the security perimeter?
- How will this be handled going forward -- will the clergy be allowed to gather for vigils on the patio of St. John's Church? Will non-clergy protestors also be allowed to attend these faith-based vigils inside of the security perimeter?
- How do you respond to the clergy's claims that their religious freedom was violated?

Thanks,  
Carol



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**Carol Kuruvilla**

Religion Reporter, HuffPost  
770 Broadway, 4th Floor  
New York, NY 10003

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**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 2:28 PM  
**To:** Navas, Nicole (OPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI), (DO) (FBI)  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (OPA) (FBI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI) (DO) (FBI); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Request, HuffPost in ref expanded security perimeter around the White House/ religious freedom

We should refer her to AG's statement at press conference. He spent a significant amount of time walking through it.

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**From:** Navas, Nicole (OPA (b)(6))  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 2:20 PM  
**T** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI)  
**C** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (OPA) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI) (DO) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI) Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b)(6) Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Request, HuffPost in ref expanded security perimeter around the White House/ religious freedom

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
AG addressed extending the security perimeter prior to yesterday. They are referencing yesterday afternoon and I am asking if there was something different done yesterday. If not, AG's statements will address. We have people working on cleaning up the closed captioning transcript. It would help if you guys could send us Director Wray's final remarks to use as a reference in that process. Thank you

Nicole Navas Oxman  
Senior Communications Advisor for International Law Enforcement/Spokesperson  
U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)  
202-514-1155 (office)  
(b)(6) (cell)  
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**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** Navas, Nicole (OPA (b)(6)) Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b)(6) Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** Re: Media Request, HuffPost in ref expanded security perimeter around the White House/ religious freedom

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**Kupec, Kerri (OPA)**

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 3:13 PM  
**To:** Hale, Brian Patrick (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Can you call me about this?

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/fbi-wanted-separate-itself-barr-s-tough-stance-protests-sources-n1224901>

Kerri Kupec

Director of Communications & Public Affairs U.S. Department of Justice (b) (6)

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:51 PM  
**To:** Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Daravi, Roma S. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Re: GMA Wednesday

Yep, I responded to her, thanks.

On Jun 3, 2020, at 12:20 PM, Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WH (b) (6) wrote:

Thanks Kerri  
I'm sure Sunday shows are already in touch but flagging that Margaret Brennan reached out ☺

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 3:16 PM  
**To:** Daravi, Roma S. EOP/WH (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WH (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: GMA Wednesday

Yes, will let you know. And just so you know, I do want to get him on TV.

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**From:** Daravi, Roma S. EOP/WH (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 2:27 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: GMA Wednesday

The max presence is clearly working and his statements have been great to have in the meantime until we have a hit on TV. Let me know if he's leaning towards a certain show, etc. GMA would be great.

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Roma Daravi  
Special Assistant to the President  
Director of Broadcast Media  
White House Office of Communications  
C (b) (6)  
[@RomaDaravi45](mailto:@RomaDaravi45)

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 2:22 PM  
**To:** Daravi, Roma S. EOP/WH (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WH (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: GMA Wednesday

Yes, they've reached out to me as well. I've spoken with the Attorney General about the possibility of doing at least one TV hit and it's likely. We are focusing on max presence again tonight in the district and will be freer the second half of this week.

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**From:** Daravi, Roma S. EOP/WH (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 2:15 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WH (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** FW: GMA Wednesday

Hi Kerri flagging the below request. I spoke with Alyssa just now and she reiterated that it would be good to have the AG do a TV hit if at all possible. Let me know when in the coming days you think he might be available. Thanks again

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Roma Daravi  
Special Assistant to the President  
Director of Broadcast Media  
White House Office of Communications  
C (b) (6)  
[@RomaDaravi45](mailto:@RomaDaravi45)

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**From:** McQuade, Kathryn E. (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 1:53 PM  
**To:** Daravi, Roma S. EOP/WH (b) (6) Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6)  
**Cc:** Santucci, John T (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] GMA Wednesday

Alexa / Roma

GMA is hoping that either AG Barr or Kaleigh might be available to join them tomorrow morning to discuss the latest message from the administration regarding the protests. We would greatly appreciate your help.

If neither the AG or Press Secretary is available to join, is there someone else from the administration that you would recommend we should book to communicate the administration's message?

Thank you so much please feel free to call me with any questions (b) (6)

Kathryn McQuade  
ABC News

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:08 PM  
**To:** Young, Trisha (USANV); Lloyd, Matt (PAO); Raimondi, Marc (OPA)  
**Cc:** Kjergaard, Alison (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

Looks good from my standpoint

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**From:** Young, Trisha (USANV) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2020 5:09 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >;  
Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

Checking-in... any issues/concerns with this release? We're waiting for the quotes, but otherwise, this is a near final version. Hope to issue this at approx. 3pm PST.

I may be reached at mobil (b) (6) or via this email.

Trisha

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**From:** Young, Trisha (USANV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 12:35 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >;  
Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

Update... below is a draft release for today's (6/4) complaint for three men who allegedly set fire to a police vehicle during a protest.

Will send the final version when ready. Let me know of any issues/concerns with the release. I may be reached at mobil (b) (6) or via this email.

Trisha

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 8:26 AM  
**To:** Young, Trisha (USANV) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

Thanks Trisha. Keep us posted on that one  
+Ali

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**From:** Young, Trisha (USANV) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2020 11:22 AM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >;  
Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

Hi all

It's Trisha from the District of Nevada, Las Vegas office. Thanks for sharing yesterday's release with national media.

We may have another case of national interest. Today, we plan t (b)(5) per EOUSA  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I may be reached at mobil (b) (6) or via this email.

Trisha Young  
Department of Justice  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
District of Nevada  
(b) (6)

On Jun 2, 2020, at 4:23 PM, Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) > wrote:

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Dear Colleagues,

Please give all copied here a heads up on federal arrests and pending charges related to violent activity/federal crimes occurring amidst unrest in many of your areas. We want to make sure and amplify nationally, so please give us as much advance notice as possible so we can coordinate the release of information.

Any questions, call m (b) (6)

Wyn Hornbuckle  
Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
(b) (6)



## Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:23 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO); Raimondi, Marc (OPA)  
**Cc:** Kjergaard, Alison (OPA); McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA); Vance, Alexa M. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: are we pushing out all the USAO riot arrest releases?  
**Attachments:** List of Federal Riot Cases Charged.docx

That sounds good. we also have this document that EOUSA is updating that can be shared

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2020 6:21 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) (b) (6) >; Vance, Alexa M. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: are we pushing out all the USAO riot arrest releases?

I think we should package them all up for a release Friday. That's tomorrow. Thoughts?

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:15 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) (b) (6) >; Vance, Alexa M. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** are we pushing out all the USAO riot arrest releases?

Or just lifting on social media?

Wyn Hornbuckle  
Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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## List of Federal Riot Cases Charged

Updated: 6.4.20 8:00 a.m. (ET)

| DATE   | DISTRICT | DEFENDANT(S)  | CHARGE(S)  | PRESS RELEASE  |
|--------|----------|---|--|--|
| 6/4/20 | SDIN     | Antonio Wooden  | 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(2) and (3); fugitive and drug user in possession of a firearm.  | <a href="#">Federal charges filed from incident during Saturday's protest/rioting</a>  |
| 6/3/20 | EDMO     | Devante Coffie  | 18 U.S.C. 922(u), burglary from firearms dealer  | <a href="#">St. Louis County Man Faces a Federal Firearms Charges in Connection to the Burglary of the Southside Pawn Shop</a>         |
| 6/3/20 | NDIL     | Kevin D. Tunstall<br>Johnnie L. Lee                                     | One count of illegal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon  | <a href="#">Two Convicted Felons Charged in Federal Court With Illegally Possessing Loaded Handguns in Chicago</a>                     |
| 6/3/20 | NDIL     | Joseph Hammond  | 18 USC 922(g)(1); felon in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">Chicago Man Facing Federal Firearm Charge After Allegedly Pointing Loaded Gun at Federal Agent</a>                         |
| 6/3/20 | MA       | Vincent Eovacious   | Civil disorder and possession of a Molotov cocktail  | <a href="#">Worcester Man Charged with Civil Disorder and Possession of a Destructive Device</a>                                       |
| 6/3/20 | UT       | Jackson Stuart<br>Tamowski Patton                                       | One count of arson for allegedly setting fire to a Salt Lake City Police Department vehicle  | <a href="#">Salt Lake City Man Arrested On Federal Arson Charges For Alleged Burning Of Salt Lake City Police Patrol Car</a>           |
| 6/3/20 | WDKY     | Tevin R. Patton   | Prohibited person in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">U.S. Attorney's Office Prosecuting Armed Felon From Tennessee Arrested During Louisville Protest And Riots</a>             |
| 6/3/20 | MDFL     | John Wesley<br>Mobley, Jr.  | False impersonation of a federal officer   | <a href="#">Convicted Felon Charged With Impersonating A Deputy United States Marshal At George Floyd Protest</a>                      |
| 6/3/20 | WDPA     | Melquan Barnett   | Malicious destruction of property using fire or explosives   | <a href="#">Erie Man Charged with Arson for Setting Fire at Erie Coffee Shop during Protest</a>  |
| 6/3/20 | NV       | Stephen T. Parshall<br>aka "Kiwi,"<br>Andrew Lynam<br>William L. Loomis | All charged with: One count of conspiracy to damage and destroy by fire and explosive; and one count of possession of unregistered firearms, that is, a destructive device | <a href="#">Joint Terrorism Task Force Charges Three Men Who Allegedly Sought To Exploit Protests In Las Vegas And Incite Violence</a> |
| 6/3/20 | MDTN     | Wesley Somers   | Malicious destruction of property using fire or explosives   | <a href="#">Hendersonville Man Facing Federal Arson Charges In Connection To Metro Courthouse Fire During Protest</a>                  |
| 6/2/20 | NDIL     | Timothy O'Donnell   | 18 U.S.C. § 844(i), arson  | <a href="#">Chicago Man Arrested on Federal Arson Charge for</a>   |

## List of Federal Riot Cases Charged

Updated: 6.4.20 8:00 a.m. (ET)

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|         |      |   |   | <a href="#">Allegedly Setting Fire to Chicago Police Vehicle</a>   |
| 6/2/20  | NDIL | Brandon Pegues<br>Amber L. Peltzer                        | <b>Pegues:</b> 18 U.S.C. 922(g), felon in possession of a firearm<br><b>Peltzer:</b> 18 U.S.C. 922(g), felon in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">Two Individuals Charged in Federal Court With Illegally Possessing Loaded Handguns in Downtown Chicago</a>               |
| 6/2/20  | NJ   | Justin Spry   | Attempt to Damage Government Property by Fire, 18 USC 844(f)(1) and (2)<br>Attempt to Damage Property in Commerce by Fire, 18 USC 844(i)  | <a href="#">Middlesex County Man Arrested for Attempting to Set Fire to Trenton Police Vehicle</a>                                   |
| 6/2/20  | NDTX | Emmanuel Quinones   | 18 U.S.C. 875(c) (interstate threatening communications)  | <a href="#">Man Who Brandished Assault Rifle at Protest Charged With Making Threats</a>  |
| 6/2/20  | MN   | Garrett Patrick Ziegler<br>Fornandous Cortez<br>Henderson | The defendants are charged with arson and possession of Molotov cocktails.  | <a href="#">Two Individuals Charged With Throwing Molotov Cocktails Into Dakota County Government Building</a>                       |
| 6/1/20  | WDNY | Courtland Renford   | 18 USC 844(i), destroying/attempting to destroy a building used in interstate commerce  | <a href="#">Buffalo Man Charged With Arson After Throwing A Burning Basket Into Buffalo City Hall During Weekend Protests</a>        |
| 6/1/20  | MN   | Matthew Lee Rupert  | 18 U.S.C § 231(a)(3) (civil disorders) and 2101 (riots); 26 U.S.C. § 5845(f), 5861(d), and 5871 (unregistered firearms)   | <a href="#">Federal Criminal Complaint Charges Illinois Man With Traveling To Minnesota To Riot, Possession Of Explosive Devices</a> |
| 5/31/20 | EDNY | Colin ford Mattis<br>Urooj Rahman<br>Samantha Shader      | <b>Mattis/Rahman:</b> causing damage by fire and explosives – police vehicle); 18 U.S.C. 2 (aiding and abetting)<br><b>Shader:</b> 18 U.S.C. 844(i) (causing damage by fire and explosives – police vehicle | <a href="#">Two Brooklyn Residents and a Greene County Resident Charged in Connection with Molotov Cocktail Attacks on the NYPD</a>  |

**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:26 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA); Raimondi, Marc (OPA)  
**Subject:** FW: WaPo: D.C. has been an occupied territory this week. Here's who's been doing the occupying.

Post wins the award for most out of control headline this week

-----Original Message-----

From: DoJ Real Time News Clips <alert-doj@rendon.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:20 PM

To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >

Subject: WaPo: D.C. has been an occupied territory this week. Here's who's been doing the occupying.

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**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:28 PM  
**To:** Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE)  
**Subject:** RE: Attribution

Thanks. Good flag.

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**From:** Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Attribution

Matt,

Totally forgot to mention, NBC news came out with a quote and attributed it to me from background call. I assume and hope that you or Kerri cleared? If not, I was surprised they would violate the rules. Didn't want you guys to think I went rogue, but I remember regretting saying thugs on the backgrounder so I know that is where it came from.

Nothing to be done.

"The violence and property damage is being caused by a combination of opportunistic looters and plain thugs taking advantage of the situation," Terwilliger said.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/social-media-posts-help-feds-arrest-those-committing-violence-floyd-n1225081>

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:08 PM  
**To:** Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Can you take a quick call?

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**From:** Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:06 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Can you take a quick call?

If so, can you shoot me the best number?

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G. Zachary "Zach" Terwilliger  
U.S. Attorney Eastern District of Virginia  
**Special Advisor to the Attorney General for Civil Unrest Response**  
(b) (6) (Justice Command Center)  
EMAI (b) (6) (best current method of contact)

**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:28 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Subject:** FW: Attribution

You have the relationship with Pete think this is probably worth mentioning....

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**From:** Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Attribution

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Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:50 PM  
**To:** Young, Trisha (USANV); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA); Raimondi, Marc (OPA)  
**Cc:** Kjergaard, Alison (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

I did quick scan. Looks fine.

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**From:** Young, Trisha (USANV) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >;  
Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

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**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 7:31 PM  
**To:** DuCharme, Seth (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Fwd: La Mesa California Heads Up

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Date:** June 4, 2020 at 4:01:09 PM EDT  
**To:** "Lloyd, Matt (PAO)" (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** La Mesa California Heads Up

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Hi Matt,

Andrew Blankenstein (NBC), who asked about Tacoma, also asked about a 59-year-old woman, Leslie Furcron, who was shot by a police officer with a "non-lethal projectile" in La Mesa, California during a protest a few days ago. She is in a medically induced coma and may lose an eye.

I wasn't tracking on this, but I just reached out to FBI San Diego (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI [REDACTED]. (For now, I referred Mr. Blankenstein to the La Mesa PD because they held a press conference about the incident yesterday).

To complicate matters, another issue is making news in La Mesa/San Diego - an arrest of a 23-year-old African American. A video of the arrest shows the officers pushing and shoving the young man: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-06-03/la-mesa-police-release-body-cam-footage-arrest-at-trolley>. San Diego is not planning to open a case into this matter. That said, the PAO is (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI [REDACTED].

I'm not sure there's a great solution. We could possibly (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI [REDACTED].

What do you think?

Thanks,



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

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

National Press Office  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 8:22 PM  
**To:** Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE)  
**Subject:** Re: Attribution

?? agree completely on all

On Jun 4, 2020, at 8:16 PM, Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) > wrote:

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**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 10:07 PM  
**To:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] background call

Thanks so much!

On Jun 4, 2020, at 9:27 PM, Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) (b) (6) > wrote:

? Change being made now.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 4, 2020, at 9:13 PM, Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)  
(b) (6) > wrote:

? My error, Matt. Will fix. Thanks for pointing that out. I was on the air and heard a recording of the call that did not include attribution rules. I had discussed an interview with Zach that morning so assumed it was on the record.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 4, 2020, at 8:07 PM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

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Hey Pete,  
Hope you are well.  
Not sure if you were on this call last night but I was in the room with Zach and Kerri and ground rules were background only as Sr. Admin Official I believe. I know Zach or Kerri never gave authorization to be quoted by name. Would you be able to get that fixed in the story below?  
Thanks,  
Matt

"The violence and property damage is being caused by a combination of opportunistic looters and plain thugs taking advantage of the situation," Terwilliger said.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/social-media-posts->

[help-feds-arrest-those-committing-violence-floyd-n1225081](#)

**Matt Lloyd**  
Principal Deputy Director, Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
(b) (6) (cell)

**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 10:28 PM  
**To:** Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE)  
**Subject:** Re: Attribution

Absolutely

On Jun 4, 2020, at 10:20 PM, Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) > wrote:

? Thank you- seriously- thank you

G. Zachary Terwilliger  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Virginia  
(b) (6)

On Jun 4, 2020, at 10:07 PM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

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Fixed: <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/social-media-posts-help-feds-arrest-those-committing-violence-floyd-n1225081>

On Jun 4, 2020, at 9:30 PM, Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) > wrote:

? Are you a bourbon or beer guy? If you don't tell me - I will just ask Kerri

G. Zachary Terwilliger  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Virginia  
(b) (6)

On Jun 4, 2020, at 9:23 PM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

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He's fixing now. What's your cell?

On Jun 4, 2020, at 8:16 PM, Terwilliger,  
Zachary (USAVAE)

(b) (6) > wrote:

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## Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 11:21 PM  
**To:** Price, Kenji (USAHI)  
**Cc:** Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE)  
**Subject:** Re: Civil unrest messaging

Have you had any issues out there? I didn't see anything in the latest sit rep but I didn't look real hard.

On Jun 4, 2020, at 10:38 PM, Price, Kenji (USAHI) (b) (6) > wrote:

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Thanks very much Matt. I'll take a look.

KMP

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 4:27 PM  
**To:** Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Price, Kenji (USAHI) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: Civil unrest messaging

Think you can echo/amplify AG message. Below are some examples:

[https://twitter.com/usaterwilliger/status/1268000721376612355?s\\_21](https://twitter.com/usaterwilliger/status/1268000721376612355?s_21)

[https://twitter.com/usattynealcox/status/1267238375641268225?s\\_21](https://twitter.com/usattynealcox/status/1267238375641268225?s_21)

On Jun 4, 2020, at 9:36 PM, Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) > wrote:

? Kenji- great question. Matt can you advise?

G. Zachary Terwilliger  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Virginia  
(b) (6)

On Jun 4, 2020, at 8:53 PM, Price, Kenji (USAHI) (b) (6) > wrote:

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Zach: I'd like to consid (b)(5) per EOUSA  
[REDACTED]



(b)(5) per EOUSA

[Redacted]

**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 11:23 PM  
**To:** Shea, Timothy J (DEA)  
**Subject:** Re: WaPo: D.C. has been an occupied territory this week. Here's who's been doing the occupying.

Yes she's the bomb.

Kerri says I have next dibs on ride along I'd frame the hard copy of this if I were you since you are now one of the faces of the occupying force!

> On Jun 4, 2020, at 11:16 PM, Shea, Timothy J (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per DEA > wrote:

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> Thanks for sending. Kristina was a great help.

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> Tim

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Jun 4, 2020, at 6:25 PM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (JMD) (b) (6) > wrote:

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>> Tim, click on link for awesome photo of you. And yes, headline to this story is ridiculous

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: DoJ Real Time News Clips <alert-doj@rendon.com>

>> Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:20 PM

>> To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >

>> Subject: WaPo: D.C. has been an occupied territory this week. Here's who's been doing the occupying.

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>> WaPo: "D.C. has been an occupied territory this week. Here's who's been doing the occupying.," Philip Bump, Matt Zapposky, June 04, 2020 <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/06/04/dc-been-an-occupied-territory-this-week-heres-whos-been-doing-occupying/>

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>> Protests have erupted in more than 100 cities across the country since George Floyd, a black resident of Minneapolis, died after a police officer knelt on his neck for almost nine minutes. Washington has been an epicenter of those protests, with a focus on demonstrations near the White House, targeting President Trump.

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>> In response, Trump, Attorney General William P. Barr and the heads of other government departments have worked in concert to deploy a massive show of force in the nation's capital. A Washington Post analysis of those deployments suggests that at least 16 law enforcement and military agencies have personnel on the ground in the District, with thousands of soldiers, police and agents actively engaged in the effort to maintain order.

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>> Below is a list of the agencies we know have been in the District this week. If you've come across other protective or law enforcement agencies in the District, let us know.

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>> Department of Justice

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>> Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. ATF acting director Regina Lombardo said during a news conference Thursday that the agency is helping investigate shootings, arson and bombings in connection with the demonstrations. That work includes running traces on firearms, entering shell casing information into a national database and making arrests.

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>> ATF is tracking more than 840 arsons and more than 70 explosive incidents nationwide, Lombardo said.

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>> Identifiers: ATF agent uniforms identify the agency.

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>> Drug Enforcement Administration. At the same news conference, DEA acting administrator Timothy Shea said Thursday that DEA is providing security to federal buildings in the D.C. area, conducting "threat assessments" and investigating drug crimes, such as the looting of controlled substances from pharmacies. As The Post and others have previously reported, the agency has received special authorization to go outside of its legal mandate to investigate drug-related crimes to also pursue those crimes related to the protests.

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>> Identifiers: DEA agent uniforms identify the agency.

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>> Federal Bureau of Investigation. The FBI is conducting a civil rights investigation into Floyd's death and also helping investigate those who commit violence at demonstrations if they commit federal crimes.

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>> Barr said Thursday that the Justice Department had made 51 arrests for federal crimes in connection with civil disturbances. Those charges can include using explosive devices or crossing state lines to riot.

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>> Aircraft including FBI identifiers have also been used to surveil the District.

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>> Identifiers: FBI agent uniforms identify the agency.

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>> U.S. Marshals Service. U.S. Marshals Director Donald W. Washington said Thursday that deputy marshals are helping protect courthouses and other federal properties, and they are helping investigate vandalism of such properties. They are also serving warrants against those accused of inciting violence, Washington said.

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>> Identifiers: While there are no immediately available photos of deployed marshals, past practice suggests that their uniforms will include identifying information.

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>> Bureau of Prisons. BOP Director Michael Carvajal said Thursday that specialized teams that typically respond to crises inside prisons are assisting with "crowd control." Justice Department officials have said previously that BOP riot teams were dispatched to Washington, D.C., and Miami.

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>> BOP personnel spurred a number of questions this week when several who had been asked for whom they worked declined to offer a specific answer. Carvajal said the lack of identifying information, including names or badge numbers, was because the staff "normally operate within the confines of our institution and we don't need to identify ourselves. Most of our identification is institution-specific and probably wouldn't mean a whole lot to people in D.C."

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>> At one point on Wednesday, Post reporter Alex Horton encountered BOP employees wielding "military police" shields, suggesting an association with the National Guard. A Guard spokesman explained that the

BOP employees were using shields that had been left in place, which he admitted “led to confusion.”

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>> Identifiers: BOP employees stationed in Washington tend to stand out in part due to the lack of identifying markers. Some have the acronym SORT on their apparel, which stands for “Special Operations and Response Teams.” Others have DCT, short for “Disturbance Control Team.” In many cases, they have short-sleeved blue shirts under black vests.

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>> Department of Homeland Security

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>> Customs and Border Patrol. Border Patrol agents have been in the District most of the week.

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>> “Border Patrol Sectors are working with law enforcement partners across our nation to prevent further looting, rioting, arson, vandalism & destruction of property,” acting commissioner Mark Morgan wrote on Twitter about his agency's mission. “As a federal law enforcement agency, it's our duty & responsibility to respond when our partners request support.”

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>> Identifiers: Border Patrol agent uniforms, which are generally forest green, identify the agency.

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>> Federal Protective Service. It's not clear how many FPS personnel have been deployed, though they've been seen at barricades in the city.

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>> Identifiers: The uniforms of FPS officers identify them as Homeland Security police.

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>> Immigration and Customs Enforcement. In a tweet, acting homeland security secretary Chad Wolf identified ICE agents as part of the more than 600 personnel from his department who had been dispatched to the capital.

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>> ICE agents would not be enforcing immigration laws at protests, officials told Axios, but can enforce federal law more broadly.

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>> Identifiers: While there are no immediately available photos of deployed ICE personnel, past practice suggests that their uniforms will include identifying information. At times, ICE officers wear military-style camouflage.

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>> United States Secret Service. The Secret Service's uniformed officers are normally responsible for protecting the White House. The agency has 1,300 uniformed employees, though not all are regularly deployed at or in the White House complex.

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>> Identifiers: Uniformed Secret Service agents will wear uniforms identifying them as such. Secret Service agents not in uniform will probably be generally identifiable by most District residents — or those who've seen a movie or two. Think earpiece and suit.

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>> Transportation Security Administration. Personnel with the TSA have been deployed in an unknown capacity to aid with enforcement in the district.

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>> Identifiers: While there are no immediately available photos of deployed TSA personnel, past practice suggests that their uniforms will include identifying information. TSA uniforms are generally blue.

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>> Department of Defense

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>> National Guard. A release from the National Guard on Thursday indicated that soldiers and airmen from 10 states were supporting the D.C. National Guard this week. That included personnel from Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, Mississippi, New Jersey, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee and Utah. The D.C. contingent numbers 1,200 with an additional 3,300 personnel from those 10 states.

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>> Members of the National Guard, who serve under the joint control of the federal and state governments, don't enforce laws but instead act as protective or supportive supplements to civil law enforcement.

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>> National Guard helicopters have also been identified over the District, including one instance in which a low-flying helicopter was used in an apparent effort to disrupt a protest.

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>> Identifiers: National Guardsmen are often uniformed in camouflage, as above. On Thursday, the Guard clarified that soldiers stationed in D.C. the prior night were not Army as assumed given various insignia but, instead, Guard soldiers. A contingent from Utah who are part of the 19th Special Forces Group were deployed to quickly support the efforts in D.C.

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>> Pentagon Force Protection Agency. Pentagon Force Protection personnel are normally assigned to protect the Pentagon. They've been identified as having been in D.C. by reporters from CNN.

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>> Identifiers: The standard PFPA uniform identifies the wearer as police.

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>> U.S. Army. Jonathan Rath Hoffman, a spokesman for the Defense Department, announced earlier this week that military police from Fort Bragg in North Carolina and Fort Drum in New York, constituting 1,600 troops, would be moved to the D.C. region. A group of soldiers from Fort Drum's 10th Mountain Division were photographed in D.C. on Wednesday.

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>> Identifiers: Army personnel wear standard-issue uniforms, including Army indicia.

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>> Other/local agencies

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>> U.S. Park Police (Department of the Interior). Park Police are responsible for managing a number of facilities in the District, including Lafayette Square, where protesters were forcibly removed on Monday.

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>> In a statement released on Tuesday, acting Chief Gregory T. Monahan said that 51 members of the Park Police had been injured over the weekend while responding to protests on the National Mall and in the square. The agency has 600 personnel in total.

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>> Park Police helicopters have also been deployed over the city.

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>> Identifiers: Park Police uniforms identify the agency, as do riot shields when deployed.

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>> Metropolitan Police Department (District of Columbia). District residents will be familiar with Metropolitan police.

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>> Identifiers: District police uniforms include identification of the department and the officer.

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>> U.S. Capitol Police (Congress). The Capitol's protective service has had a more limited role in handling the protests of the past week, given their geographically centralized area of responsibility. There have been sporadic protests on and near Capitol Hill involving the agency.

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>> Identifiers: Capitol Police uniforms identify the department.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020

### **ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S REMARKS ON MR. GEORGE FLOYD AND CIVIL UNREST**

**Washington, DC**

***Remarks as Prepared for Delivery for the June 4, 2020 Press  
Conference***

Good afternoon.

Over the Constitution Avenue entrance to this building is a Latin inscription that translates as "Everything is created by Law and Order."<sup>[1]</sup> That ancient principle



still holds true. Our free society depends on the rule of law — the assurance that ordinary citizens can go about their lives without being subject to arbitrary violence or fear. When the rule of law breaks down, the promise of America does too.

Our nation is now confronting two serious threats to the rule of law. The first is a long standing one but was recently crystalized and driven home by the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

The video of police conduct in this episode is harrowing. When you watch it, and imagine that one of your own loved ones was being treated like that, and begging for their lives, it is impossible for any normal human being not to be struck in the heart with horror.

This matter is being pursued by both the state and the federal government. The state has filed second degree murder charges against one officer, and aiding and abetting charges against three other officers.

As we typically do in cases such as this, the Department of Justice is conducting a parallel and independent investigation into possible violations of federal civil rights laws.

The president has directed me to spare no effort. We are coordinating our work with that of Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison. As a matter of comity, the Department of Justice typically lets the state go forward with its proceedings first.

This afternoon, our United States Attorney in Minnesota and FBI Special Agent in Charge of the Minneapolis Field Office will attend a memorial service for Mr. Floyd. Today is a day for mourning, and the day is coming soon when justice will be served.

George Floyd's death was not the first of its kind, and it exposes concerns that reach far beyond this case.

While the vast majority of police officers do their job bravely and righteously, it is undeniable that many African Americans lack confidence in the American criminal justice system. That must change. Our Constitution mandates equal protection of the laws, and nothing less is acceptable. As the nation's leading federal law enforcement agency, the Department of Justice will do its part. I believe that police chiefs and law enforcement leaders around the country are committed to ensuring that racism plays no part in law enforcement, and that everyone receives equal protection of the laws.

In October 2019, the President established the first Commission on Law Enforcement since the 1960's. I am meeting later this month with the Commission and have been talking with law enforcement leaders around the country.

In the weeks and months ahead, we will be working with community leaders to find constructive solutions so that Mr. Floyd's death will not have been in vain. We will work hard to help bring good out of bad.

Unfortunately, the aftermath of George Floyd's death has produced a second challenge to the rule of law.

While many have peacefully expressed their anger and grief, others have hijacked protests to engage in lawlessness — violent rioting and arson, looting of businesses and public property, assaults on law enforcement officers and innocent people, and even the murder of a federal agent.

Such senseless acts of anarchy are not exercises of First Amendment rights; they are crimes designed to terrify fellow citizens and intimidate communities.

As I told the governors on Monday, we understand the distinction among three different sets of actors. The large preponderance of those who are protesting are peaceful demonstrators who are exercising their First Amendment rights.

At some demonstrations, there are groups that exploit the opportunity to engage in looting. And finally, at some demonstration, there are extremist agitators who are hijacking the protests to pursue their own separate and violent agenda.

We have evidence that Antifa and other similar extremist groups, as well as actors of a variety of different political persuasions, have been involved in instigating and participating in the violent activity. We are also seeing foreign actors playing all sides to exacerbate the violence.

The Department of Justice is working to restore order in the District of Columbia and around the nation. Here in Washington, we are working around the clock with local police, the citizen soldiers of the National Guard, and other federal agencies to provide safety and justice. We have deployed all the major law enforcement components of the department in this mission, including the FBI, ATF, DEA, Bureau of Prisons, and U.S. Marshals Service. I thank them and all those working bravely and professionally to protect the District.

The Justice Department is also working closely with our state and local partners to address violent riots around the country. Our federal law enforcement efforts are focused on the violent instigators.

Through the FBI, U.S. Attorney's Offices, component field offices, and state and local law enforcement, we are receiving real time intelligence, and we have deployed resources to quell outbreaks of violence in several places. I urge governors, mayors, and other state and local leaders to work closely with the National Guard and with us. The federal government has thus far made 51 arrests for federal crimes in connection with violent rioting. We will continue to investigate, make arrests, and prosecute where warranted.

When I was Attorney General in 1992, violent riots broke out in Los Angeles

following the acquittal of the police officers accused of beating Rodney King. Ultimately, the department at my direction filed federal civil rights charges against the officers. As President Bush assured the Nation at that time, “The violence will end. Justice will be served. Hope will return.” The same is true today. The rule of law will prevail. Thank you.

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[1] “Lege atque ordine omnia fiunt.”

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**Kupec, Kerri (OPA)**

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 8:24 AM  
**To:** Moran, John (OAG)  
**Cc:** Levi, William (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: On the One Year Anniversary of our Conversation

H (b) (5) . But b (b) (5) , we shoul (b) (5) .

On Jun 5, 2020, at 6:17 AM, Moran, John (OAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

Will and Kerri, FYI. I assume he will want t (b) (5) , and I am happy t (b) (5) . I would also be happy to connect him with either or both of you if you'd like, or just to let it sit by now.

John S. Moran  
Deputy Chief of Staff & Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kary Antholis (b) (6) >  
**Date:** June 5, 2020 at 5:22:11 AM EDT  
**To:** William Barr (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** "Moran, John (OAG)" (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** On the One Year Anniversary of our Conversation

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Dear  
Attorney General Barr,

Today marks the one year anniversary of our conversation in your office at the Justice Department. Your interview kicked off the launch of my podcast, Crime Story, on August 8, 2019. I continue to be grateful for your willingness to talk with me then about issues related to our criminal justice system.

During our conversation, you answered several questions related to criminal justice reform, as well as my query about the themes underlying the series *Banshee* that spoke to you.

[Here](#) is a link to the transcript and the podcast.

I would like to mark the anniversary of our chat by requesting that you revisit some of the matters we discussed. Below I pose several questions. If you can find the time to address them, it would be deeply appreciated and a great benefit to our listeners and readers. Please consider responding in any way that is convenient for you: in writing, on a scheduled phone call, or by leaving a message on my Google Voice number (b) (6) .

### **Question**

**1:**

During our initial chat, you declined to answer the following question: During your confirmation hearings you indicated that you weren't familiar with the notion of implicit bias in law enforcement and you would task the Justice Department with looking into it. Have you done so?

### **Would**

**you be willing to answer that question now?**

### **Question**

**2:**

We also had the following exchange:

Kary:

In a Post op-ed, you and a couple of other former Attorney Generals talked about the notion of the Ferguson Effect. Can you explain what ... I think it's this notion that protests like Black Lives Matter can lead to police backing off law enforcement and can lead to an increase in crime. Is that something you subscribe to?

Attorney General Barr:

I don't know if the idea is that protests lead to that. I think the idea is that if police feel that they are going to be unfairly treated or unjustly disciplined for something they felt was a righteous act of self defense, and there'd be what they feel is unfair Monday morning quarterbacking, they will not take those risks. They will not confront crime where they think it can put them in danger, and the biggest losers of that can be people in high crime neighborhoods.

**Would you care to elaborate on your response in light of the public response to the police-involved death of George Floyd, and the subsequent protests?**

**Question 3:**

I also asked what it was about the Cinemax TV Series *Banshee* that you liked, and you responded:

Attorney General Barr:

Well, to be honest, the first thing that drew me to the show was, I think, the writing, the quality of the acting, the plots, sort of the unexpected story line and so forth. But it does have undergirding it this basic tension between justice in the sense of the ultimate outcome versus justice as a process. I've often talked about that, which is, I think, to me justice is the right outcome. That's what really justice is, that's what we have a longing ... I believe a sense of justice is hardwired into human beings. Don't ask me why, but it is there and it's satisfying to see justice done. And we feel angry when we see injustice that isn't rectified.

**How would you relate that "sense of justice" and the anger "when we see injustice that isn't rectified" to recent events?**

**Question 4:**

In

your press conference yesterday, [NPR](#) reported that you said:

"We have evidence that Antifa and other similar extremist groups, as well as actors of a variety of different political persuasions have been involved in instigating and participating in the violent activity...And we are also seeing foreign actors playing all sides to exacerbate the violence."

Also, on Wednesday the DOJ announced the indictments of men affiliated with a right wing group called the "Boogaloo Bois" who seek to initiate a race war for conspiracy to cause destruction during protests in Las Vegas. ([Here is the link to that announcement.](#))

**Why is Antifa the only extremist group that you mention by name, when the Department of Justice has just announced indictments involving members of a right wing group?**

Thank you for considering responses to these questions.

Sincerely,

Kary  
Antholis  
Editor/Publisher  
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**Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)**

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
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**Subject:** RE: can you please share the most recent case list? ALSO, any idea how many cases are expected today?  
**Attachments:** List of Federal Riot Cases Charged.docx

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**From:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
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**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** can you please share the most recent case list? ALSO, any idea how many cases are expected today?

As for Saturday, I think we need to think through a response plan if things go badly. Who is going to do what and where? Maybe have a schedule to be in the command center as if it goes bad, it is unlikely anyone could get to the command center.

**Marc Raimondi**  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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C (b) (6)



## List of Federal Riot Cases Charged

Updated: 6.5.20 9:00 a.m. (ET)

| DATE   | DISTRICT | DEFENDANT(S)   | CHARGE(S)  | PRESS RELEASE  |
|--------|----------|--|--|--|
| 6/4/20 | NV       | Tyree Walker<br>Devarian Haynes<br>Ricardo Densmore                  | One count of conspiracy to commit arson<br>One count of arson  | <a href="#">Three Men Face Federal Arson Charges For Setting Fire To Police Patrol Vehicle During Protest In Downtown Las Vegas</a>                  |
| 6/4/20 | WDMO     | Matthew E. Madden  | 18 USC 922(g)(3), drug user in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">KCK Man Arrested for Attacking Officers at Protest Charged with Illegal Firearm</a>  |
| 6/4/20 | WDNY     | Deyanna Davis<br>Semaj Pigram<br>Walter Stewart<br>Courtland Renford | Davis, Pigram, Stewart: Felon in possession of a firearm.<br>Renford: federal grand jury has returned a separate indictment charging the defendant with arson (see <a href="#">6/1/20 WDNY Press Release re Renford</a> ). | <a href="#">Four Defendants Charged In Two Separate Indictments For Their Roles In Incidents Of Violence Associated With Civil Unrest In Buffalo</a> |
| 6/4/20 | NDIL     | Adam Walton  | 18 USC 922(g)(1); felon in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">Man Charged in Federal Court With Illegally Possessing Loaded Handgun in Chicago</a>   |
| 6/4/20 | CDIL     | Ca'Quintez Gibson  | 18 U.S.C 2101, Inciting a Riot   | <a href="#">Federal Complaint Charges Peoria Man with Using Internet to Incite Rioting in Peoria</a>   |
| 6/4/20 | AZ       | Loren Reed   | Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(e) for using the internet and telephone to willfully threaten to unlawfully damage or destroy a building by fire   | <a href="#">Page Man Charged with Threatening to Burn Page Magistrate Court</a>  |
| 6/4/20 | NJ       | Carlos A. Matchett   | 18 USC 2101<br>Use of a facility of interstate commerce to organize, promote, encourage, participate in, and carry on a riot   | <a href="#">Atlantic City Man Charged with Rioting</a>   |
| 6/4/20 | SDIN     | Antonio Wooden   | 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(2) and (3); fugitive and drug user in possession of a firearm.  | <a href="#">Federal charges filed from incident during Saturday's protest/rioting</a>  |
| 6/3/20 | EDMO     | Devante Coffie   | 18 U.S.C. 922(u), burglary from firearms dealer  | <a href="#">St. Louis County Man Faces a Federal Firearms Charges in Connection to the Burglary of the Southside Pawn Shop</a>                       |
| 6/3/20 | NDIL     | Kevin D. Tunstall<br>Johnnie L. Lee                                  | One count of illegal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon  | <a href="#">Two Convicted Felons Charged in Federal Court With Illegally</a>   |

## List of Federal Riot Cases Charged

Updated: 6.5.20 9:00 a.m. (ET)

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|        |      |  |  | <a href="#">Possessing Loaded Handguns in Chicago</a>  |
| 6/3/20 | NDIL | Joseph Hammond   | 18 USC 922(g)(1); felon in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">Chicago Man Facing Federal Firearm Charge After Allegedly Pointing Loaded Gun at Federal Agent</a>                         |
| 6/3/20 | MA   | Vincent Eovacious  | Civil disorder and possession of a Molotov cocktail  | <a href="#">Worcester Man Charged with Civil Disorder and Possession of a Destructive Device</a>                                       |
| 6/3/20 | UT   | Jackson Stuart Tamowski Patton                                       | One count of arson for allegedly setting fire to a Salt Lake City Police Department vehicle  | <a href="#">Salt Lake City Man Arrested On Federal Arson Charges For Alleged Burning Of Salt Lake City Police Patrol Car</a>           |
| 6/3/20 | WDKY | Tevin R. Patton  | Prohibited person in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">U.S. Attorney's Office Prosecuting Armed Felon From Tennessee Arrested During Louisville Protest And Riots</a>             |
| 6/3/20 | MDFL | John Wesley Mobley, Jr.  | False impersonation of a federal officer   | <a href="#">Convicted Felon Charged With Impersonating A Deputy United States Marshal At George Floyd Protest</a>                      |
| 6/3/20 | WDPA | Melquan Barnett  | Malicious destruction of property using fire or explosives   | <a href="#">Erie Man Charged with Arson for Setting Fire at Erie Coffee Shop during Protest</a>  |
| 6/3/20 | NV   | Stephen T. Parshall aka "Kiwi,"<br>Andrew Lynam<br>William L. Loomis | All charged with: One count of conspiracy to damage and destroy by fire and explosive; and one count of possession of unregistered firearms, that is, a destructive device | <a href="#">Joint Terrorism Task Force Charges Three Men Who Allegedly Sought To Exploit Protests In Las Vegas And Incite Violence</a> |
| 6/3/20 | MDTN | Wesley Somers  | Malicious destruction of property using fire or explosives   | <a href="#">Hendersonville Man Facing Federal Arson Charges In Connection To Metro Courthouse Fire During Protest</a>                  |
| 6/2/20 | NDIL | Timothy O'Donnell  | 18 U.S.C. § 844(i), arson  | <a href="#">Chicago Man Arrested on Federal Arson Charge for Allegedly Setting Fire to Chicago Police Vehicle</a>                      |
| 6/2/20 | NDIL | Brandon Pegues<br>Amber L. Peltzer                                   | <b>Pegues:</b> 18 U.S.C. 922(g), felon in possession of a firearm<br><b>Peltzer:</b> 18 U.S.C. 922(g), felon in possession of a firearm                                    | <a href="#">Two Individuals Charged in Federal Court With Illegally Possessing Loaded Handguns in Downtown Chicago</a>                 |
| 6/2/20 | NJ   | Justin Spry  | Attempt to Damage Government Property by   | <a href="#">Middlesex County Man Arrested for Attempting to Set Fire to Trenton Police Vehicle</a>                                     |

## List of Federal Riot Cases Charged

Updated: 6.5.20 9:00 a.m. (ET)

|         |      |   |   |  |
|---------|------|---|---|--|
|         |      |   | Fire, 18 USC 844(f)(1) and (2)<br>Attempt to Damage Property in Commerce by Fire, 18 USC 844(i)   |  |
| 6/2/20  | NDTX | Emmanuel Quinones   | 18 U.S.C. 875(c) (interstate threatening communications)  | <a href="#">Man Who Brandished Assault Rifle at Protest Charged With Making Threats</a>  |
| 6/2/20  | MN   | Garrett Patrick Ziegler<br>Fornandous Cortez<br>Henderson | The defendants are charged with arson and possession of Molotov cocktails.  | <a href="#">Two Individuals Charged With Throwing Molotov Cocktails Into Dakota County Government Building</a>                       |
| 6/1/20  | WDNY | Courtland Renford   | 18 USC 844(i), destroying/attempting to destroy a building used in interstate commerce  | <a href="#">Buffalo Man Charged With Arson After Throwing A Burning Basket Into Buffalo City Hall During Weekend Protests</a>        |
| 6/1/20  | MN   | Matthew Lee Rupert  | 18 U.S.C § 231(a)(3) (civil disorders) and 2101 (riots); 26 U.S.C. § 5845(f), 5861(d), and 5871 (unregistered firearms)   | <a href="#">Federal Criminal Complaint Charges Illinois Man With Traveling To Minnesota To Riot, Possession Of Explosive Devices</a> |
| 5/31/20 | EDNY | Colin ford Mattis<br>Urooj Rahman<br>Samantha Shader      | <b>Mattis/Rahman:</b> causing damage by fire and explosives – police vehicle); 18 U.S.C. 2 (aiding and abetting)<br><b>Shader:</b> 18 U.S.C. 844(i) (causing damage by fire and explosives – police vehicle | <a href="#">Two Brooklyn Residents and a Greene County Resident Charged in Connection with Molotov Cocktail Attacks on the NYPD</a>  |

**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:23 AM  
**To:** Goldschmidt, Lauren (OLA); Moosy, Robert (CRT); Assefi, Omeed (CRT)  
**Subject:** overallbrief6-3-20 FINAL.docx  
**Attachments:** overallbrief6-3-20 FINAL.docx

This is what went to AG Wed as part of prep for yesterday's presser. Everything o (b) (5) .  
Moosy has verified its accuracy.

## Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:20 PM  
**To:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA); Navas, Nicole (OPA)  
**Cc:** NPO; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA); Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry from Johnattan F. Bilancieri - AmericaDigital.com

I wouldn't do any independent research on this topic. They can study what's in the press releases.

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**From:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 12:08 PM  
**To:** Navas, Nicole (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** NPO <NPO@fbi.gov>; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: Media Inquiry from Johnattan F. Bilancieri - AmericaDigital.com

I have a list but not broken down by nationality

Marc Raimondi  
U.S. Department of Justice  
(b) (6)

On Jun 5, 2020, at 12:01 PM, Navas, Nicole (OPA) (b) (6) > wrote:

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Agree, there may b (b) (5)  
(b) (5) Sounds lik (b) (5) In order for us to quash, not sure if someone has list of fed prosecutions and whether the person is a USC or foreign national and from where. That would be helpful if someone is tracking this data.

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**From:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 11:28 AM  
**To:** NPO <NPO@FBI.GOV>  
**Cc:** Navas, Nicole (OPA) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry from Johnattan F. Bilancieri - AmericaDigital.com

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**From:** NPO <NPO@FBI.GOV>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 11:25 AM  
**To:** Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Navas, Nicole (OPA) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: Media Inquiry from Johnattan F. Bilancieri - AmericaDigital.com

The reporter already reached out to us and we were advised to refer to DOJ, regarding possible arrests of foreign nationals.

We wouldn't comment on anything regarding foreign intelligence services.

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**From:** Press <[Press@usdoj.gov](mailto:Press@usdoj.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:39 AM  
**To:** NPO <[NPO@FBI.GOV](mailto:NPO@FBI.GOV)>  
**Cc:** Navas, Nicole (OPA) (JMD) (b) (6); Press (JMD) <[Press@usdoj.gov](mailto:Press@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Media Inquiry from Johnattan F. Bilancieri - AmericaDigital.com

-----Original Message-----

From: [no-reply@usdoj.gov](mailto:no-reply@usdoj.gov) <[no-reply@usdoj.gov](mailto:no-reply@usdoj.gov)>  
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 10:49 PM  
To: Press <[Press@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:Press@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
Subject: Media Inquiry from Johnattan F. Bilancieri - AmericaDigital.com

Date Thursday, June 4, 2020 - 10:49pm EDT

Name: Johnattan F. Bilancieri

Email Address (b) (6)

Topic: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Media Outlet: AmericaDigital.com

Deadline: 06/05

Inquiry:

For the past week, several news reports have been circulating in multiple Latinamerican outlets; the articles indicates that the FBI arrested several Venezuelan and Cuban nationals for organizing violent acts and looting amidst the nationwide protest for the death of George Floyd, they also mention that the FBI is investigating links between the arrested individuals and foreign intelligence services.

I am seeking official corroboration of such operation or any clarification regarding the existence and veracity of these arrests.

Thank you in advance for your time

Note: I contacted the FBI for the same case, they advised me to contact DOJ

**Kupec, Kerri (OPA)**

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:40 PM  
**To:** Engel, Steven A. (OLC)  
**Subject:** RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S REMARKS ON MR. GEORGE FLOYD AND CIVIL UNREST

Yes!

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**From:** Engel, Steven A. (OLC) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:39 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S REMARKS ON MR. GEORGE FLOYD AND CIVIL UNREST

Good. I'm particularly interested in the part of the Q&A where he discussed the federal response. We're working on the response letter to DC AG Racine.

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:38 PM  
**To:** Engel, Steven A. (OLC) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S REMARKS ON MR. GEORGE FLOYD AND CIVIL UNREST

Yep. Happy to forward to you.  
Below remarks are as prepared w/ his hand-written edits and what was blasted out via OPA/published on our website and via Twitter yesterday afternoon.  
The transcript follows fairly closely.

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**From:** Engel, Steven A. (OLC) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:21 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** FW: ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S REMARKS ON MR. GEORGE FLOYD AND CIVIL UNREST

Do we have a transcript of yesterday's press conference?

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**From:** The AAG for Administration <[Ex\\_AAGAdmin@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:Ex_AAGAdmin@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:33 AM  
**To:** The AAG for Administration <[Ex\\_AAGAdmin@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:Ex_AAGAdmin@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S REMARKS ON MR. GEORGE FLOYD AND CIVIL UNREST



## The United States Department of Justice

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THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020

### ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S REMARKS ON MR. GEORGE FLOYD AND CIVIL UNREST

Washington, DC

*Remarks as Prepared for Delivery for the June 4, 2020 Press Conference*

Good afternoon.

Over the Constitution Avenue entrance to this building is a Latin inscription that translates as “Everything is created by Law and Order.”<sup>[1]</sup> That ancient principle still holds true. Our free society depends on the rule of law – the assurance that ordinary citizens can go about their lives without being subject to arbitrary violence or fear. When the rule of law breaks down, the promise of America does too.

Our nation is now confronting two serious threats to the rule of law. The first is a long standing one but was recently crystalized and driven home by the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

The video of police conduct in this episode is harrowing. When you watch it, and imagine that one of your own loved ones was being treated like that, and begging for their lives, it is impossible for any normal human being not to be struck in the heart with horror.

This matter is being pursued by both the state and the federal government. The state has filed second degree murder charges against one officer, and aiding and abetting charges against three other officers.

As we typically do in cases such as this, the Department of Justice is conducting a parallel and independent investigation into possible violations of federal civil rights laws.

The president has directed me to spare no effort. We are coordinating our work with that of Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison. As a matter of comity, the Department of Justice typically lets the state go forward with its proceedings first.

This afternoon, our United States Attorney in Minnesota and FBI Special Agent in Charge of the Minneapolis Field Office will attend a memorial service for Mr. Floyd. Today is a day for mourning, and the day is coming soon when justice will be served.



George Floyd's death was not the first of its kind, and it exposes concerns that reach far beyond this case.

While the vast majority of police officers do their job bravely and righteously, it is undeniable that many African Americans lack confidence in the American criminal justice system. That must change. Our Constitution mandates equal protection of the laws, and nothing less is acceptable. As the nation's leading federal law enforcement agency, the Department of Justice will do its part. I believe that police chiefs and law enforcement leaders around the country are committed to ensuring that racism plays no part in law enforcement, and that everyone receives equal protection of the laws.

In October 2019, the President established the first Commission on Law Enforcement since the 1960's. I am meeting later this month with the Commission and have been talking with law enforcement leaders around the country.

In the weeks and months ahead, we will be working with community leaders to find constructive solutions so that Mr. Floyd's death will not have been in vain. We will work hard to help bring good out of bad.

Unfortunately, the aftermath of George Floyd's death has produced a second challenge to the rule of law.

While many have peacefully expressed their anger and grief, others have hijacked protests to engage in lawlessness—violent rioting and arson, looting of businesses and public property, assaults on law enforcement officers and innocent people, and even the murder of a federal agent.

Such senseless acts of anarchy are not exercises of First Amendment rights; they are crimes designed to terrify fellow citizens and intimidate communities.

As I told the governors on Monday, we understand the distinction among three different sets of actors. The large preponderance of those who are protesting are peaceful demonstrators who are exercising their First Amendment rights.

At some demonstrations, there are groups that exploit the opportunity to engage in looting. And finally, at some demonstration, there are extremist agitators who are hijacking the protests to pursue their own separate and violent agenda.

We have evidence that Antifa and other similar extremist groups, as well as actors of a variety of different political persuasions, have been involved in instigating and participating in the violent activity. We are also seeing foreign actors playing all sides to exacerbate the violence.

The Department of Justice is working to restore order in the District of Columbia and around the nation. Here in Washington, we are working around the clock with local police, the citizen soldiers of the National Guard, and other federal agencies to provide safety and justice. We have deployed all the major law enforcement components of the department in this mission, including the FBI, ATF, DEA, Bureau of Prisons, and U.S. Marshals Service. I thank them and all those working bravely and professionally to protect the District.

The Justice Department is also working closely with our state and local partners to address violent riots around the country. Our federal law enforcement efforts are focused on the violent instigators.

Through the FBI, U.S. Attorney's Offices, component field offices, and state and local law enforcement, we are receiving real time intelligence, and we have deployed resources to quell outbreaks of violence in several places. I urge governors, mayors, and other state and local leaders to work closely with the National Guard and with us. The federal government has thus far made 51 arrests for federal crimes in connection with violent rioting. We will continue to

investigate, make arrests, and prosecute where warranted.

When I was Attorney General in 1992, violent riots broke out in Los Angeles following the acquittal of the police officers accused of beating Rodney King. Ultimately, the department at my direction filed federal civil rights charges against the officers. As President Bush assured the Nation at that time, “The violence will end. Justice will be served. Hope will return.” The same is true today. The rule of law will prevail. Thank you.

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[\[1\]](#) “Lege atque ordine omnia fiunt.”

Attorney General  
William P. Barr

## Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 1:29 PM  
**To:** Herlihy, Brianna (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Request, HuffPost

Ha this one is amazing on so many levels

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**From:** Herlihy, Brianna (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 1:39 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Fwd: Media Request, HuffPost

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Carol Kuruvilla (b) (6) >  
**Date:** June 4, 2020 at 1:37:38 PM EDT  
**To:** "Kupec, Kerri (OPA)" (b) (6) >, "Herlihy, Brianna (PAO)" (b) (6) >, "Woltornist, Alexei (PAO)" (b) (6) >, "Navas, Nicole (OPA)" (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Media Request, HuffPost

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Hello,

I'm Carol, a religion reporter at HuffPost. I'm reaching out about reports that the expanded security perimeter around the White House prevented Bishop Mariann Budde (of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington) from holding a vigil at St. John's Church yesterday afternoon. I wanted to see if a DOJ official could explain why this happened and respond to claims that it violated these clergy's religious freedom.

The diocese planned to hold a prayer vigil outside of St. John's Church on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. The diocese was forced to move the vigil to 16th and H St NW because of the security perimeter, which made it much harder for the vigil to take place as planned.

“We have really seen what it’s like when the entire force of the government and the military and the state come out against religious freedom,” said Rev. Melanie Mullen, the Episcopal Church’s director of reconciliation, evangelism and creation care.

**I have a few questions below – an emailed statement works well. Hoping to hear back as soon as possible.**

- What is the name/title of the person responding to this request?
- Was the DOJ involved in the decision to create a security perimeter around the White House that

included the patio of St. John's Church?

- Why was the Episcopal Diocese of Washington prevented from holding a vigil on the patio of St. John's Church yesterday afternoon? What was the reasoning behind keeping them outside of the security perimeter?

- How will this be handled going forward -- will the clergy be allowed to gather for vigils on the patio of St. John's Church? Will non-clergy protestors also be allowed to attend these faith-based vigils inside of the security perimeter?

- How do you respond to the clergy's claims that their religious freedom was violated?

Thanks,  
Carol

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**Carol Kuruvilla**

Religion Reporter, HuffPost  
770 Broadway, 4th Floor  
New York, NY 10003

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## Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 1:58 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Subject:** FW: Request interview with Zach Terwilliger

Yeah def no

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**From:** Weiner, Rachel (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:42 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Request interview with Zach Terwilliger

Matt,

I would like to do a story on Zach Terwilliger's role in the federal response to the George Floyd protests and attendant violence, as a prominent local figure. I understand he now has a title as a senior adviser to AG Barr for civil unrest. I would like to ask him how he got into this role, what it entails, how long it's expected to go on, what he's been doing day to day and what input he's had on the Attorney General's decisions.

Thanks,

Rachel Weiner  
The Washington Post  
(b) (6)  
Cell/Signal/Whatsap (b) (6)  
Twitter: rachelweinerwp  
Secure Drop: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/securedrop/>

**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 2:28 PM  
**To:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA); Burns, Barbara (USANYW)  
**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA); Kjergaard, Alison (OPA); McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

I just heard about this from CRT side. I'm looking into

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**From:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 2:04 PM  
**To:** Burns, Barbara (USANYW) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

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On Jun 5, 2020, at 12:05 AM, Burns, Barbara (USANYW) (b) (6) > wrote:

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It's not easy to watch...

<https://news.wbfo.org/post/graphic-video-buffalo-police-officers-violently-shove-man-ground>

Sent from my iPhone

Marc Raimondi  
U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6)

On Jun 4, 2020, at 6:53 PM, Burns, Barbara (USANYW) (b) (6) > wrote:

Press release on both indictments attached...

These videos are from FOX News

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/suv-plows-through-buffalo-police-2-seriously-injured>

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/aerial-image-shows-police-apprehending-suspects-after-suv-plowed-into-cops-in-buffalo>

Video attached is from Facebook...

From: Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 12:00 PM  
To: Burns, Barbara (USANYW) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) (b) (6) >  
Subject: RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

Thanks, can you please share any photos you have of the incidents.

Also, note that we are doing an AG presser at 12:30, please have your USA watch that to ensure we are on a consistent message.

From: Burns, Barbara (USANYW) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2020 11:57 AM  
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) (b) (6) >  
Subject: RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

Good morning!

Attached is a DRAFT press release for an indictment this morning. We've indicted 3 people on a felon in possession charge. They are also charged in city court for driving a vehicle through a line of police officers at a protest Monday night, injuring 3 officers.

We also will be indicting later today (4pm) the defendant who we arrested by complaint Monday for throwing a burning basket into City Hall and causing a fire inside. The complaint press release is attached for background. I will send indictment press release when its done.

We plan to have a news conference after 4pm to announce all of these developments.

Let me know if you need anything else.

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 10:51 AM  
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) (b) (6) >

Subject: RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

Good morning,

Moving the entire PAO group to BCC so we can keep replies limited to the group cc'd hear.  
Thanks for flagging your releases, please continue to do so asap.

Also, we are interested finding a way to make images or video filed in court available for us do we can get these to networks. Please forward these to us or work with Ashley so we can locate them online.

In addition, and separately, please flag for us publicly available social media images or video that may also relate to your cases.

We need responses ASAP. Thanks !

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From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2020 6:24 PM  
To: USAEO-PublicInformationOfficers <[USAEO-PublicInformationOfficers@usa.doj.gov](mailto:USAEO-PublicInformationOfficers@usa.doj.gov)><<mailto:USAEO-PublicInformationOfficers@usa.doj.gov>>>

Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
Subject: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

Dear Colleagues,

Please give all copied here a heads up on federal arrests and pending charges related to violent activity/federal crimes occurring amidst unrest in many of your areas. We want to make sure and amplify nationally, so please give us as much advance notice as possible so we can coordinate the release of information.

Any questions, call m (b) (6)

Wyn Hornbuckle  
Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
(b) (6)

<Davis, Pigram, Stewart and Renford indictments.pdf>

<Video.MOV>



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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Cc:** Sofer, Gregg (OAG); Bissex, Rachel (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Potential story for DEA NY Field Division in ref support to NY LEAs

Adding Rachel and Sofer for their thoughts since I'm not up to speed on sensitivities on LE operations. I might be (b) (5) [REDACTED]. But regardless, I'd want to know if Tim was okay with it. (The story he did with Balsamo the other night turned out great)

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 2:26 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** FW: Potential story for DEA NY Field Division in ref support to NY LEAs

I have concerns that thi (b) (5) [REDACTED]

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**From:** Navas, Nicole (OPA) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) [REDACTED]; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED]; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Potential story for DEA NY Field Division in ref support to NY LEAs

Please see below. I think thi (b) (5) [REDACTED]. Any concerns?

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per DEA [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 2:02 PM  
**To:** Navas, Nicole (OPA) (b) (6) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Potential story for NY Field Division

Hi Nicole,

DEA's New York Field Division is interested in pitching a stor (b)(5), (b)(7)(E) per DEA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

(b)(5) per DEA [REDACTED], let me know if this is something they can pursue.

Thanks,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per DEA [REDACTED]

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per DEA **Acting Chief • National Media Affairs • Office of Congressional and Public Affairs • Drug Enforcement Administration**

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per DEA

**Kupec, Kerri (OPA)**

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:47 PM  
**To:** Lynch, Sarah N. (Reuters); Sullivan, Andy R. (Reuters)  
**Subject:** RE: request for comment: Facebook says no evidence of foreign interference

I would refer you to the comments made by both the AG and Director Wray - thanks

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**From:** Lynch, Sarah N. (Reuters) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:45 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >; Sullivan, Andy R. (Reuters) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: request for comment: Facebook says no evidence of foreign interference

He didn't reference FB  
I believe Chris Wray just made a broad reference to social media (not a platform).

Perhaps you can elaborate on the concerns about which social media platforms are at issue and if you think FB is among them?

Sarah

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:43 PM  
**To:** Sullivan, Andy R. (Reuters) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Lynch, Sarah N. (Reuters) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: request for comment: Facebook says no evidence of foreign interference

Okay. I don't believe the AG referenced Facebook, so I'm not quite sure what you are asking me to comment on?

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**From:** Sullivan, Andy R. (Reuters) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 1:24 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Lynch, Sarah N. (Reuters) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** request for comment: Facebook says no evidence of foreign interference

Hi Kerri,

Facebook says they haven't found any evidence of coordinated foreign interference related to the George Floyd protests. Our tech reporters are writing that up.

(I've seen reporting elsewhere that much of that activity has been on Twitter.)

Given AG Barr's comments during yesterday's presser, would DOJ care to weigh in?

Thanks, Andy

Andy Sullivan  
Correspondent, Reuters News

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**Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)**

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:51 PM  
**To:** Connelly, Don (USANCE)  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO); Raimondi, Marc (OPA); Kjergaard, Alison (OPA); McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

Filed in court?

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**From:** Connelly, Don (USANCE) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 2:43 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

Wyn,

Here are two photos of Pittman during the commission of the crime.

Don

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 10:51 AM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

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**Subject:** Heads up on federal arrests and charges

**Kupec, Kerri (OPA)**

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:56 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO); Assefi, Omeed (CRT)  
**Subject:** RE: TIME story on p/p & Minneapolis

No it's ok. But keep on keeping me in the loop on this stuff

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:49 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >; Assefi, Omeed (CRT) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: TIME story on p/p & Minneapolis

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:44 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Assefi, Omeed (CRT) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: TIME story on p/p & Minneapolis

I just skimmed quickly what are the daylight issues?

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:40 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >; Assefi, Omeed (CRT) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** TIME story on p/p & Minneapolis

This is article we backgrounded for. Puts some daylight between WH and DOJ that probably need to be aware of for AG TV on Sunday: <https://time.com/5848368/george-floyd-police-reform-failures/>

Matt Lloyd  
Principal Deputy Director, Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
(b) (6) (cell)

## Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO); Raimondi, Marc (OPA); Kjergaard, Alison (OPA); Vance, Alexa M. (PAO)  
**Subject:** FW: List of Federal Riot Cases Charged (attached)  
**Attachments:** List of Federal Riot Cases Charged.docx

[Latest summary](#)

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**From:** Morales, Arlen (USAEO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 3:02 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Ausiello, David (USAEO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: List of Federal Riot Cases Charged (attached)

[Good Afternoon Wyn,](#)

[Latest list attached, includes PRs from NDOH and EDNC issued today.](#)

R,  
Arlen

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**From:** Morales, Arlen (USAEO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:02 AM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Ausiello, David (USAEO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: List of Federal Riot Cases Charged (attached)

[Morning Wyn,](#)

[Latest list attached.](#)

R,  
Arlen

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**From:** Morales, Arlen (USAEO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 3:29 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Ausiello, David (USAEO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: List of Federal Riot Cases Charged (attached)

[Wyn latest doc attached.](#)

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 11:21 AM

**To:** Morales, Arlen (USAEO) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Ausiello, David (USAEO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: List of Federal Riot Cases Charged (attached)

Thanks Arlen for the assistance, excellent work

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**From:** Morales, Arlen (USAEO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2020 7:57 AM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Ausiello, David (USAEO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** List of Federal Riot Cases Charged (attached)

Morning Wyn,

Updated list attached.

Arlen



## List of Federal Riot Cases Charged

Updated: 6.5.20 3:00 p.m. (ET)

| DATE   | DISTRICT | DEFENDANT(S)   | CHARGE(S)  | PRESS RELEASE  |
|--------|----------|--|--|--|
| 6/5/20 | NDOH     | Brandon Michael Althof Long<br><br>Devon Bryce Poland                | Engaging and conspiring to engage in interstate travel with a firearm with the intent to use fire to participate in civil unrest and riot, use of fire to commit a felony, and rioting   | <a href="#">Two Pennsylvania men arrested and charged for traveling to Cleveland to commit acts of violence</a>                                      |
| 6/5/20 | EDNC     | Jabari Devon Davis   | One count of attempting to damage or destroy by fire a vehicle owned or possessed by an institution receiving federal financial assistance   | <a href="#">Raleigh Man Arrested for Attempting to Set Fire to Raleigh Police Department Vehicle</a>   |
| 6/4/20 | WDWI     | Kyle C. Olson (also known as Charles Quade)<br>Anthony R. Krohn      | Both charged with 18 USC 922(g)(1); felon in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">Two Wisconsin Men Charged with Illegally Possessing Firearm During Madison Protests</a>  |
| 6/4/20 | NV       | Tyree Walker<br>Devarian Haynes<br>Ricardo Densmore                  | One count of conspiracy to commit arson<br>One count of arson  | <a href="#">Three Men Face Federal Arson Charges For Setting Fire To Police Patrol Vehicle During Protest In Downtown Las Vegas</a>                  |
| 6/4/20 | WDMO     | Matthew E. Madden  | 18 USC 922(g)(3), drug user in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">KCK Man Arrested for Attacking Officers at Protest Charged with Illegal Firearm</a>  |
| 6/4/20 | WDNY     | Deyanna Davis<br>Semaj Pigram<br>Walter Stewart<br>Courtland Renford | <b>Davis, Pigram, Stewart:</b> Felon in possession of a firearm.<br><b>Renford:</b> federal grand jury has returned a separate indictment charging the defendant with arson (see <a href="#">6/1/20 WDNY Press Release re Renford</a> ). | <a href="#">Four Defendants Charged In Two Separate Indictments For Their Roles In Incidents Of Violence Associated With Civil Unrest In Buffalo</a> |
| 6/4/20 | NDIL     | Adam Walton  | 18 USC 922(g)(1); felon in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">Man Charged in Federal Court With Illegally Possessing Loaded Handgun in Chicago</a>   |
| 6/4/20 | CDIL     | Ca'Quintez Gibson  | 18 U.S.C 2101, Inciting a Riot   | <a href="#">Federal Complaint Charges Peoria Man with Using Internet to Incite Rioting in Peoria</a>   |
| 6/4/20 | AZ       | Loren Reed   | Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(e) for using the internet and telephone to willfully threaten to unlawfully damage or destroy a building by fire   | <a href="#">Page Man Charged with Threatening to Burn Page Magistrate Court</a>  |

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Updated: 6.5.20 3:00 p.m. (ET)

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|--------|------|---|--|--|
| 6/4/20 | NJ   | Carlos A. Matchett  | 18 USC 2101<br>Use of a facility of interstate commerce to organize, promote, encourage, participate in, and carry on a riot   | <a href="#">Atlantic City Man Charged with Rioting</a>   |
| 6/4/20 | SDIN | Antonio Wooden  | 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(2) and (3); fugitive and drug user in possession of a firearm.  | <a href="#">Federal charges filed from incident during Saturday's protest/rioting</a>  |
| 6/3/20 | EDMO | Devante Coffie  | 18 U.S.C. 922(u), burglary from firearms dealer  | <a href="#">St. Louis County Man Faces a Federal Firearms Charges in Connection to the Burglary of the Southside Pawn Shop</a>         |
| 6/3/20 | NDIL | Kevin D. Tunstall<br>Johnnie L. Lee                                     | One count of illegal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon  | <a href="#">Two Convicted Felons Charged in Federal Court With Illegally Possessing Loaded Handguns in Chicago</a>                     |
| 6/3/20 | NDIL | Joseph Hammond  | 18 USC 922(g)(1); felon in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">Chicago Man Facing Federal Firearm Charge After Allegedly Pointing Loaded Gun at Federal Agent</a>                         |
| 6/3/20 | MA   | Vincent Eovacious   | Civil disorder and possession of a Molotov cocktail  | <a href="#">Worcester Man Charged with Civil Disorder and Possession of a Destructive Device</a>                                       |
| 6/3/20 | UT   | Jackson Stuart<br>Tamowski Patton                                       | One count of arson for allegedly setting fire to a Salt Lake City Police Department vehicle  | <a href="#">Salt Lake City Man Arrested On Federal Arson Charges For Alleged Burning Of Salt Lake City Police Patrol Car</a>           |
| 6/3/20 | WDKY | Tevin R. Patton   | Prohibited person in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">U.S. Attorney's Office Prosecuting Armed Felon From Tennessee Arrested During Louisville Protest And Riots</a>             |
| 6/3/20 | MDFL | John Wesley<br>Mobley, Jr.  | False impersonation of a federal officer   | <a href="#">Convicted Felon Charged With Impersonating A Deputy United States Marshal At George Floyd Protest</a>                      |
| 6/3/20 | WDPA | Melquan Barnett   | Malicious destruction of property using fire or explosives   | <a href="#">Erie Man Charged with Arson for Setting Fire at Erie Coffee Shop during Protest</a>  |
| 6/3/20 | NV   | Stephen T. Parshall<br>aka "Kiwi,"<br>Andrew Lynam<br>William L. Loomis | All charged with: One count of conspiracy to damage and destroy by fire and explosive; and one count of possession of unregistered firearms, that is, a destructive device | <a href="#">Joint Terrorism Task Force Charges Three Men Who Allegedly Sought To Exploit Protests In Las Vegas And Incite Violence</a> |

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Updated: 6.5.20 3:00 p.m. (ET)

|         |      |   |   |  |
|---------|------|---|---|--|
| 6/3/20  | MDTN | Wesley Somers   | Malicious destruction of property using fire or explosives  | <a href="#">Hendersonville Man Facing Federal Arson Charges In Connection To Metro Courthouse Fire During Protest</a>                |
| 6/2/20  | NDIL | Timothy O'Donnell   | 18 U.S.C. § 844(i), arson   | <a href="#">Chicago Man Arrested on Federal Arson Charge for Allegedly Setting Fire to Chicago Police Vehicle</a>                    |
| 6/2/20  | NDIL | Brandon Pegues<br>Amber L. Peltzer                        | <b>Pegues:</b> 18 U.S.C. 922(g), felon in possession of a firearm<br><b>Peltzer:</b> 18 U.S.C. 922(g), felon in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">Two Individuals Charged in Federal Court With Illegally Possessing Loaded Handguns in Downtown Chicago</a>               |
| 6/2/20  | NJ   | Justin Spry   | Attempt to Damage Government Property by Fire, 18 USC 844(f)(1) and (2)<br>Attempt to Damage Property in Commerce by Fire, 18 USC 844(i)  | <a href="#">Middlesex County Man Arrested for Attempting to Set Fire to Trenton Police Vehicle</a>                                   |
| 6/2/20  | NDTX | Emmanuel Quinones   | 18 U.S.C. 875(c) (interstate threatening communications)  | <a href="#">Man Who Brandished Assault Rifle at Protest Charged With Making Threats</a>  |
| 6/2/20  | MN   | Garrett Patrick Ziegler<br>Fornandous Cortez<br>Henderson | The defendants are charged with arson and possession of Molotov cocktails.  | <a href="#">Two Individuals Charged With Throwing Molotov Cocktails Into Dakota County Government Building</a>                       |
| 6/1/20  | WDNY | Courtland Renford   | 18 USC 844(i), destroying/attempting to destroy a building used in interstate commerce  | <a href="#">Buffalo Man Charged With Arson After Throwing A Burning Basket Into Buffalo City Hall During Weekend Protests</a>        |
| 6/1/20  | MN   | Matthew Lee Rupert  | 18 U.S.C § 231(a)(3) (civil disorders) and 2101 (riots); 26 U.S.C. § 5845(f), 5861(d), and 5871 (unregistered firearms)   | <a href="#">Federal Criminal Complaint Charges Illinois Man With Traveling To Minnesota To Riot, Possession Of Explosive Devices</a> |
| 5/31/20 | EDNY | Colin ford Mattis<br>Urooj Rahman<br>Samantha Shader      | <b>Mattis/Rahman:</b> causing damage by fire and explosives – police vehicle); 18 U.S.C. 2 (aiding and abetting)<br><b>Shader:</b> 18 U.S.C. 844(i) (causing damage by fire and explosives – police vehicle | <a href="#">Two Brooklyn Residents and a Greene County Resident Charged in Connection with Molotov Cocktail Attacks on the NYPD</a>  |

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:11 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Subject:** FW: WashPost Request -- Lafayette Square  
**Attachments:** Lafayette Square — Questions for the Bureau of Pr.docx

Kerri Do you have a preferred approach to responding to Washington Post for the story they are doing on Lafayette Square. They have submitted a detailed list of questions to BOP, but doesn't seem best approach fo (b) (5)

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**From:** Nancy Ayers (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Fwd: WashPost Request -- Lafayette Square

Perhaps we coul (b) (5)

Nancy Ayers  
Chief, Office of Public Affairs  
Federal Bureau of Prisons  
U.S. Department of Justice

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>>> BOP-IPP/Public Affairs 6/5/2020 3:55 PM >>>

Office of Public Affairs  
Information, Policy and Public Affairs Division  
Federal Bureau of Prisons

(b) (6) - phone  
(202) 514-6620 - fax  
>>> "Davis, Aaron" (b) (6) > 6/4/2020 2:37 PM >>>

All, Aaron Davis at The Washington Post. Reporters from across the newsroom have been working to reconstruct the events of Monday night at Lafayette Square using video, photographs and available police communications. Officers from the Bureau of Prisons feature prominently in the reconstruction because of the available police communications, and positioning of BOP officers along the skirmish lines and their active role in dispersing the crowd. Please see our working timeline below. We invite BOP to help **TODAY** in this project to clear up questions of chain of command, use of munitions against the crowd, and to generally fact-check the information we have, as there appear to be some discrepancies from initial reports. Please review ASAP and let us know a time today that we can discuss, as a conversation by phone or video conference may be most expedient. Thank you, - Aaron

You may also access this shared document with the same information in the word document. You may provide annotated written responses here:

<https://paper.dropbox.com/doc/Lafayette-Square-Questions-for-the-Bureau-of-Prisons--A1Rva6QBMwAM019GS5ACifdbAg-c2mPZsky5Rv5qKHpDE3fX>

[Aaron C. Davis](#)

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## Lafayette Square — Questions for the Bureau of Prisons

All, The Washington Post is reconstructing the events of Monday night at Lafayette Square using video, photographs and available police communications. Officers from the Bureau of Prisons feature prominently in the reconstruction because of the available police communications, and positioning of BOP officers along the skirmish lines and their active role in dispersing the crowd.

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### Basic Questions:

1. How many BOP officers were deployed to Lafayette square on Monday evening? How many members of BOP's Special Operations Response Team were deployed? Where are those officers typically assigned?
2. When did BOP officers first arrive at Lafayette square on Monday? When were BOP's SORT members on scene?
3. Who was in command for BOP forces on the ground in the 6 o'clock hour on Monday evening? Please ID the officer. Where was he or she located as the orders came into form a skirmish line and disperse the crowd?
4. Who was in operational control of the scene at that time, was BOP taking instruction from USPP? Who was the incident commander or officer in charge of unified on-scene command that BOP and other agencies were taking direction from?
5. When was BOP made aware of the order to push forward and clear the area of the protestors? We understand from scanner transmissions that one agency on site, ACPD received orders at 6:22 and then began to move at 6:26 or 6:28. Did BOP receive orders at the same time? Can you provide a written account of the CAD or other transmissions at this time? We have partial audio clips.
6. What munitions were assigned to BOP personnel present on Lafayette Square? What munitions were assigned to members of BOP's SORT team? It appears from footage as well as current and former BOP officers that we have spoken with that your personnel had pepper ball guns, and L6 and L8 devices to fire canisters.
7. Has BOP inventoried the amount of munitions used? Can your provide an estimate? **From footage, it appears BOP officers fired more munitions into the crowd than officers from any other agency. What were the specific munitions deployed by BOP forces?** We understand OC canisters are standard issue for BOP SORT teams for indoor and outdoor use in riot control.

8. As an agency providing mutual aid, was BOP operating under any guidance or instructions from USPP regarding use of force and types of munitions employed against protesters?
9. What are the training requirements for BOP's SORT team members?
10. What training do BOP officers received related to urban or community policing? We understand not all SORT team members are always sworn officers. Were all of the SORT team members deployed in the District of Columbia sworn officers?



**Key times and issues:**

-At **6:35 p.m.** in footage reviewed by The Post it appears BOP SORT units positioned behind a barricade begin firing pepper balls into the crowd of protestors. Who gave this order?

-At **6:28 p.m.** ACPD received the order that "Level 1" was activated. In video reviewed by The Post, a member of what appears to be the USPP approached the SORT team announcing 'Level 1' had been activated. What is this specific order that was given to forces on the ground? Did this order come from USPP?

-At **6:35 p.m.** ACPD were told "Leave the camera crew alone" was the BOP aware of the attack on two Australian reporters while dispersing the protests? What appears to be a member of BOP's SORT team also places his hands on one of the reporters after they comply with the officer's orders to leave the area. Did members of the BOP try to intervene to stop the actions of Park Police?





-At **6:37 p.m.** BOP officers from the Special Operations Response team officer begin firing at close range towards protestors while other protestors gather medical supplies and water from a makeshift medical station. Images from this moment reviewed by The Post shows protestors leaving the area and no immediate threat to the officers. What are the rules of engagement for members of SORT? Who ordered these officers to fire pepper balls into the crowd? A video of the incident can be seen [here](#).



| Timeline   | Background                        | Notes |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------|
| <p><b>5:07 p.m.</b></p> <p>Groups of protesters begin making their way to the White House from the Capitol</p> |                                   |       |
| <p><b>6:18 p.m.</b></p>  | <p><a href="#">Video link</a></p> |       |

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| <p>Secret service police begin to advance into crowd and split up protestors into smaller groups outside the White House. A small group of protestors begin to throw eggs, candy bars, and other projectiles at the secret service.</p> |   |   |
| <p><b>6:22 p.m.</b></p> <p>Officers make some sort of announcement to protestors but it is</p>  | <p>Video can be heard at <a href="#">4:13pm</a></p> | <p>-Who is the Major in charge at this moment speaking to protestors?</p> |

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| <p>inaudible<br/> . -<br/> ““Attenti<br/> on: This<br/> is Maj...””</p>  |  |  |
| <p><b>6:28<br/> p.m.</b></p> <p>“Level 1’s<br/> been<br/> activated</p> <p>Copy,<br/> level 1<br/> activated<br/> 1828”</p>  | <p>Audio of radio transmission from Arlington County police radio.</p>                             |  |
| <p><b>6:28<br/> p.m.</b></p> <p>National<br/> Guard &amp;<br/> officers<br/> move<br/> forward<br/> toward<br/> barricade<br/> facing H<br/> street<br/> NW from<br/> the<br/> direction<br/> of<br/> Lafayette<br/> Square.<br/> The<br/> crowd<br/> grows<br/> tense, in</p> | <p><a href="#">Video link of national guard and federal officers pushing towards barricade</a></p> |  |

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| <p>what is seen as an escalation.</p> <p>A water bottle is thrown by a protester as the officers move forward.</p> <p>Behind line of National Guard officers at barricade in Reuters live, federal officers appear to be holding pepper ball guns.</p> |                                   |  |
| <p><b>6:28 p.m.</b></p> <p>Secret service police</p>   | <p><a href="#">Video link</a></p> |  |

and USPP begins to rapidly push protestors out, in some cases violently up Vermont Ave NW from H St NW

**6:29 p.m**

[Video link](#)

BOP Special Operations Unit arrives to barricades and Parks Police commander walks past and asks about "level 1"

The officer with the yellow tab and short sleeves is



later seen  
at the  
corner of  
H St and  
17th.



**6:35  
p.m.**

[Video link to CNN coverage](#)

Moment  
when  
ACPD,  
BOP and  
Park  
Police  
begin

surge forward toward protestors at from St. John's.

ACPD officers are seen [here](#) standing as Park Police officers charge past them into the crowd. ACPD officers then move.

Tear gas is thrown, rubber bullets shot.

BOP officers begin firing pepper balls into the





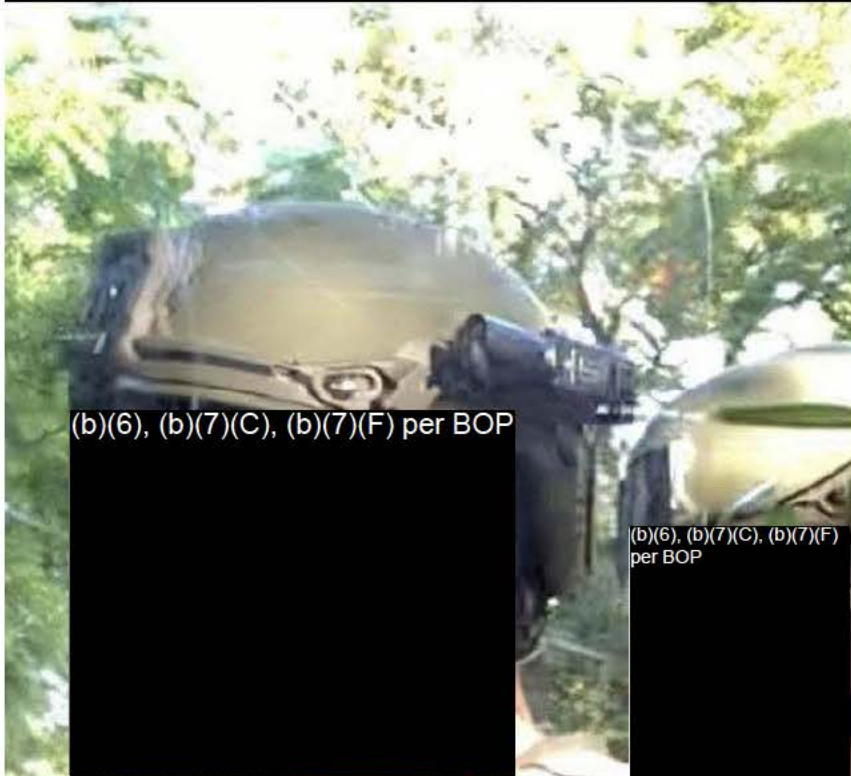
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| <p>crowd of protestors.</p> <p>Stinger bombs are also deployed against protestors.</p>   |  |  |
| <p><b>6:35 p.m.</b><br/>         Australian television crew attacked by Park Police. In the video it appears members of BOP's Sort unit push the reporters .</p> |  |  |
| <p><b>6:36 p.m.</b></p> <p>"Leave the camera crew alone"</p>   | <p>Audio of radio transmission from Arlington County police radio.</p> |  |
| <p><b>6:37 p.m.</b></p>  |  |  |

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| <p>Protesters are pushed farther down the street and pepper balls and gas is thrown</p>                       |   |  |
| <p><b>6:37 p.m.</b></p> <p>BOP officer shoots at close range a protester who had come to pick up supplies</p> |  <p><a href="#">Video link</a></p> |  |
| <p><b>6:42 p.m.</b></p> <p>Line of</p>  |   |  |

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| <p>Park Police on horses deployed to disperse crowd as park police push to the sidewalks horses push towards protestors after passing 17th and H Street.</p> |  |  |
| <p><b>6:44 p.m.</b></p> <p>Trump begins address nation in Rose Garden</p>  |  |  |
| <p><b>6:45 p.m.</b></p> <p>US Bureau of Prisons Special Operations Team including</p>  |  |  |

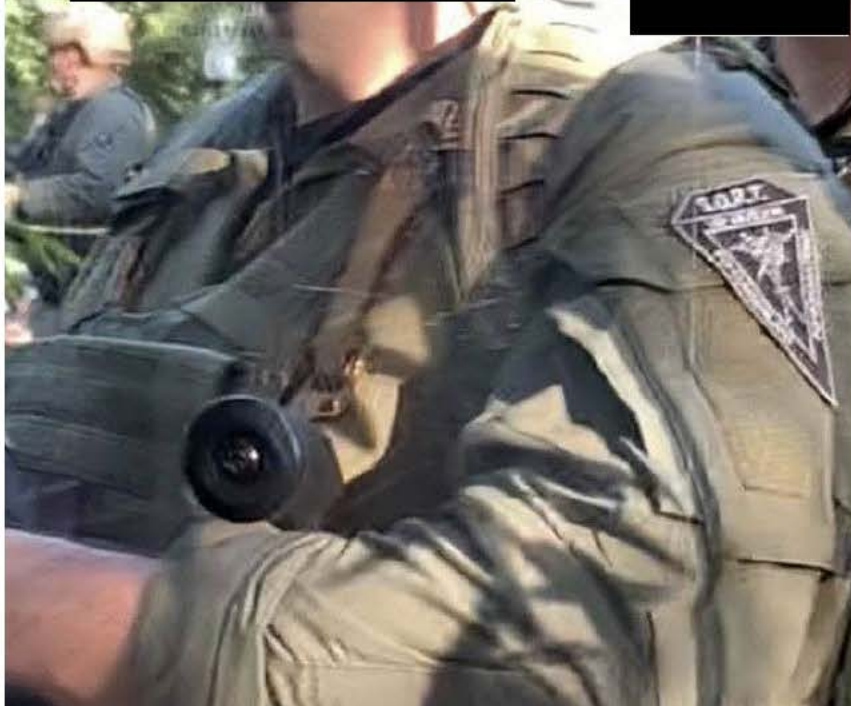
several officers seen at 6:26 pm move to corner of H St and 17th. Can be seen here in [video](#).





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| <p><b>6:53 p.m.</b></p> <p>CNN video appears to show police had formed two lines at 16th &amp; K St. and 16th &amp; I Street</p> <p>ACPD is visible up 16th street location before I Street.</p> <p>-What are we seeing here?</p> | <p><a href="#">Video here</a></p>        |  |
| <p><b>6:55 p.m.</b></p> <p>“ACPD has met their objective and national guard are</p>   | <p>Audio from Arlington police radio</p> |  |

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| <p>moving into hold the line on 16th street”</p>                           |  |  |
| <p><b>6:59 p.m.</b></p> <p>“Get ready reinforcements are coming”</p>       | <p>Audio from Arlington police radio</p> |  |
| <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b></p> <p>D.C. curfew goes into effect</p>                | <p>Audio from Arlington police radio</p> |  |
| <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b></p> <p>Alpha bravo, get your squad, get your squad</p> | <p>Audio from Arlington police radio</p> |  |

## Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:21 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: WashPost Request -- Lafayette Square

Here's a proposed BOP cleared statement for Sadie who is doing an article on the issue of BOP crowd control officers being unidentifiable at protests. It is in line with what the director said at the press conference, and is somewhat responsive to the WaPo article, so maybe use it for both?

The Bureau of Prisons (BOP) has specialized Crisis Management Teams (CMTs), including Special Operations Response Teams, which are highly trained tactical units capable of responding to prison disturbances, and providing assistance to other law enforcement agencies during emergencies. The BOP's CMTs also include Disturbance Control Teams that specialize in crowd control scenarios.

Per the request of the Attorney General, the BOP has dispatched teams as needed.

BOP personnel normally operate under guidance for detaining and arresting visitors pursuant to their Bureau statutory arrest authority, 18 U.S.C. § 3050, as outlined in Program Statement 5510.15, Searching, Detaining, or Arresting Visitors to Bureau Ground and Facilities, on our public website [https://www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5510\\_015.pdf](https://www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5510_015.pdf). In this context, the BOP staff are deputized under the authority granted the United States Marshals Service to enforce federal criminal statutes and protect federal property and personnel. (See 28 C.F.R. 0.112).

The BOP Crisis Management teams have badges/credentials but in the normal course of BOP operations do not generally prominently display such because in our institution environments, the team's purpose is known and understood. As part of this public assistance mission, our teams are wearing clothing traditionally worn with their CMT function, which does not have prominent BOP insignia. We note some federal agencies also serving in the crowd control mission in D.C. have additional information on their apparel/gear but others do not. As noted by the Attorney General, it is common for federal law enforcement agents to identify themselves to citizens simply as federal law enforcement. We also note that within our agency, staff are generally trained to ensure that media interaction is first coordinated via authorized Public Information Officers and so may explain why our personnel were reticent to engage with the media.

We do not believe the federal law enforcement staff, including BOP personnel, should be subject to harassment by virtue of carrying out their responsibilities to protect federal property and/or persons. To the extent our staff's attire has generated confusion, we are taking steps to better identify and clarify that they are acting as federal law enforcement officers.

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 4:11 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** FW: WashPost Request -- Lafayette Square

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**Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)**

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:26 PM  
**To:** Connelly, Don (USANCE)  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO); Raimondi, Marc (OPA); Kjergaard, Alison (OPA); McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Pittman Fayetteville Fire Press Release Update

OK we'll stand down for now

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**From:** Connelly, Don (USANCE) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 3:46 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Pittman Fayetteville Fire Press Release Update

Wyn,

FYI, I just found out that Pittman is not in custody yet, so we won't send out the release until he is. Following your guidance last night, after he is in custody we will send it out and I will let you know just before we do.

Don

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 10:51 AM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

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**Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)**

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:30 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: National Guard

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 3:21 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** FW: National Guard

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Paschal, Barry (USAGAS) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:33 AM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >;  
Burns, Barbara (USANYW) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** National Guard

Good morning.

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Thanks,  
Barry

Barry L. Paschal  
Public Affairs Officer  
Interim Law Enforcement Coordinator  
Office of the United States Attorney - Southern District of Georgia Augusta USAO Federal Justice Center 600  
James Brown Boulevard P.O. Box 2017 Augusta, GA 30903 Offic (b) (6) Cel (b) (6)

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:40 PM  
**To:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you

Wouldn't this be similar to releasing AG memos?

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**From:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:31 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you

Not sure of a mechanism to release an internal note to select media. If it leaks that is one thing, altogether a different thing if we send it out.

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**From:** Keefe, Lawrence (USAFLN) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 4:19 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >; Ausiello, David (USAEO) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Keefe, Lawrence (USAFLN) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Fwd: Thank you

Wyn, Matt, Marc and David,

Please see below an internal USAOFLN email that I sent a moment ago to all of the employees within the USAOFLN.

I have been encouraged to provide this internal letter to the media so that it can be published ASAP as a "quasi-Op Ed" in the on-line versions of the North Florida newspapers and perhaps be printed in the Sunday editions of the "paper" newspapers.

As in many districts, there are scheduled protests and similar events here in Tallahassee and around the NDFL that begin tonight and continue through the weekend. We feel that sharing this internal message with the public will help reduce tensions and help the overall tense situation between law enforcement and the African-American community.

Please let me know ASAP whether this can be shared with the media and with those outside of the USAOFLN.

Thank you.

Please advise.

Respectfully,

Larry Keefe  
United States Attorney  
Northern District of Florida

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Keefe, Lawrence (USAFLN)" (b) (6) >  
**Date:** June 5, 2020 at 4:10:00 PM EDT  
**To:** USAFLN-All <[USAFLN-All@usa.doj.gov](mailto:USAFLN-All@usa.doj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Thank you

Dear Colleagues,

First, I want each and every one of you to know how proud I am to work and serve with you every day, especially during this prolonged challenging time.

During the ongoing COVID crisis, you have masterfully juggled the dual priorities of taking care of your families and yourselves, while at the same time reliably shouldering the solemn responsibilities of your DOJ mission. In addition to overcoming the obstacles presented by COVID, many of you have engaged with me this past week to protect the people and uphold the Rule of Law and the Constitution during the "civil unrest" that has followed the killing of Mr. George Floyd.

The USAOFLN has worked around the clock with the FBI and our state and local law enforcement partners to protect the constitutional rights of those who have chosen to march in peaceful protest and in other ways express their concerns in constitutionally protected ways. We have thus far been largely successful in protecting these law-abiding citizens and our fellow Americans from those who seek to incite violence, loot businesses, commit arson, destroy private and public property, and hijack these lawful protests in any way to serve an agenda. We will continue to fulfill our mission to protect the people in their peaceful exercise of their rights from anyone with ill intent to disrupt, deter, or detour them.

The killing of Mr. Floyd has created an understandable national moment of awareness and discernment in America. In my opinion, this killing, and the chilling video of it, stir in each of us undeniable feelings that cover a gamut of emotions. These diverse perspectives and feelings are very important to acknowledge. I will say more soon about how we can share our feelings with each other, in safe and respectful ways, and how the women and men of the USAOFLN can take the path to becoming closer, more unified in purpose, and develop greater mutual sensitivity and awareness, as America does the same.

The vital mission work of DOJ and the USAOFLN to protect the people and uphold the Constitution will continue. Even as we explore and share our own relevant feelings about this pivotal time in our modern history, we will continue to protect our fellow Americans in their exercise of their protected rights and freedoms.

In the pursuit of justice in the aftermath of Mr. Floyd's killing, AG Barr immediately engaged our DOJ sisters and brothers in an investigation into possible violations of federal civil rights laws. This federal civil rights investigation is running parallel with the state of Minnesota's investigation of murder charges against one officer and aiding and abetting charges against three other officers. I have faith and trust that AG Barr and our DOJ sisters and brothers will make certain that justice is done as surely and swiftly as appropriate and possible in the federal investigation.

The killing of Mr. Floyd has triggered concerns and impacts that reach far beyond this criminal investigation in Minnesota. Although the vast majority of police officers do their jobs bravely and righteously, it is undeniable that many black Americans lack confidence in the American criminal justice system. AG Barr has said that must change, and it is the USAOFLN's mission to make that change happen in the NDFL.

In his inspiring words, AG Barr said:

***“Our Constitution mandates equal protection of the laws, and nothing less is acceptable. As the nation’s leading federal law-enforcement agency, the Department of Justice will do its part.”***

The USAOFLN shall do its part, as well. FBI SAC JAX Rachel Rojas and I are working very closely right now with leaders in the African-American community to protect the peaceful protesters and the entire community from those who seek to use this tipping point to commit violence and incite riots. We are also working to educate the public about the DOJ's unique role in the enforcement of federal civil rights laws. With your steadfast support and hard work, the USAOFLN shall continue to do its part as an integral team member within the entire DOJ.

I extend my sincere wish that each of you has a good, safe, happy weekend with your family, as you remain alert and vigilant to engage when needed, around the clock, to protect the people and uphold the Constitution.

Respectfully,

Lawrence Keefe  
United States Attorney  
Northern District of Florida

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:45 PM  
**To:** Escalona, Prim F. (OLA); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Response to Congress

Sorry for the delay. Green light.

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**From:** Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 9:48 AM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** FW: Response to Congress

Can one of you sign off?

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**From:** Mascott, Jenn (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 9:41 AM  
**To:** Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Plack, Laura (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** FW: Response to Congress

Thanks, Prim. This looks fine to us. I clear for ODAG. I made several minor suggested edits (highlighted) below. Has OPA also weighed in, to be sure all of our Department statements are consistent?

Thank you!

Jenn

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**From:** Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 9:20 AM  
**To:** Plack, Laura (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Mascott, Jenn (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Response to Congress

Laura and Jenn,  
We have had inquiries about the federal investigation into the death of George Floyd. We'd like to get a quick answer back if possible. Below is what we have from CRT. Can someone in ODAG clear this?

Thanks!  
Prim

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Prim Escalona  
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legislative Affairs

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**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:48 PM  
**To:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Buffalo USAO statement

Thank (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI I think the coordinated that statement through Wyn.

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI. (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:47 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Fw: Buffalo USAO statement

Hi Matt,

Are you tracking on the 75-year-old protester who was knocked to the ground by a police officer? Our PAO alerted us the USAO just put out the below statement. Are you aware of it? As you can see, they don't say anything about investigation.

I just talked to our PAO in Buffalo, and it sounds like we will not be opening an investigation. At this time, her plan is to refer inquiries about it back to the USAO.

Thanks,

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National Press Office  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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**From:** "Burns, Barbara (USANYW)" (b) (6) >  
**Date:** Jun 5, 2020 12:14 PM  
**Subject:** USAO-WDNY  
**To:** "Burns, Barbara (USANYW)" (b) (6) >  
**Cc:**

United States Attorney James P. Kennedy, Jr.  
Western District of New York



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**JUNE 5, 2020**  
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**CONTACT: Barbara Burns**  
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 [facebook.com/usaowdny](https://facebook.com/usaowdny)

**STATEMENT OF U.S. ATTORNEY KENNEDY**

Last night, after seeing the video of the incident occurring in front of City Hall, I was concerned and immediately contacted both BPD Commissioner Lockwood and FBI Acting SAC Guyton. The officers involved have been suspended pending further investigation. On behalf of the entire law enforcement community, I offer our sincere best wishes to the injured gentleman, as we hope and pray for his speedy and complete recovery.

As a community and as a nation, we must resist the urge to react impetuously. Rather, as we struggle with the disturbing events depicted on that video, I suggest that we reflect on the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, who said: *“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction.... The chain reaction of evil hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation.”*

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Barbara Burns  
Public Affairs Officer  
United States Attorney's Office  
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138 Delaware Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14202  
(716) 843-5817 (office phone)  
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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:49 PM  
**To:** Burns, Barbara (USANYW)  
**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Subject:** FW: Buffalo USAO statement

Barbara, I'm sure you're in touch w/ FBI field office but just in case....

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**From** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:47 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Fw: Buffalo USAO statement

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**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:50 PM  
**To:** Moossy, Robert (CRT)  
**Subject:** FW: Buffalo USAO statement

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:47 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Fw: Buffalo USAO statement

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**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 5:07 PM  
**To:** Price, Kenji (USAHI)  
**Subject:** RE: Civil unrest messaging

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**From:** Price, Kenji (USAHI) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Civil unrest messaging

Matt: Is there a good number I can use to reach you? Thanks

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 4:27 PM  
**To:** Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Price, Kenji (USAHI) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: Civil unrest messaging

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 5:33 PM  
**To:** Cardwell, Jeff (PAO); Kupec, Kerri (OPA); Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA); Creighton, Kelly M (OPA)  
**Cc:** Vance, Alexa M. (PAO); Clark, Melissa D. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Afternoon Clips 6.5.20

Jeff, Alexa, Melissa, You all are doing a great job on this and thank you for your attention to it particularly throughout the weekend.

Couple adjustments: let's shift from covid focus to Floyd/civil unrest focus

Covid focus from here on out as relates to DOJ will be primarily Bureau of Prisons (BOP) so please keep an eye out for those stories but civil unrest is the focus now.

AG is doing Face the Nation Sunday so for tomorrow please keep eye out for any new media narrative that mentions him in particular as KK will need to know to make sure he's informed.

LMK if you have questions. Always available to discuss (b) (6)

Have a great weekend!

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**From:** Cardwell, Jeff (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:59 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >; Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >; Creighton, Kelly M (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Vance, Alexa M. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Clark, Melissa D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Afternoon Clips 6.5.20

Good Afternoon,

Here are today's clips. Have a great weekend!

All the best,



**Jeff Cardwell**  
Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Email (b) (6)  
Cell (b) (6)

**COVID-19:**

[Supreme Court blocks order to remove inmates at prison infected by COVID-19](#) *NBC News*

[Supreme Court delays federal prison inmate's release in Ohio](#) *ABC News*

[BOP pushes staff COVID testing responsibility onto outside programs](#) *Federal Times*

**Other:**

[AG Barr vows DOJ crackdown on violence during George Floyd protests](#) *New York Post*

## **Full Articles:**

[Supreme Court blocks order to remove inmates at prison infected by COVID-19](#) *NBC News*

Pete Williams

The U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday blocked a federal judge's order that required the government to begin moving more than 800 inmates from an Ohio prison who are at risk of catching the COVID-19 virus.

In a brief, order signed by Justice Sonia Sotomayor with no noted dissent, the court gave the Trump administration more time to challenge the judge's order in the lower courts.

Elkton Federal Correctional Institution in Lisbon, Ohio. Elkton Federal Correctional Institution in Lisbon, Ohio. Federal Bureau of Prisons

The American Civil Liberties Union, representing four inmates at the low-security Elkton Federal Correctional Institution near Canton, said at least one-fifth of the prison population is infected with COVID-19 and nine prisoners have died. But the inmates say the prison is simply unable, based on how it's configured, to allow the required remediation.

"Social distancing is literally impossible in Elkton's 150-person communal units," the ACLU told the Supreme Court. The 844 inmates identified as elderly and medically vulnerable "are being compelled to live at grave risk of contagion." Their beds and sinks are close together, and they must stand in tightly grouped lines for meals, the lawsuit said.

In two separate orders in April and May, a federal judge ordered the Bureau of Prisons to examine the list of 800-plus inmates and determine which could be moved to home confinement, shifted to another prison or given compassionate release.

The Justice Department urged the Supreme Court to put the judge's ruling on hold, arguing that having to move so many prisoners would threaten public safety and could require moving some inmates into higher-security prisons or farther away from their families. The prison has done its best to cope with the pandemic, cleaning common areas every day with disinfectant, providing inmates with face masks and staggering meal times to reduce crowding.

The court last month brushed aside the Justice Department's first attempt to block the release order but left the door open for the government to try again. Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch said then that the court should have stopped the release.

[Supreme Court delays federal prison inmate's release in Ohio](#) *ABC News*

Dan Sewell

CINCINNATI -- The U.S. Supreme Court has granted the federal government's request to delay the release of medically vulnerable inmates at a federal prison in eastern Ohio where hundreds have tested positive for the coronavirus.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor issued the brief order Thursday evening staying an order from a lower court to speed up the inmates' release until the Cincinnati-based 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rules in the matter.

The Supreme Court last month denied the government's request, mainly on procedural grounds. The government appealed again. Sotomayor handles emergency appeals from Ohio.

Her ruling put on hold earlier orders that the Bureau of Prisons speed up the release of more than 800 medically vulnerable inmates at a federal prison in Elkton in eastern Ohio.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness and lead to death.

Inmate health has emerged as a major concern in Ohio and other states during the pandemic, and Elkton has been one of the hardest-hit prisons in the nation.

Hundreds of Elkton inmates and at least seven guards have tested positive for the coronavirus, and nine inmates have died.

[BOP pushes staff COVID testing responsibility onto outside programs](#) *Federal Times*

Jessie Bur

The Federal Bureau of Prisons does not currently have plans to test staff members directly for COVID-19 exposure and will instead rely on local institutions to track staff infection rates, BOP Medical Director Jeffrey Allen told the Senate Committee on the Judiciary June 4.

“We rely heavily on relationships and community partnerships for the testing of staff; we are not currently testing own staff. Our healthcare resources, our healthcare staffing resources at those levels are primarily for primary care of the inmate populations in conventional situations,” said Allen.

“Now that we’re in contingency and crisis scenarios, where operations are severely affected, directing them to test staff would detract from their ability to manage the inmate population and provide care.”

Officers on the ground say that many locations in the Bureau of Prisons are seriously understaffed, resulting in dangerous working conditions. (Sara D. Davis/Getty Images)

Prison break: As the Trump administration touts prison reform as a victory, the Federal Bureau of Prisons struggles

Officers on the ground say that many BOP locations are seriously understaffed, resulting in dangerous working conditions.

Those community partnerships include Centers for Disease Control programs and testing centers set up by state and local health departments.

BOP is currently operating under criteria for internal testing that prioritizes testing inmates presenting symptoms, have likely exposure, are in an at-risk population or are moving in and out of the prison system.

“We are expanding our capabilities for testing right now, and we have created some criteria based on the availability of testing resources for a given institution. We are not currently recommending that all inmates be tested, unless those supplies are available,” said Allen.

As of June 1, 5,323 inmates had tested positive for COVID-19, while 616 staff members had tested positive. Over 400 of those staff members have recovered and returned to work.

[AG Barr vows DOJ crackdown on violence during George Floyd protests](#) *New York Post*

Yaron Steinbuch

Days after Attorney General William Barr vowed to crack down on violence and illegal acts committed during protests against police brutality, the Justice Department has charged dozens of people with federal crimes, according to a report.

Among those charged was a man accused of brandishing a handgun before being tackled by a protester, and three right-wingers who allegedly planned to incite violence during peaceful protests, Politico reported.

The AG said in a press conference Thursday that extremists were capitalizing on the protests that followed the death of George Floyd in police custody, noting that 51 people have been arrested for federal crimes tied to violent behavior.

“There are some groups that don’t have a particular ideology other than anarchy, there are some groups that want to bring about a civil war,” Barr said.

“So we are dealing with, as I say, a witch’s brew of a lot of different extremist organizations,” he added.

Barr’s initiative, which follows President Trump’s pledge to “dominate” the unruly protesters, has raised questions among legal experts and some former Justice Department officials about whether the feds are charging people with offenses that would not normally be considered federal crimes.

Barr has condemned the band of far-left militants known as Antifa, calling the group domestic terrorists and committing to targeting them.

The AG also announced that the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Forces would help coordinate federal, state and local responses to crimes committed during the anti-police demonstrations.

Former federal prosecutor Elie Honig told Politico that by bringing federal charges, the DOJ is "definitely sending a message and trying to create a deterrent effect."

"Getting charged by DOJ is a much more serious proposition than getting charged by the state," Honig added.



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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 6:02 PM  
**To:** Weiner, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: Request interview with Zach Terwilliger

Hi Rachel,  
DOJ has been in constant comms with Post on DOJ response and Post reporters were on background call with Zach earlier this week. AG held press conf yesterday to discuss response as well. At this point we aren't going to go past that.  
Thanks,  
Matt

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**From:** Weiner, Rachel (b) (6) >  
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**Cc:** Watson, Theresa (OAG); Levi, William (OAG)  
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Please find attached the following:

- Transcription of June 5 Press Conference (includes remarks from all component heads)
- Your June 5 Press Conference Remarks with handwritten edits incorporated
- All of the statements the Department has put out on Floyd and riots

The White House has informed me there is no transcription of your call. They sent me an audio link at 6 pm. (<https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=801728b5-dc7bc9b7-80100c50-ac1f6b01767e-e1549db050ae4952&q=1&e=382d71eb-8898-4cf1-9494-38ad13e6eb1b&u=https%3A%2F%2Ff.io%2FpSZD6wEB>.) *I've assigned an OPA staffer to transcribe it tonight and will send to you as soon as it is finished (tonight).*

**Kerri Kupec**  
Director of Communications & Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice

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## **Press Conference Opening Statement: June 4, 2020**

Over the Constitution Avenue entrance to this building is a Latin inscription that translates as “Everything is created by Law and Order.”<sup>1</sup> That ancient principle still holds true. Our free society depends on the rule of law—the assurance that ordinary citizens can go about their lives without being subject to arbitrary violence or fear. When the rule of law breaks down, the promise of America does too.

Our Nation is now confronting two serious threats to the rule of law. The first is a long-standing one but was recently crystalized and driven home by the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

The video of police conduct in this episode is harrowing. When you watch it, and imagine that one of your own loved ones was being treated like that, and begging for their lives, it is impossible for any normal human being not to be struck in the heart with horror.

This matter is being pursued by both the State and the Federal government. The State has filed second degree murder charges against one officer, and aiding and abetting charges against three other officers.

As we typically do in cases such as this, the Department of Justice is conducting a parallel and independent investigation into possible violations of federal civil rights laws.

The President has directed me to spare no effort. We are coordinating our work with that of Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison. As a matter of comity, the Department of Justice typically lets the State go forward with its proceedings first.

This afternoon, our United States Attorney in Minnesota and FBI Special Agent in Charge of the Minneapolis Field Office will attend a memorial service for Mr. Floyd. Today is a day for mourning, and the day is coming soon when justice will be served.

George Floyd’s death was not the first of its kind, and it exposes concerns that reach far beyond this case.

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<sup>1</sup> “Lege atque ordine omnia fiunt.”

While the vast majority of police officers do their job bravely and righteously, it is undeniable that many African Americans lack confidence in the American criminal justice system. That must change. Our Constitution mandates equal protection of the laws, and nothing less is acceptable. As the Nation's leading federal law-enforcement agency, the Department of Justice will do its part. I believe that police chiefs and law enforcement leaders around the country are committed to ensuring that racism plays no part in law enforcement, and that everyone receives equal protection of the laws.

In October 2019 the President established the first Commission on Law Enforcement since the 1960's. I am meeting later this month with the Commission and have been talking with law enforcement leaders around the country.

In the weeks and months ahead we will be working with community leaders to find constructive solutions so that Mr. Floyd's death will not have been in vain. We will work hard to help bring good out of bad.

Unfortunately, the aftermath of George Floyd's death has produced a second challenge to the rule of law.

While many have peacefully expressed their anger and grief, others have hijacked protests to engage in lawlessness—violent rioting and arson, looting of businesses and public property, assaults on law enforcement officers and innocent people, and even the murder of a federal agent.

Such senseless acts of anarchy are not exercises of First Amendment rights; they are crimes designed to terrify fellow citizens and intimidate communities.

As I told the Governors on Monday, we understand the distinction among three different sets of actors. The large preponderance of those who are protesting are peaceful demonstrators who are exercising their First Amendment rights.

At some demonstrations, there are groups that exploit the opportunity to engage in looting. And finally, at some demonstration, there are extremist agitators who are hijacking the protests to pursue their own separate and violent agenda.

We have evidence that Antifa and other similar extremist groups, as well as actors of a variety of different political persuasions, have been involved in instigating and participating in the violent activity. We are also seeing foreign actors playing all sides to exacerbate the violence.

The Department of Justice is working to restore order in the District of Columbia and around the Nation. Here in Washington, we are working around the clock with local police, the citizen soldiers of the National Guard, and other federal agencies to provide safety and justice. We have deployed all the major law-enforcement components of the Department in this mission, including the FBI, ATF, DEA, Bureau of Prisons, and U.S. Marshals Service. I thank them and all those working bravely and professionally to protect the District.

The Justice Department is also working closely with our State and local partners to address violent riots around the country. Our Federal law enforcement efforts are focused on the violent instigators.

Through the FBI, U.S. Attorney's Offices, component field offices and state and local law enforcement, we are receiving real-time intelligence, and we have deployed resources to quell outbreaks of violence in several places. I urge governors, mayors, and other state and local leaders to work closely with their National Guards and with us. The federal government has thus far made [51] arrests for federal crimes in connection with violent rioting. We will continue to investigate, make arrests, and prosecute where warranted.

When I was Attorney General in 1992, violent riots broke out in Los Angeles following the acquittal of the police officers accused of beating Rodney King. Ultimately, the Department at my direction filed federal civil rights charges against the officers. As President Bush assured the Nation at that time, "The violence will end. Justice will be served. Hope will return." The same is true today. The rule of law will prevail. Thank you.

**Joint Statement of United States Attorney Erica MacDonald FBI SAC Rainer Drolshagen  
Thursday, May 28, 2020**

“The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Minnesota, the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division and the FBI’s Minneapolis Field Office are conducting a robust criminal investigation into the circumstances surrounding the May 25, 2020, death of George Floyd. The Department of Justice has made the investigation a top priority and has assigned experienced prosecutors and FBI criminal investigators to the matter.

The federal investigation will determine whether the actions by the involved former Minneapolis Police Department officers violated federal law. It is a violation of federal law for an individual acting under color of law to willfully deprive another person of any right protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States.

The Department of Justice asks for cooperation from all witnesses who believe they have relevant information and urges calm as investigators methodically continue to gather facts.

The Department of Justice and FBI’s comprehensive investigation will compile all available information and thoroughly evaluate evidence and information obtained from witnesses. Upon conclusion of the FBI’s investigation, the U.S. Attorney’s Office will determine whether federal criminal charges are supported by the evidence. If it is determined that there has been a violation of federal law, criminal charges will be sought.”

**Attorney General William P. Barr's Statement on the Death of Mr. George Floyd  
Friday, May 29, 2020**

“The video images of the incident that ended with the death of Mr. Floyd, while in custody of Minneapolis police officers, were harrowing to watch and deeply disturbing. The state prosecutor has been in the process of determining whether any criminal charges are appropriate under state law. On a separate and parallel track, the Department of Justice, including the FBI, are conducting an independent investigation to determine whether any federal civil rights laws were violated. Both state and federal officers are working diligently and collaboratively to ensure that any available evidence relevant to these decisions is obtained as quickly as possible. Under our system, charging decisions must be, and will be, based on the law and facts. This process is proceeding quickly. As is the typical practice, the state’s charging decisions will be made first. I am confident justice will be served.”

**Attorney General William P. Barr's Statement on Death of George Floyd and Civil Unrest Saturday, May 30, 2020 [Video Statement]**

“The greatness of our nation comes from our commitment to the rule of law.

The outrage of our national community about what happened to George Floyd in Minneapolis is real and legitimate. Accountability for his death must be addressed, and is being addressed, through the regular process of our criminal justice system, both at the state and at the federal level. That system is working and moving at exceptional speed. Already initial charges have been filed. That process continues to move forward. Justice will be served.

Unfortunately, with the rioting that is occurring in many of our cities around the country, the voices of peaceful protest are being hijacked by violent radical elements.

Groups of outside radicals and agitators are exploiting the situation to pursue their own separate and violent agenda.

In many places, it appears the violence is planned, organized, and driven by anarchistic and far left extremists, using Antifa-like tactics, many of whom travel from out of state to promote the violence.

We must have law and order on our streets and in our communities, and it is the responsibility of the local and state leadership, in the first instance, to halt this violence. The Department of Justice (including the FBI, Marshals, ATF, and DEA), and all of our 93 U.S. Attorneys across the country, will support these local efforts and take all action necessary to enforce federal law.

In that regard, it is a federal crime to cross state lines or to use interstate facilities to incite or participate in violent rioting. We will enforce these laws.”

**Attorney General William P. Barr's Statement on Domestic Terrorism  
Sunday, May 31, 2020**

“With the rioting that is occurring in many of our cities around the country, the voices of peaceful and legitimate protests have been hijacked by violent radical elements. Groups of outside radicals and agitators are exploiting the situation to pursue their own separate, violent, and extremist agenda.

It is time to stop watching the violence and to confront and stop it. The continued violence and destruction of property endangers the lives and livelihoods of others, and interferes with the rights of peaceful protestors, as well as all other citizens.

It also undercuts the urgent work that needs to be done through constructive engagement between affected communities and law enforcement leaders to address legitimate grievances. Preventing reconciliation and driving us apart is the goal of these radical groups, and we cannot let them succeed.

It is the responsibility of state and local leaders to ensure that adequate law enforcement resources, including the National Guard where necessary, are deployed on the streets to reestablish law and order. We saw this finally happen in Minneapolis last night, and it worked.

Federal law enforcement actions will be directed at apprehending and charging the violent radical agitators who have hijacked peaceful protest and are engaged in violations of federal law.

To identify criminal organizers and instigators, and to coordinate federal resources with our state and local partners, federal law enforcement is using our existing network of 56 regional FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTF).

The violence instigated and carried out by Antifa and other similar groups in connection with the rioting is domestic terrorism and will be treated accordingly.”

**Department of Justice Spokesperson Kerri Kupec on Federal Law Enforcement Efforts  
Monday, June 1, 2020**

“Today, President Trump directed Attorney General Barr to lead federal law enforcement efforts to assist in the restoration of order to the District of Columbia. Beginning tonight, the Department of Justice has deployed all of its law enforcement components FBI, ATF, DEA, U.S. Marshals, and BOP and is closely coordinating with the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security to maximize federal security presence throughout the District. The Department is working hand-in-hand with the Metropolitan Police Department, the Capitol Police, the Federal Protective Service, the U.S. Secret Service, and the D.C. National Guard.”  
Attributable to Department of Justice Spokesperson Kerri Kupec



**Attorney General William P. Barr's Statement on Protests in Washington, D.C.  
Tuesday, June 2, 2020**

“Last night was a more peaceful night in the District of Columbia. Working together, federal and local law enforcement made significant progress in restoring order to the nation’s capital.

I am grateful to Chief Peter Newsham and the Metropolitan Police Department for their outstanding work and professionalism. The District is well served by this exceptional police force.

I also thank Secretary of Defense Mark Esper, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Mark Milley, and the men and women of the Department of Defense for their support. I am particularly impressed by the citizen-soldiers of the D.C. National Guard, who are committed to serving their community, and did so with great effectiveness last night.

Not least, I am grateful to the many federal law enforcement agencies and personnel who helped protect the District, including the FBI, Secret Service, Park Police, ATF, DEA, Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Marshals Service, Capitol Police, Department of Homeland Security’s CBP and Border Patrol units, and others.

There will be even greater law enforcement resources and support in the region tonight. The most basic function of government is to provide security for people to live their lives and exercise their rights, and we will meet that responsibility here in the nation’s capital.”

## June 4, 2020 - Virtual press conference at the Department of Justice

**AG William Barr:** Thank you for joining us- at this- remote press conference. Over the Constitution Avenue entrance to this building is a Latin inscription that translates: Everything is created by law and order.” That ancient principle still holds true. Our free society depends on the rule of law. The assurance that ordinary citizens can go about their lives without being subject to arbitrary violence or fear. When the rule of law breaks down, the promise of America does also. Our nation is now confronting to serious challenges to the rule of law. The first is a long standing one, but was recently crystallized and driven home by the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. The video of the police conduct in this episode as I said before, is harrowing. When you watch it and imagine that one of your own love ones was being treated this way and begging for their lives, it is impossible for any normal human being not to be struck to the heart. This matter is being pursued by both the state and the federal government – the state has filed already second degree murder charges against one of the officers, and aiding and abetting charges against the other three officers, as we typically do in cases such as this at the Department of Justice and the FBI is conducting a parallel an independent investigation into possible violations of federal civil rights laws. The president has directed me to spare no effort. We are coordinating our work with the Attorney General of Minnesota, and as a matter of comedy the part of the Department of Justice typically lets the state go forward with its proceedings first. This afternoon our United States Attorney in Minnesota and the FBI special agent in charge of our Minneapolis field office will attend a memorial service for Mr. Floyd. Today is a day of mourning. And the day is coming soon, I am confident, when justice will be served. George Floyd's death was not the first of its kind, and it exposes concerns that reach far beyond this particular case. While the vast majority of police officers do their job bravely and righteously, it is undeniable that many African-Americans lacked confidence in our American criminal justice system. This must change. Our Constitution mandates equal protection of the laws and nothing less is acceptable. As the nation's leading federal law enforcement agency, the Department of Justice will do its part. I believe the police chiefs and law enforcement officials and leaders around the country are committed to ensuring. That racism plays no part in law enforcement and that everyone receives equal protection of the laws. In October 2019, the president established the first commission on law enforcement since the 1960s, and I am meeting with them later this month. And I have been talking to law enforcement leaders around the country, and in the weeks and months ahead we will be working with community leaders to find constructive solutions so that Mr. Floyd’s death will not have been in vain. We will work hard to bring good out of bad. Unfortunately, the aftermath of George Floyd staff has produced a second challenge to the rule of law. While many have peacefully express their anger and grief, others have protests to engage in lawlessness violent rioting, arson, and looting of businesses and public property, assaults on law

enforcement officers and innocent people and even the murder of a federal agent. Such senseless acts of anarchy are not exercises of First Amendment rights, they are crimes designed to terrify fellow citizens and intimidate communities. As I told the governors on Monday, we understand the distinction between three different sets of actors here. The large preponderance of those who are protesting are peaceful demonstrators who are exercising their First Amendment rights. At some demonstrations however, there are groups that exploit the opportunity to engage in such crimes as looting. And finally, at some demonstrations there are extremist agitators who are hijacking the protests to pursue their own separate and violent agenda. We have evidence that Antifa and other similar extremist groups as well as actors of a variety of different political persuasions have been involved in instigating and participating in the violent activity, and we are also seeing foreign actors playing all sides to exacerbate the violence. The Department of Justice is working to restore order in the District of Columbia and around the nation. Here in Washington we are working with the local police, the citizen soldiers of the National Guard, and other federal agencies to provide safety and justice. We have deployed all the major law enforcement components of the department on this mission including the FBI, the ATF, the DEA, the Bureau of Prisons, and the U.S. Marshals Service. Their leaders are with me today and will be talking shortly. I thank all of these leaders and their components for working bravely and professionally to protect the District. I'm pleased to say that actually over the last two nights, the demonstrations while large have been peaceful. The Justice Department is also working closely with our state and local partners to address violent riots around the country. Our federal law enforcement efforts are focused on the violent instigate. Through the FBI, U. S. Attorney's Offices, component field offices, and state and local enforcement, we are receiving real time intelligence and we have deployed resources to quell outbreaks of violence in several places. I urge governors and mayors and other state and local leaders to work closely with the National Guard and with us. The federal government has thus far made 51 arrests for federal crimes in connection with violent rioting. We will continue to investigate to make arrests and to prosecute where warranted. When I was attorney general 1995 and 1992, riots broke out in Los Angeles following the acquittal by the state of police officers accused of beating Rodney king. Ultimately, the Department of Justice, at my direction filed federal civil rights charges against those officers. As President Bush assured the nation at that time, Quote, "The violence will end justice will be served hope will return." The same is true today the rule of law will prevail thank you. Now I'd like to introduce my colleague Chris Wray, the Director of the FBI. And I have to say, this is the FBI that I've had the pleasure of working with over the last few days, the FBI that I know and love, that have really stood up here and performed magnificently only here in DC, but around the country and all their field offices. And their enforcement functions, their intelligent functions are now in full gear- and I'm confident that with the FBI's leadership. We are going to deal effectively with the criminals who are involved in extremist violence.

**FBI Director Christopher Wray:** Thank you, General, for your leadership. Good morning, this is needless to say this is an incredibly challenging time for our country and for all the citizens we serve. I want to begin by expressing my deepest sympathies for George Floyd and his family. Like most of you, I was appalled and profoundly troubled by the video images of the incident that ended with Mr. Floyd's tragic death. Within hours of his death on May 25<sup>th</sup>, the FBI had opened a criminal investigation to determine whether the actions by the former Minneapolis Police Department officers involved violated federal law. We're moving quickly in that investigation, and we're going to follow the facts wherever they may lead, in our pursuit of justice. Mr. Floyd's family, like a lot of families who have lost loved ones in recent weeks, are suffering right now, and trying to find a way forward. In fact, our entire country is trying to find a way forward. That's because this isn't just about George Floyd. This is about all of those, over the years, who have been unjustifiably killed or had their rights violated by people entrusted with their protection. When law enforcement fails to fulfill its most basic duty to protect and serve its citizens, particularly members of a minority community, it not only tarnishes the badge we all wear, but erodes the trust that so many of us in law enforcement have worked so hard to build. And when people feel that we haven't lived up to the trust that they place in us, it is understandable that they want to speak out and protest and the FBI holds sacred the rights of individuals to peacefully exercise their First Amendment freedoms. Non-violent protests are signs of a healthy democracy, not an ailing one. The FBI's mission is to protect the American people and uphold the Constitution. That mission is both dual and simultaneous – it is not contradictory. In engaging with our communities during these protests, we in law enforcement must balance the safety and security of our communities with our citizens' constitutional rights and civil liberties. One need not – and must not – come at the expense of the other. In recent days, the violence, threat to life, and destruction of property that we've seen in some parts of the country jeopardizes the rights and safety of all citizens, including peaceful demonstrators and it has to stop. We're seeing people who are exploiting this situation to pursue violent, extremist agendas – anarchists like ANTIFA, and other agitators. These individuals have set out to sow discord and upheaval, rather than join in the righteous pursuit of equality and justice. And by driving us apart, they are undermining the urgent work and constructive engagement of all those who are trying to bring us together – our community and religious leaders, our elected officials, law enforcement, and citizens alike. Many have suffered from the violence instigated through these radicals and extremists, including members of our own law enforcement family – officers killed or gravely injured while just doing their jobs, fulfilling their duty to the public by trying to keep everyone safe. To be clear, we're not in any way trying to discourage peaceful protestors. And to

those citizens who are out there, making your voices heard through peaceful, lawful protests, let me say this – we in law enforcement hear you. We have to make sure that our policing and our investigations are conducted with the professionalism and commitment to equal justice that you all deserve. But we are also committed to identifying, investigating, and stopping individuals who are inciting violence and engaging in criminal activity. So at the FBI, we’re focusing our efforts on supporting our law enforcement partners with maintaining public safety in the communities we all are sworn to protect. We’re making sure that we’re tightly lashed up with our state, local, and federal law enforcement partners across the country, by standing up 24-hour command posts in all of our 56 field offices. We have directed our 200 Joint Terrorism Task Forces across the country to assist local law enforcement with apprehending and charging violent agitators who are hijacking peaceful protests. On a national level, we’re soliciting tips, leads, and video evidence of criminal activities through our National Threat Operations Center (NTOC). And over the past few days, like the Attorney General, I have been speaking with law enforcement leaders in various parts of the country to ensure that we are providing the support they need, and to let them know that in every community, the FBI stands ready to assist wherever we can. The relationships we’ve built with our law enforcement and community partners are more important now than ever. Because the reality is we can’t do our jobs without the trust of the American people. I want to close by reiterating that the FBI will remain steadfast in its mission to protect the American people and uphold the Constitution. Protecting civil liberties and civil rights has been part of our mission since the days of the Civil Rights Movement. Those investigations are at the heart of what we do, for the simple reason that civil liberties and civil rights are at the very heart of who we are as Americans. Before the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the federal government largely left protection of civil rights to state and local governments. It took the Mississippi Burning case and the Civil Rights Act for the federal government, and the FBI, to get off the sidelines and to begin to fully protect civil rights for all people of color. Since then, we’ve been working hard to identify and prevent hate crimes and to investigate abuses of power and authority. Our civil rights cases are among the most important work we do, and that will never change. Now, I’ll repeat today what I’ve long believed about the men and women of law enforcement: It takes an incredibly special person to willingly put his or her life on the line for a complete stranger. And to get up, day after day after day, and do that is extraordinary. In these turbulent times, we won’t forget the bravery of our law enforcement members who have risked life and safety to protect the public and keep the peace. But the difficulty of that job doesn’t diminish the role we play in society, which is to protect and serve all citizens – no matter their race, creed, orientation, or station in life. And when we lose sight of those solemn obligations to the citizens we serve, the protectors can quickly become the oppressors, particularly for communities of color. As law enforcement, we’re bound by an oath to serve all members of our

community with equal compassion, professionalism, dignity, and respect. The American people should expect nothing less from us.

**Director of the United States Marshals Service, Donald Washington:** Good Morning. I am Donald Washington, Director of the United States Marshals Service. First of all, thank you Attorney General Barr. Let me begin by specially noting that today marks the first of three days in which the family, friends, and loved ones will host memorials to honor the life of George Floyd in Minnesota, North Carolina, and in Texas. On behalf of the men and women of the United States Marshals Service, and personally, I extend my deepest sympathy and my heartfelt condolences to the family of George Floyd. What started as past peaceful protests in Minnesota after the death of Mr. Floyd has morphed into a national emergency, resulting in many injuries to many people, thousands of arrests, along with arson, theft, and vandalism to property in many cities. As of last night, U.S. Marshals report damage and vandalism to twenty one federal courthouses, located in fifteen states and the District of Columbia. There has been damage and vandalism to many other federal properties. The U.S. Marshals Service is assisting other agencies in efforts to address violent disturbances that have occurred in the District of Columbia and in other cities around the United States. Peaceful protests are good for our country. This right should be respected by all persons, and this right absolutely deserves the full protection of officers of the law. Among our basic functions is the absolute duty to protect people who are exercising constitutional rights. However, rioters, arsonists, thieves, looters, and their protagonists are criminals. They have undermined peaceful and lawful demonstrations and protests. These criminals threaten our basic constitutional rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and they must be brought to justice. Since the earliest days just after our nation's birth, U.S. Marshals have worked to ensure the rule of law by making sure that the federal judiciary and the federal judicial process operate unfettered and unintimidated. We have also worked tirelessly over the years to bring thousands and thousands of fugitives to justice, and today one of our primary missions is defined to protect endangered children. In the last week, U.S. Marshals have coordinated with U.S. Attorneys and state, local, and federal partners to protect protesters and to address the criminal acts of others. Deputy U.S. Marshals are assisting with and conducting criminal investigations required by the criminal acts of persons who are instigating and causing violence against persons and property – for such acts violate federal laws. Working with our local law enforcement partners, we're also securing federal properties threatened by criminal acts in protecting persons from the violent acts of others. I believe strongly that this special mission is important to our democracy. We will protect those who are engaged in lawful pride protests but we will arrest those who commit felonies in our presence. We are working violent crime warrants and investigating gang activities that incite riots or terrorism. We are assisting and partnering with federal, state, and local authorities consistent with our

broad federal jurisdiction. To our local governments and private sector leaders, we know that we are stronger, much stronger, when we work together. We will achieve our collective goals of protecting lawful protesters and lawful protests, while also enforcing the law. I do not pretend even for a moment to speak for the other leaders here, but I am certain that we all want local leaders to have the confidence and the conviction to request and utilize all available resources to fight violence and to protect our communities. The U.S. Marshals Service is your partner, too. In summary, the U.S. Marshals Service will continue to perform our many day-to-day missions, and we will also assist our federal, state, and local partners during this emergency. We will work urgently to keep citizens and law enforcers safe. I thank our concerned citizens for their patience and for their continuing support, and I look forward to any questions you might have. Thank you.

**ATF Acting Director Regina Lombardo:** Good afternoon. My name is Regina Lombardo, the acting director of ATF. For many special agents, one of the proudest moments is when you raise your right hand to take the oath of office to support and defend the United States constitution. And we take that oath seriously. However, in the moment we don't know exactly what we will be faced with—what challenges we will have to overcome in order to uphold that oath that we took. In this moment, today, we express our warmest sympathies to the family of George Floyd and acknowledge the pain and suffering for his family. We also have sympathy for those that are suffering across the country. Unfortunately, where our constitutionally protected right to peacefully assemble has sometimes turned to riots and criminal acts. The resulting violence involved crimes of ATF's core mission. Shootings responding to shootings, burglaries, arsons, bombings—especially destructive devices such as the Molotov cocktail. At the request of the Attorney General, ATF has provided every available resource. We have deployed a large number of special agents. Our special response team, here in our nation's capital. We have supported the Washington Metropolitan Police department, the United States Secret Service, and United States park police to protect the public, property, and the national landmarks that belongs to each and every one of you. Our national response teams are here in Washington, D.C. in order to quickly respond the emerging arson incidents. We are working with the DC fire to access and investigate the 7 incendiary fires in the D.C. area caused by criminals including the arson at Saint John's church, the AFL, CIO, the National Park Service building, and the D.C. fire district 4 police department. The individual we believe responsible for that fire at the metro PT's 4<sup>th</sup> district has been arrested and charged. Our certified fire investigators, chemist, fire engineers, and explosive specialist are working around the clock to support the ongoing safety of operations. Across the country, ATF special agents—industry operations investigators from all 25 of our

field divisions—are responding to shootings, arsons, bombings, and thefts of federal firearms license dealers. We are providing investigative support and assistance to all of our local and state partners. ATF has responded to numerous shooting scenes at the disturbances of cities that is actively working with local law enforcement and we are entering those shell casings into our national integrated ballistic information network (NIBI). Our national tracing center is running traces on the recovered firearms and we are collecting from shell casings and ballistic evidence. Our crime gun intelligence centers are collecting valuable intelligence and sharing all of that information in a joint environment. ATSJTF representatives are working with the FBI in multiple cities as well as our Department of Justice partners: the U.S. marshal service the D.E.A., and the Bureau of Prisons—all state and local federal law enforcement working in partnership. Our special agents and certified fire investigators are tracking and assisting more than 847 arsons, over 76 explosive incidents, and providing valuable technical expertise and intelligence support. Two of our national response teams, our NRT, have been activated and responding to Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. We have developed efficient and effective strategies to triage and quickly assess the scenes even in an unstable environment. ATF has also responded to 73 federal firearms license dealers. We have identified many suspects and made arrests and recovered many firearms already. We have responded to assaults and murders of our law enforcement partners. Our team of ATF professionals at our national correlation center in our laboratories and our tracing center are all working day and night to make those arrests. We are on the streets, making cases, and protecting the American public from violent criminals. You do not have to be in law enforcement to know that this is dangerous work. ATF has answered the call. As the Attorney General stated, “the most basic function of government is to provide security for the people who live their lives and exercise their rights,” and we will meet that responsibility. This is our mission and we deeply are committed to that mission: to protect and serve. Thank you.

**BOP Director Michael Carvajal:** Good morning, my name is Michael Carvajal, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Bureau of Prisons’ (BOP) staff are federal law enforcement officers, who are often called upon to assist during crisis situations within our communities. The Attorney General asked the BOP to request and assist other law enforcement agencies in maintaining order and peace in the District of Columbia. BOP Crisis Management Teams are highly trained to deal with various types of emergency situations, including crowd control and civil disturbances. They are experienced in confrontation avoidance and conflict resolution. In the aftermath of the tragic death of George Floyd, it is unfortunate these services are necessary. On behalf of the BOP and its 36,000 staff, I extend our greatest sympathies to the family for his loss. We also respect the rights of the public to express their frustration and grief. We appreciate those who seek to ensure the events surrounding Mr. Floyd's death are never repeated again. It is shameful those voices are being drowned out by those seeking to incite violence and



destroy property. I'm proud of the work our staff do every day to keep our institutions safe, and honored they were called upon to assist our communities. Thank you.

**Acting Administrator of DEA Tim Shea:** Thank you. My name is Tim Shea, I'm the Acting Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, and I'm honored to represent the brave men and women of the DEA and to share with you the important work our special agents have been performing these last few days. But first I'd like to join the Attorney General and take a moment to express my sincere condolences on behalf of myself and the young men and women of the DEA to the family and friends of George Floyd, as well as to all those who mourn his passing. It was a tragedy for us to law enforcement. The DEA's mission, like all law enforcement partners is to protect the American people. Before they receive their badge or credentials, every one of our special agents takes an oath to uphold the Constitution and the rule of law. And that's exactly what they're doing this week. As is the case with other significant events, our agents have been authorized to respond as needed to violations of federal law. And I'm proud of what our agency has done to assist our state and local partners to ensure that those who wish to peacefully protest may do so in safety and without fear of violence. While these events have been largely peaceful, agitators continue to attempt to sow chaos. We've recovered weapons. We've had rocks thrown in our vehicles. Our agents along with other law enforcement partners have endured the continual verbal assaults. And during that time our agents acted professionally and admirably under these very difficult conditions. DEA special agents are providing security, conducting threat assessments and sharing that information on potential violations of federal law in real time. In addition, the DEA continues to investigate drug related crimes, including the theft of controlled substances from looted pharmacies, which is happening here in the District of Columbia and across the country. In the national capital region, approximately or over 150 DEA special agents have partnered with the Metropolitan Police Department at their request, and the National Guard to enforce security posts and maintain a secure perimeter in designated areas. DEA has also provided over 11 mobile response teams SRT teams who are prepared to respond to high-risk situations and other requests for assistance including medical services. DEA owes much of this success in enforcing our nation's drug laws to the assistance provided by the very federal state and local partners that need our help now. Every DEA agent out on the street helps free up one of our local law enforcement counterparts. In the case of Washington the MPD to carry out their policing functions and protect the public. DEA is committed to providing that support as long as it's needed, requested, and authorized. Our country was founded upon basic principles and rights, and the chief among them is the right of free speech and the right to assemble peacefully. We're supporting those rights and the peaceful demonstrators by enduring, by ensuring their voices can be heard. And that those seeking to exploit this situation are held to account for.

**AG Barr:** Thank you and with that I'll open it up to questions.

### **Questions and Answers Segment**

**Operator:** Thank you to ask a question please press star then one. Again that's star then one to ask a question. The first question comes from Pete Williams with NBC News.

**Pete Williams NBC News:** Thank you Mr. Attorney General. Washington DC has a lot of experience in dealing with large complex events that include protests, like the inauguration or meetings of the World Bank. Why did you think it was necessary for you to take command of this? And where does that authority come from?

**AG:** Well I think the rioting got going I think on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, and got worse and worse over the weekend. It culminated, or came to a crescendo over the weekend on Sunday evening right around the White House on H Street, on the northern side of Lafayette Park. And it was very serious rioting. The Treasury Annex, Treasury Department Annex, there was broken into. A historical building on top of Lafayette Park which is federal property was burned down. There was a fire at the historical Saint John's church right there across from the White House. And the old church that goes back to the eighteenth century and is referred to as the "Church of Presidents." The rioters used crowbars to dig out the pavers at Lafayette Park and use them as projectiles thrown at secret service and other federal agents. There were numerous head injuries among other federal personnel whose responsibility- is to protect the White House. Just to give you an indication, but from Saturday until today and virtually, well the lion's share of these injuries came over the weekend, there are 114 injuries to law enforcement. Most of those to federal-agents, most of those inflicted right around the White House. There were 22 hospitalizations and most of those were serious head injuries or concussions that required monitoring and treatment. On Monday, the president asked me to coordinate the various federal law enforcement agencies not only the multiple Department of Justice agencies but also other agencies such as those in the Department of Homeland Security, so we had a coordinated response and with the National Guard and also with the DC police. That morning we decided that we needed more of a buffer to protect the White House and to protect our agents and secret service personnel, who would be reached by projectiles from H Street. I made the decision that we would try to move our perimeter northward by a block to provide this additional protection. And later at two o'clock on Monday I met with all the various law enforcement agencies and we said our tactical plan and that plan- involved moving our perimeter block north to I street. It was our

hope to be able to do that relatively quickly before many demonstrators appeared that day. Unfortunately, because of the difficulty in getting appropriate forces, and units into place by the time they were able to move our perimeter up to I Street had been a number, a large number, of protesters that had assembled on H Street. There were projectiles being thrown and the group was becoming increasingly unruly. And the operation to, they were asked three times if they would move back one block and they refused and we proceeded to move our perimeter out to I street. The, it is true that the Metropolitan Police have a lot of experience in dealing with demonstrations but we have a lot of federal property. This is the federal city, it's the seat of the federal government. Many of the buildings as you know and facilities here, and the monuments are the responsibility of the federal government and the proceedings in process of the federal government take place here. And when you have a large scale civil disturbance that is damaging federal property, threatening federal property, threatening federal law enforcement officers, threatening the officials in government and their offices, and our great monuments, it is the responsibility of the federal government to render that protection. And we do so in close coordination with the Metropolitan Police Department. Fortunately, later that evening on Monday, after we did establish a buffer zone, we were able to finish that day without further significant violence from the demonstrators. And then the following two days were peaceful. The assemblies and the protests were peaceful. So how we're pleased with that we are working closely with the Metropolitan Police to plan out the remainder of the week. Next question.

**Operator:** Our next question comes from Pierre Thomas with ABC news

**Pierre Thomas, ABC News:** Good afternoon Attorney General Barr. Couple very good questions for you if I may. Yesterday, the department charged three members of the group or associated with the Boogaloo a far right extremist group known as far right extremists. Is it important in your remarks and thoughts to point out all the different groups that are involved in this type of violent activity? And then the second question is, do you have any concerns that law enforcement could have perhaps been more surgical in how they operate on Mondays? And on many of the people who were moved forcibly were peaceful process protesters.

**AG:** Well I do think it's important to point out the witches brew that we have of extremists' individuals and groups that are involved. And that's why in my prepared statement I specifically said in addition to Antifa and other extremist groups like Antifa, there were variety of groups and a handful of people for a variety of ideological persuasions. I did make that point. The, you know I'm not going to get too specific, but the intelligence being collected by the U. S. Attorney's office is particularly integrated by the FBI from multiple different sources is building up. There are some specific cases against individuals, some Antifa related. A lot of the extremists are involved in egging on violence and participating in violence providing the means of violence and you know we are pursuing those cases. At the same time, there's a lot

of, also there's a lot of disinformation out there, people posing as members of the different groups. So you sometimes have to dig a little deeper to determine exactly what's going on. And there are some groups that don't have a particular ideology, other than anarchy. There are some groups that want to bring about a civil war, the Boogaloo group that has been on the margin of this as well trying to exacerbate the violence. So we are dealing with as I say a witch's brew of a lot of different extremist organizations. Oh maybe, Chris would have something to add to that.

**FBI Director Christopher Wray:** Sure, I mean, let me say first as I've said for quite some time including even my first few months in the job we the FBI have quite a number of on-going investigations of violent anarchist extremists, including those motivated by an Antifa or Anitfa like ideology. And we categorize and treat those as domestic terrorism investigations and are actively pursuing them through our joint terrorism task forces. In the course of the current unrest, while the majority the protesters are peaceful, there are certainly instigators, agitators and opportunists seeking to exploit these demonstrations to commit violence or rioting. And exactly who these people are who's driving them what's driving them what tactics they use varies widely sometimes from city to city, sometimes even from night to night and we're working with all of our law enforcement partners to gather as much information as we can about that topic and to bring federal charges where appropriate and possible. So we're about the violence. We're not about ideology. Doesn't matter what your ideology are, it is if you commit violence or rioting, or acts we would consider terrorism we are going to pursue it.

**AG:** The second part of your question Pierre. One of the difficulties is that while there are peaceful demonstrators and participants in these protests, it is the instigators, those committed to violence basically shield themselves by going among them and carrying out acts of violence. Those projectiles, I saw the projectiles on Monday, when I was I went to Lafayette Park to look at the situation. And as one of the officials said that there are, he pointed out there are various knots of people where the projectiles coming from and we could see and it was a lot of the demonstrators. And it's hard to know exactly where they're coming from. Frequently these things are thrown from the rear of the, of the demonstration. But we could not continue to protect the federal property involved and protect the safety of our agents with such a tight perimeter and so our object was to move it out by one block. The next question please.

**Operator:** Our next question comes from David Spock with Fox News please go ahead.

**David Spock, Fox News:** Hello Mr. Attorney General. Yesterday your colleague over at the Department of Defense, Secretary Esper, expressed some regret in the way that things were handled at the Lafayette park, Lafayette square, the posing in a picture with President Trump. Said he wanted to stay apolitical stay out of things. As you mentioned, you had this job in 1992, you saw this during the Rodney king riots,

what do you think about politics and you believe that you're being too political in this fight by standing in a picture with the president in front of the church? What is your take on this compared to what you know Secretary Esper said?

**AG:** I don't know what he was conveying there. Obviously, my interest was to carry out the law for law enforcement functions of the federal government, to protect federal facilities and federal personnel and also to address the rioting that was interfering with the government's function. And that was what we were doing. I think the president is the head of the executive branch and the chief executive of the nation and should be able to walk outside the White House and walk across the street to the church of presidents. I don't necessarily view that as a political act I think it was entirely appropriate for him to do. I did not know that he was going to do that until later in the day after our plans are well under way to move the perimeter. So there was no correlation between our tactical plan of moving the perimeter out by one block and the president going over to the church. The president asked members of his cabinet to go over there with them the two that were present and I think was appropriate for us to go over with. Next question.

**Operator:** Thank you sir. Our next question comes from Mike Balsamo with the Associated Press. Please go ahead.

**Mike Balsamo Associated Press:** Thank you Mr. Attorney General, can you expand a little bit on your comment that foreign actors are responsible or working to exploit all sides here and do you believe that this organized information efforts from a foreign government and have you identified you know which country are responsible for that? And I have a separate question to Director Carvajal if I could right after that.

**AG:** Okay I may I just ask Chris if he cares to provide a little more detail, I'm on not sure how much detail you want to get into. But people shouldn't think that countries that are hostile to the United States, that their efforts to influence the US or weaken the US, of sew discord in the U. S. is something that goes comes and goes with the election cycle. It is constant. And they are constantly trying to sew discord among our people and there's a lot of disinformation that circulates that way, and I believe that we have evidence that some of the foreign hackers and groups that are associated with foreign governments are focusing in on this particular situation we have here and trying to exacerbated in every way they can. Unless Chris has something to add I can turn it over to you.

**FBI Director Christopher Wray:** Not not a whole lot I can say here- other than to say that it is unfortunately not unusual for foreign actors to choose to try to amplify events in this country to sow divisiveness and discord and in particular through the use of state associated media from some of those countries but also social media provides a bullhorn or an amplifier to gin up more controversy where

controversy may already exist. And to try to generate upheaval in that regard and those foreign actors should know that we're watching it extremely closely and are prepared to act if necessary.

**AG:** And what and what's your question for Mr. Carajval.

**Associated Press:** Director can you address some concerns that integrates last few days but the BOP, specifically that some officer stationed around DC have said that they've been specifically told not to tell people that they work for the federal government. And last night we learned an inmate at the MDC in Brooklyn had died after officers used pepper spray on him after he barricaded himself you don't think they're that nonlethal force resulted in someone's death.

**BOP Director:** Thank you Mike for the question let me clarify this. First of all I'm not aware of any specific- Bureau of Prisons personnel being told not to identify themselves. What I attribute that to is probably the fact that we normally operate within the confines of our institution and we need to identify ourselves. Most of our identification is institution specific and probably wouldn't mean a whole lot to people in DC. I probably should have done a better job of marking them National as the agency. The point is well taken, but I assure you that no one was specifically told to my knowledge not to identify themselves. As for your question regarding the incident at MDC Brooklyn, what I can tell you we did do a press release with the information in there. It was as you stated an incident involving a disruptive individual down in a in a cell. The officers did utilize pepper sprays you say, OC. And afterwards the individual unfortunately died. What I will tell you is that we immediately referred to in, referred the case to the FBI Office of Inspector General. I was actually told notified this morning that the Office of the Inspector General is going to take that case and that's about all I can comment on because the matter is under investigation.

**AG:** Let me just add that the Bureau of Prison sort teams are used frequently for emergency response and in emergency situations and either civil disturbances or hurricanes or other things like that. They're highly trained, they're highly trained units. And in fact, in the Department of Justice we do not really have large numbers of units they're trained to deal with civil disturbances how a lot of people may be looking back on history think we can call on hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of U. S. Marshals and that's simply not the case. Our Marshals response forces approximately 100 US Marshals. And so historically, when there have been emergencies where we have to respond with people who do have experience in these kinds of emergencies, they're highly trained people. We use what are called sort teams, response teams from the Bureau of Prisons and I could see a number now. In the old system we don't wear badges with our name, the agents don't wear badges and their names and stuff like that which many civilian police agents, I mean non-federal police agencies do. And I could, and I could understand why some of these

individuals simply wouldn't want to talk to people about who they are. If that were the case what I'll take the next question.

**Operator:** Our next question comes from Sadie Gurman with Wall Street Journal.

**Sadie Gurman Wall Street Journal:** Can you hear me?

**AG:** Yep.

**Sadie Gurman Wall Street Journal:** Hi there. Can you explain how exactly you coordinate the National Guard deployment and movement in and around Washington with various federal law enforcement agencies? Is it you who communicates orders to them and how does that work?

**AG:** Well it largely depends who they're, who they're supporting at that time. Some of the National Guard were supporting the Metropolitan Police department and some of them would be out beyond the White House perimeter working the streets with MPD. So they would be tactically attached there. Others we asked the National Guard to protect federal monuments and so number the units maybe even, but I won't speculate about a majority, a lot of the units were dispersed around the city to protect federal monuments or particular federal facility. Those that were within the White House area and were part of protecting the White House and Lafayette park area, were right that were under the direction of the tactical commanders in that area. But in terms of requesting the resources and asking for their assistance that was ultimately my responsibility of ensuring that the National Guard that we needed to support law enforcement support the district were brought to bear. Next question.

**Operator:** Yes sir, our next question comes from Katie Benner with New York Times please go ahead.

**Katie Benner New York Times:** Hi Mr. Attorney General thank you so much for doing us press conference. I have two questions, but the most important probably I'd like to ask you about your thoughts on police abuse of power. Last year at a law enforcement conference he said that such abuse reflected dot apples more than systemic breakdowns. But today you said George for the death is not the first of its kind, while the vast majority of officers do their jobs briefly and righteously it's undeniable that many African Americans lack confidence in the criminal justice system. Has your thinking on whether we're looking at a systemic issue or not shifted over time.

**AG:** No, my views haven't shifted recently, and what I see what you quoted eyes I think is consistent and you were addressing the use of excessive force, is that not right Katie? Is that what you were addressing are you were you talking?

**New York Times:** Yes excessive force

**AG:** I do think that those who engage in the car in an excessive force that involves you know, if you remember federal civil rights laws address willful use of excessive force and those that engage in that kind of activity I think are a distinct minority. And I think the overwhelming number of police officers try conscientiously to use appropriate and reasonable force.

**Katie Benner New York Times:** And then my second question, it seems that we're ratcheting up in the District the tools and the power of the federal response. Giving DEA, BOP for example the power to make arrests and wondering why that's happening now because it seems that the street have been relatively calm. There's no curfew tonight I think that decision was made by the mayor because she had confidence that we've sort of returned to order.

**AG:** Well actually, after assessing the situation last night toward the end of the evening that is late in there maybe early in the morning I felt that we could afford to collapse up our perimeter and eliminate some of the check points and so forth. And take a little bit of more low profile footprint for a couple of reasons. Number one I think that we have seen the a sharp reduction in violent episodes and peaceful demonstrations and our hope and expectation is that those will continue. And also because we now have it on hand sufficient resources we feel to deal with that contingency if that if violence increases. So I do think that over the weekend and certainly at the beginning of this week we had a phenomenon around the country the number of cities getting extremely violent. A lot of officers have been heard around the country a lot of victims a lot of property damage. As I said on Sunday, it was probably the peak of violence and DC and on Monday, we were still facing very large demonstrations that were belligerent and throwing projectiles well into the evening ultimately- ended- more peaceably. So idea as I said because I told the governors on Monday, it's very important and to use sufficient forces law enforcement to establish law and order in the city when you have riots running. If you use insufficient resources it's dangerous for everybody. It's dangerous for the officers. It's dangerous for the protesters. It's dangerous for the population because things can easily get out of control and you lose control of events that's what riots are. And the way to address it is to make sure the resources are there and the people understand the resources are there to deal with that kind of violence. And I think it's that occurred it provided environment where things could. Down and they did quiet down.



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## ARREST MADE FOR THE ARSON OF FAYETTEVILLE'S HISTORIC MARKET HOUSE

RALEIGH, N.C. A Fayetteville man was arrested today for taking part in the arson of Fayetteville's Market House after an otherwise peaceful demonstration over the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota, turned violent, Robert J. Higdon Jr., U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina announced.

Charles Anthony Pittman, of Fayetteville was arrested by special agents of the ATF and is charged by complaint with one count of maliciously damaging property owned or possessed by an institution receiving federal financial assistance. Pittman will make his initial appearance June 9, 2020, by videoconference before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert T. Numbers, II.

According to the complaint, on May 30, 2020, an otherwise peaceful protest in downtown Fayetteville turned violent when several individuals set fire to the Market House. A local television crew caught Pittman on camera showing a red gasoline container to the crowd below before he poured its contents throughout the floor of the second story. Pittman ran out of the Market House as the floor caught on fire with other individuals, including an employee, still inside. As a result of the fire, the Market House sustained charring and mass wood loss to the second story floor.

Earlier that same day, Pittman broadcasted a Facebook Live video while he drove around the Market House traffic circle. Pittman claimed to be scoping out the scene, as he discussed whether the Market House should come down. After noting the inaction of the peaceful protesters, saying they would just "barbeque and mildew," Pittman promised the Facebook Live audience that he would be back. Pittman wore the same shirt in the Facebook Live video that he wore later at the Market House fire.

The count charged in the criminal complaint carries a statutory mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of seven years, a maximum potential penalty of 40 years in prison, and a maximum fine of \$250,000.

Robert J. Higdon Jr., U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina credited the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, and the Fayetteville Police Department (FPD) with the investigation leading to today's arrest. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Chad Rhoades and J.D. Koesters of the U.S. Attorney's Office's Criminal Division are representing the government.

The charges and allegations contained in the complaint are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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**From:** Ryan Luca (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:42 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: pattern-or-practice investigations

Am I to take Tessa's tweets as an official representation of DOJ's position?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 5, 2020, at 3:27 PM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

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[https://twitter.com/tcberenson/status/1268231140311252992?s\\_20](https://twitter.com/tcberenson/status/1268231140311252992?s_20)

[https://twitter.com/tcberenson/status/1268231372214239236?s\\_20](https://twitter.com/tcberenson/status/1268231372214239236?s_20)

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**From:** Ryan Luca (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:26 AM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** pattern-or-practice investigations

Hey Matt,

Kerri referred me to you for questions on pattern or practice investigations. My questions for you are:

\_has DOJ opened a pattern-or-practice investigation into the Minneapolis PD in light of Floyd's death?

\_If not, why not? And is it considering doing so?

\_What pattern-or-practice investigations has DOJ opened under this administration?

Thanks,  
Ryan

Ryan Lucas  
NPR Justice Correspondent

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**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 7:09 PM  
**To:** Goeglein, Tim  
**Subject:** RE: ICYMI | Attorney General Barr: "The Rule of Law Will Prevail"

thx

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**From:** Goeglein, Tim (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:41 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: ICYMI | Attorney General Barr: "The Rule of Law Will Prevail"

Praying for you

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On Jun 5, 2020, at 3:26 PM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

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Thank you  
It's been a week

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**From:** Goeglein, i (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:23 AM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PA (b) (6)  
**Subject:** ICYMI | Attorney General Barr: "The Rule of Law Will Prevail"

Shared very widely

Tsg  
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## **ICYMI | Attorney General Barr: "The Rule of Law Will Prevail"**

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*Today, Attorney General Barr provided an update on the Administration's efforts to keep American communities safe and put an end to the rioting, looting, and violence.*

**President Trump is committed to ensuring justice for all, and has directed his administration to spare no effort in the George Floyd case.**



- ATTORNEY GENERAL BARR: “This matter is being pursued by both the state and the federal government. The state has filed second degree murder charges against one officer, and aiding and abetting charges against three other officers. As we typically do in cases such as this, the Department of Justice is conducting a parallel and independent investigation into possible violations of federal civil rights laws. The president has directed me to spare no effort.”

**In order to protect the rule of law, President Trump is ending the senseless acts of anarchy which have hijacked the protests. Rioting, arson, looting, and violence will not be tolerated.**

- ATTORNEY GENERAL BARR: “Unfortunately, the aftermath of George Floyd’s death has produced a second challenge to the rule of law. While many have peacefully expressed their anger and grief, others have hijacked protests to engage in lawlessness – violent rioting and arson, looting of businesses and public property, assaults on law enforcement officers and innocent people, and even the murder of a federal agent. Such senseless acts of anarchy are not exercises of First Amendment rights; they are crimes designed to terrify fellow citizens and intimidate communities.”

**All major Federal law-enforcement components have been deployed and are working with the National Guard and local police to help keep our streets safe.**

- ATTORNEY GENERAL BARR: “The Department of Justice is working to restore order in the District of Columbia and around the nation. Here in Washington, we are working around the clock with local police, the citizen soldiers of the National Guard, and other federal agencies to provide safety and justice. We have deployed all the major law-enforcement components of the department in this mission, including the FBI, ATF, DEA, Bureau of Prisons, and U.S. Marshals Service. I thank them and all those working bravely and professionally to protect the District.”

**There is clear evidence that radicals like Antifa have been involved in instigating violence in our communities.**

- ATTORNEY GENERAL BARR: “At some demonstrations, there are groups that exploit the opportunity to engage in looting. And finally, at some demonstrations, there are extremist agitators who are hijacking the protests to pursue their own separate and violent agenda.”
- ATTORNEY GENERAL BARR: “We have evidence that Antifa and other similar extremist groups, as well as actors of a variety of different political persuasions, have been involved in instigating and participating in the violent activity. We are also seeing foreign actors playing all sides to exacerbate the violence.”

**The Administration is working in real time to respond to outbreaks of violence, having already made 51 arrests for federal crimes tied to the violent rioting.**

- ATTORNEY GENERAL BARR: “Through the FBI, U.S. Attorney’s Offices, component field offices, and state and local law enforcement, we are receiving real-time intelligence, and we have deployed resources to quell outbreaks of violence in several places. I urge governors, mayors, and other state and local leaders to work closely with the National Guard and with us. The federal government has thus far made 51 arrests for federal crimes in connection with violent rioting. We will continue to

investigate, make arrests, and prosecute where warranted.”

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 7:20 PM  
**To:** Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO)  
**Cc:** Kjergaard, Alison (OPA); Raimondi, Marc (OPA); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA); Clark, Melissa D. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry from Sasha Ingber - Newsy

gracias

-----Original Message-----

From: Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 7:14 PM  
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
Cc: Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >;  
Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >; Clark, Melissa D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
Subject: Re: Media Inquiry from Sasha Ingber - Newsy

Already did, she contacted me directly earlier.

> On Jun 5, 2020, at 7:11 PM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

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> Think we send this one to FBI

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>

> Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 12:12 PM

> To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >

> Cc: Clark, Melissa D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>

> Subject: FW: Media Inquiry from Sasha Ingber - Newsy

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: no-reply@usdoj.gov <no-reply@usdoj.gov>

> Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 11:59 AM

> To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>

> Subject: Media Inquiry from Sasha Ingber - Newsy

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> Date Friday, June 5, 2020 - 11:58am EDT

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> Name: Sasha Ingber

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> Email Address: (b) (6)

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> Topic: Civil Rights

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> Media Outlet: Newsy

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> Deadline: June 8, 2020

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> Inquiry:

> I'm a DC-based TV reporter at Newsy, a national cable and digital channel that is owned by Scripps and geared at millennials.

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> I'm working on a story about Antifa in connection to the allegations of violence at the Floyd protests. Is someone at DOJ available for a 5-10 minute, taped video interview?

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> Also, Attorney General Barr said today in the briefing that the federal government has made 51 arrests for federal crimes in connection with violence at the protests. Could you give me a sense of how many of them were members of Antifa, the Boogaloo group, and any other extremist groups?

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> Before this, I was a reporter at NPR, as well as Smithsonian and National Geographic. And in 2015, I was at the U.S. State Department, monitoring and debunking Russian disinformation.

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> My cell (b) (6) . Hope you're safe and well.

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> Thanks so much,

> Sasha Ingber

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## Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 7:30 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO); Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry from Duaa Eldeib - ProPublica Illinois

Community Relations Service is a quasi independent part of CRT that quietly answer invitations from communities to do conflict resolution activities, typically where there is racially charged unrest. Actually I'm surprised they haven't come up yet in all this. <https://www.justice.gov/crs/our-focus/race>

CRT fornt office should be up to speed on whether they are deployed. Typically they operate under the radar, but we have sometimes acknowledged they are working to reduce tensions etc

-----Original Message-----

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2020 7:25 PM  
To: Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry from Duaa Eldeib - ProPublica Illinois

What in the wild west is CRS? The only CRS I know is the Congressional Research Service

-----Original Message-----

From: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 2:55 PM  
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
Cc: Clark, Melissa D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry from Duaa Eldeib - ProPublica Illinois

-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@usdoj.gov <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 2:42 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: Media Inquiry from Duaa Eldeib - ProPublica Illinois

Date Friday, June 5, 2020 - 2:42pm EDT

Name: Duaa Eldeib

Email Address (b) (6)

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: ProPublica Illinois

Deadline: 6/10/20

Inquiry:

RE: Community Relations Service

I'm a reporter with ProPublica Illinois. I'm working on a story related to the federal response to the recent protests in Chicago and wanted to know more about CRS' role in Chicago. Is there someone from the Midwestern Regional Office I can speak to about this? Thank you.

Best,

Duaa Eldeib

Reporter, ProPublica Illinois

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## Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 7:39 PM  
**To:** McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA)  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO); Raimondi, Marc (OPA); Kjergaard, Alison (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: NDTX charges 2 men for theft from FFL // RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

Awesome, I will raise this on the call monday

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**From:** McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 6:40 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: NDTX charges 2 men for theft from FFL // RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

I think it would be great to encourage the offices to add them to their posts and then we can share them. For the NDTX surveillance video, their office's tweet about the press release incorporated an ATF tweet with the video, and we shared.

On Jun 5, 2020, at 6:30 PM, Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) > wrote:

A lot of offices are filing images with their complaints. Can we start tweeting some of these images, or maybe encourages the office to tweet them so we can lift them up?

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**From:** Dooley, Erin (USATXN) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 4:50 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** NDTX charges 2 men for theft from FFL // RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

Hey Wyn,

NDTX just complained two guys who stole 40+ firearms from a gun range during the protests in Dallas.

ATF released [surveillance video](#) of them leaving the range earlier this week for ID purposes, but it's not super compelling footage.

The third burglar in the video is still at large, and ATF is offering a \$10k reward.

Here's the release we plan to put out shortly:

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## **Two Men Charged with Theft of Firearms During Protests** *Third Burglary Suspect Still at Large, Reward Offered*

Two men who exploited the chaos of Dallas' Black Lives Matter protests to steal firearms have been charged with gun crimes, announced U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas Erin Nealy Cox.

Demonte Kelly, 18, and Lejael Rudley, 19, were charged via criminal complaint with theft from a Federal Firearms Licensee (FFL) and possession of stolen firearms.

"Theft of firearms will always trigger swift law enforcement action," said U.S. Attorney Nealy Cox. "We are thankful to the members of the public who stepped up to help law enforcement track down these men and their stolen guns. This prosecution sends a message: Federal law enforcement will not allow criminals to use the turmoil facing our city as cover for their own lawless ends."

"Recovering stolen firearms is a priority for ATF and the community," stated ATF Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Division Jeffrey C. Boshek II. "My thanks to the agents, investigators and members of the public who worked swiftly to identify these men so quickly after the burglary."

According to the complaint, filed June 4, a surveillance camera recorded three men exiting DFW Gun Range around 1:45 a.m. on Sunday, May 31, shortly after the theft of more than 40 firearms.

In the span of just 80 seconds, the trio allegedly pried open the side entrance of the facility, grabbed three rifles posted on the wall, and smashed glass cases to snatch several dozen handguns stored within.

Following ATF's release of the [surveillance video](#), a tipster identified one of the men as Demonte Kelly, of Dallas.

Dallas police officers tracked Mr. Kelly to a hotel in southeast Dallas, where they observed him interacting with two men: Mr. Rudley and a third man, later identified as S.J. Mr. Kelly then drove off in a red Jeep with paper plates.

With ATF running point on surveillance, Dallas police conducted a traffic stop on the Jeep. Inside the vehicle, officers discovered one of the stolen firearms.

During a subsequent interview with ATF, Mr. Kelly identified himself in the surveillance video, admitted to burglarizing the gun range, and gave agents written consent to search his hotel room. He also admitted to selling one of the stolen firearms to an unknown individual.



Inside his hotel room, agents recovered four additional stolen firearms, 76 round of assorted ammunition, and crack cocaine.

ATF also interviewed Mr. Rudley, who also admitted to burglarizing the gun range and gave agents written consent to search his hotel room, where agents recovered a sixth stolen firearms.

A criminal complaint is merely an allegation of wrongdoing, not evidence. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Rudley are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

The defendants made their initial appearances before U.S. Magistrate Judge David L. Horan Friday. If convicted, they face up to 20 years in federal prison.

The third individual allegedly involved in the burglary, identified as S.J., remains at large. ATF and the U.S. Attorney's Office urge the public to report any information they have on the whereabouts of S.J. or the stolen weapons: 888 ATF TIPS, [ATFTips@atf.gov](mailto:ATFTips@atf.gov), <http://atf.gov/contact/atftips>, @Reportitcom, or text ATFDAL to 63975. ATF has partnered with the National Shooting Sports Foundation to offer a \$10,000 reward.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives and the Dallas Police Department conducted the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Gary Tromblay, Joe Magliolo, and Keith Robinson are prosecuting the case.

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*For more information, please contact Public Affairs Officer Erin Dooley at 214-659-8707 or [erin.dooley@usdoj.gov](mailto:erin.dooley@usdoj.gov).*

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Erin Dooley | Public Affairs | U.S. Attorney's Office - Northern District of Texas | 214-659-8707 | [erin.dooley@usdoj.gov](mailto:erin.dooley@usdoj.gov) | @erindooley

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:51 AM

**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >

**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) (b) (6) >

**Subject:** RE: Heads up on federal arrests and charges

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**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 8:04 PM  
**To:** Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO)  
**Subject:** Re: Did this get flagged for the WH? Do you know who in OPA knew about it?

We all did

On Jun 5, 2020, at 7:49 PM, Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

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**Fox: [VIDEO] “US Attorney Bill McSwain says America is at a crossroads between peaceful protests and bending to the mob,” Tucker Carlson, June 4, 2020, 9:00 PM**

A small percentage of people are trying to hijack our Democracy, says Bill McSwain, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. McSwain describes the challenges facing federal law enforcement as a result of looting and riots in Philadelphia. [[WATCH](#)]

**Mollie Timmons**

Office of Public Affairs

U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 8:08 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Cc:** Paul, Sharon (USAILC); Raimondi, Marc (OPA); Kjergaard, Alison (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Website topic ?

Yes agree Sharon

On Jun 5, 2020, at 7:39 PM, Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) > wrote:

Thank you, Sharon. A lot of great work this week

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**From:** Paul, Sharon (USAILC) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 6:27 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: Website topic ?

For the record, I didn't assign a topic this time.

The local PD PIO called and asked when we would have it on our website - he was watching for it and wanted to share it - because they view this as good as we are going into another weekend and there is misinformation that they want to manage.

All to say I'm passing along what we're doing is appreciated and valued. And I thought we could use that on a Friday evening :)

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 5, 2020, at 5:10 PM, Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) > wrote:

Ha this is way over my paygrade. I elect Ashley to decide whether another category makes sense. I'm not a fan of "protest activity" as a standing category. I would think maybe national security is close

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**From:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 5:28 PM  
**To:** Paul, Sharon (USAILC) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Website topic ?

That's a Wyn or Matt policy call. I just toil down here in the salt mines, he makes the big decisions.

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**From:** Paul, Sharon (USAILC) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 5:27 PM  
**To:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Website topic ?

That would help in a search for these kinds of cases.

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**From:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 4:23 PM  
**To:** Paul, Sharon (USAILC) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Website topic ?

Good question. Not all these are NatSec charges. Maybe we should create a special protest violence category?

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**From:** Paul, Sharon (USAILC) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 5:20 PM  
**To:** Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Website topic ?

When we put these releases on our websites, how are we to flag them ? Yesterday, I selected national security, thinking that was the most appropriate, but I'm looking for something more definitive or if I shouldn't select a 'topic' at all ?

Thank you,  
Sharon

Sharon J. Paul  
V W Coord./Public Information Officer  
U.S. Attorney's Office, Central District of Illinois  
Springfield, Ill.  
Direct (b) (6) ; Cell (b) (6)

**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:45 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Subject:** FW: List of Federal Riot Cases Charged (attached)  
**Attachments:** List of Federal Riot Cases Charged.docx

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**From:** Vance, Alexa M. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 2:18 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: List of Federal Riot Cases Charged (attached)

What do you all think of this formatting? Do we want to include all the cases listed in the attached document?  
Thanks!



## The United States Department of Justice

### WEEKLY ROUNDUP

#### [Two Brooklyn Residents and a Greene County Resident Charged in Connection with Molotov Cocktail Attacks on the NYPD](#)

##### **Eastern District of New York**

*U.S. Attorney Richard P. Donoghue*

*Excerpt:*

Two criminal complaints were filed Saturday evening in federal court in Brooklyn charging two women and a man with using and attempting to use improvised incendiary devices commonly known as “Molotov Cocktails” to damage and destroy New York City Police Department (NYPD) vehicles.

Defendants Colinford Mattis and Urooj Rahman, both residents of Brooklyn, were arrested in a van early Saturday morning while allegedly in possession of explosive device components shortly after Rahman hurled a Molotov cocktail at an NYPD vehicle before fleeing with Mattis. A separate complaint charges Samantha Shader, a resident of Catskill, New York, who was arrested after allegedly throwing a Molotov cocktail at an NYPD vehicle occupied by four police officers.

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**Alexa Vance**

Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:15 AM  
**To:** Vance, Alexa M. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** FW: List of Federal Riot Cases Charged (attached)

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**From:** Morales, Arlen (USAEO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 9:02 AM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Ausiello, David (USAEO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: List of Federal Riot Cases Charged (attached)

Morning Wyn,

Latest list attached.

R,  
Arlen

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**From:** Morales, Arlen (USAEO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 3:29 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Ausiello, David (USAEO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: List of Federal Riot Cases Charged (attached)

Wyn latest doc attached.

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 11:21 AM  
**To:** Morales, Arlen (USAEO) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Ausiello, David (USAEO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: List of Federal Riot Cases Charged (attached)

Thanks Arlen for the assistance, excellent work

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**From:** Morales, Arlen (USAEO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2020 7:57 AM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Ausiello, David (USAEO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** List of Federal Riot Cases Charged (attached)

Morning Wyn,

Updated list attached.

Arlen



## List of Federal Riot Cases Charged

Updated: 6.5.20 9:00 a.m. (ET)

| DATE   | DISTRICT | DEFENDANT(S)   | CHARGE(S)  | PRESS RELEASE  |
|--------|----------|--|--|--|
| 6/4/20 | NV       | Tyree Walker<br>Devarian Haynes<br>Ricardo Densmore                  | One count of conspiracy to commit arson<br>One count of arson  | <a href="#">Three Men Face Federal Arson Charges For Setting Fire To Police Patrol Vehicle During Protest In Downtown Las Vegas</a>                  |
| 6/4/20 | WDMO     | Matthew E. Madden  | 18 USC 922(g)(3), drug user in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">KCK Man Arrested for Attacking Officers at Protest Charged with Illegal Firearm</a>  |
| 6/4/20 | WDNY     | Deyanna Davis<br>Semaj Pigram<br>Walter Stewart<br>Courtland Renford | Davis, Pigram, Stewart: Felon in possession of a firearm.<br>Renford: federal grand jury has returned a separate indictment charging the defendant with arson (see <a href="#">6/1/20 WDNV Press Release re Renford</a> ). | <a href="#">Four Defendants Charged In Two Separate Indictments For Their Roles In Incidents Of Violence Associated With Civil Unrest In Buffalo</a> |
| 6/4/20 | NDIL     | Adam Walton  | 18 USC 922(g)(1); felon in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">Man Charged in Federal Court With Illegally Possessing Loaded Handgun in Chicago</a>   |
| 6/4/20 | CDIL     | Ca'Quintez Gibson  | 18 U.S.C 2101, Inciting a Riot   | <a href="#">Federal Complaint Charges Peoria Man with Using Internet to Incite Rioting in Peoria</a>   |
| 6/4/20 | AZ       | Loren Reed   | Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(e) for using the internet and telephone to willfully threaten to unlawfully damage or destroy a building by fire   | <a href="#">Page Man Charged with Threatening to Burn Page Magistrate Court</a>  |
| 6/4/20 | NJ       | Carlos A. Matchett   | 18 USC 2101<br>Use of a facility of interstate commerce to organize, promote, encourage, participate in, and carry on a riot   | <a href="#">Atlantic City Man Charged with Rioting</a>   |
| 6/4/20 | SDIN     | Antonio Wooden   | 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(2) and (3); fugitive and drug user in possession of a firearm.  | <a href="#">Federal charges filed from incident during Saturday's protest/rioting</a>  |
| 6/3/20 | EDMO     | Devante Coffie   | 18 U.S.C. 922(u), burglary from firearms dealer  | <a href="#">St. Louis County Man Faces a Federal Firearms Charges in Connection to the Burglary of the Southside Pawn Shop</a>                       |
| 6/3/20 | NDIL     | Kevin D. Tunstall<br>Johnnie L. Lee                                  | One count of illegal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon  | <a href="#">Two Convicted Felons Charged in Federal Court With Illegally</a>   |

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|        |      |  |  | <a href="#">Possessing Loaded Handguns in Chicago</a>  |
| 6/3/20 | NDIL | Joseph Hammond   | 18 USC 922(g)(1); felon in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">Chicago Man Facing Federal Firearm Charge After Allegedly Pointing Loaded Gun at Federal Agent</a>                         |
| 6/3/20 | MA   | Vincent Eovacious  | Civil disorder and possession of a Molotov cocktail  | <a href="#">Worcester Man Charged with Civil Disorder and Possession of a Destructive Device</a>                                       |
| 6/3/20 | UT   | Jackson Stuart Tamowski Patton                                       | One count of arson for allegedly setting fire to a Salt Lake City Police Department vehicle  | <a href="#">Salt Lake City Man Arrested On Federal Arson Charges For Alleged Burning Of Salt Lake City Police Patrol Car</a>           |
| 6/3/20 | WDKY | Tevin R. Patton  | Prohibited person in possession of a firearm   | <a href="#">U.S. Attorney's Office Prosecuting Armed Felon From Tennessee Arrested During Louisville Protest And Riots</a>             |
| 6/3/20 | MDFL | John Wesley Mobley, Jr.  | False impersonation of a federal officer   | <a href="#">Convicted Felon Charged With Impersonating A Deputy United States Marshal At George Floyd Protest</a>                      |
| 6/3/20 | WDPA | Melquan Barnett  | Malicious destruction of property using fire or explosives   | <a href="#">Erie Man Charged with Arson for Setting Fire at Erie Coffee Shop during Protest</a>  |
| 6/3/20 | NV   | Stephen T. Parshall aka "Kiwi,"<br>Andrew Lynam<br>William L. Loomis | All charged with: One count of conspiracy to damage and destroy by fire and explosive; and one count of possession of unregistered firearms, that is, a destructive device | <a href="#">Joint Terrorism Task Force Charges Three Men Who Allegedly Sought To Exploit Protests In Las Vegas And Incite Violence</a> |
| 6/3/20 | MDTN | Wesley Somers  | Malicious destruction of property using fire or explosives   | <a href="#">Hendersonville Man Facing Federal Arson Charges In Connection To Metro Courthouse Fire During Protest</a>                  |
| 6/2/20 | NDIL | Timothy O'Donnell  | 18 U.S.C. § 844(i), arson  | <a href="#">Chicago Man Arrested on Federal Arson Charge for Allegedly Setting Fire to Chicago Police Vehicle</a>                      |
| 6/2/20 | NDIL | Brandon Pegues<br>Amber L. Peltzer                                   | <b>Pegues:</b> 18 U.S.C. 922(g), felon in possession of a firearm<br><b>Peltzer:</b> 18 U.S.C. 922(g), felon in possession of a firearm                                    | <a href="#">Two Individuals Charged in Federal Court With Illegally Possessing Loaded Handguns in Downtown Chicago</a>                 |
| 6/2/20 | NJ   | Justin Spry  | Attempt to Damage Government Property by   | <a href="#">Middlesex County Man Arrested for Attempting to Set Fire to Trenton Police Vehicle</a>                                     |

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|         |      |   | Fire, 18 USC 844(f)(1) and (2)<br>Attempt to Damage Property in Commerce by Fire, 18 USC 844(i)   |  |
| 6/2/20  | NDTX | Emmanuel Quinones   | 18 U.S.C. 875(c) (interstate threatening communications)  | <a href="#">Man Who Brandished Assault Rifle at Protest Charged With Making Threats</a>  |
| 6/2/20  | MN   | Garrett Patrick Ziegler<br>Fornandous Cortez<br>Henderson | The defendants are charged with arson and possession of Molotov cocktails.  | <a href="#">Two Individuals Charged With Throwing Molotov Cocktails Into Dakota County Government Building</a>                       |
| 6/1/20  | WDNY | Courtland Renford   | 18 USC 844(i), destroying/attempting to destroy a building used in interstate commerce  | <a href="#">Buffalo Man Charged With Arson After Throwing A Burning Basket Into Buffalo City Hall During Weekend Protests</a>        |
| 6/1/20  | MN   | Matthew Lee Rupert  | 18 U.S.C § 231(a)(3) (civil disorders) and 2101 (riots); 26 U.S.C. § 5845(f), 5861(d), and 5871 (unregistered firearms)   | <a href="#">Federal Criminal Complaint Charges Illinois Man With Traveling To Minnesota To Riot, Possession Of Explosive Devices</a> |
| 5/31/20 | EDNY | Colin ford Mattis<br>Urooj Rahman<br>Samantha Shader      | <b>Mattis/Rahman:</b> causing damage by fire and explosives – police vehicle); 18 U.S.C. 2 (aiding and abetting)<br><b>Shader:</b> 18 U.S.C. 844(i) (causing damage by fire and explosives – police vehicle | <a href="#">Two Brooklyn Residents and a Greene County Resident Charged in Connection with Molotov Cocktail Attacks on the NYPD</a>  |

**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:50 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Subject:** FW: today's remarks to 3500 state/local officials  
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**From:** Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:13 AM  
**To:** Douglas, Danielle E. (OLA) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Plack, Laura (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >; DuCharme, Seth (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Hovakimian, Patrick (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: today's remarks to 3500 state/local officials

A few edits to the text are attached. Copying Rachel for OAG.  
Is there anyone else who should review for message consistency/timing, or should we go ahead and post on DOJ website with DAG speeches?

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**From:** Douglas, Danielle E. (OLA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:54 PM  
**To:** Plack, Laura (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >; Hovakimian, Patrick (ODAG) (b) (6) >; DuCharme, Seth (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: today's remarks to 3500 state/local officials

I like the idea! Also, I ran it by IGA, they like the idea and have no concerns. Recommended we note the remarks were "delivered to State, local, and Tribal officials from across the country."

Danielle Douglas  
Office of Legislative Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice

On 4 Jun 2020, at 6:00 PM, Plack, Laura (ODAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

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Thanks, Matt. Danielle, what do you/OLA think about posting the remarks to the DOJ website ("prepared for delivery")?

Laura

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 4:02 PM  
**To:** Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Douglas, Danielle E. (OLA)

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**Cc:** Plack, Laura (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Hovakimian, Patrick (ODAG) (b) (6) >; DuCharme, Seth (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: today's remarks to 3500 state/local officials

Think that's fine

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**From:** Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 3:21 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Douglas, Danielle E. (OLA) (b) (6) >; Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Plack, Laura (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Hovakimian, Patrick (ODAG) (b) (6) >; DuCharme, Seth (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: today's remarks to 3500 state/local officials

Following up on item below. Should Danielle go ahead and check with WH IGA?

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 5:25 PM  
**To:** Douglas, Danielle E. (OLA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Plack, Laura (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Hovakimian, Patrick (ODAG) (b) (6) >; DuCharme, Seth (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: today's remarks to 3500 state/local officials

Think we should wait and get through tomorrow morning. AG doing presser and don't want to get ahead of him.

On Jun 3, 2020, at 4:15 PM, Douglas, Danielle E. (OLA) (b) (6) > wrote:

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DAG Rosen, thank you so much for your remarks on today's call. I am sure IGA would appreciate that, and I would be happy to confirm with them. Matt – thoughts from OPA side?

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**From:** Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:10 PM  
**To:** Plack, Laura (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) >; Douglas, Danielle E. (OLA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Hovakimian, Patrick (ODAG) (b) (6) >; DuCharme, Seth (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** today's remarks to 3500 state/local officials

Attached is the outline/notes that I used for today's remarks during the IGA conf call with state and local officials. Query whether we should ask IGA if it would be helpful if DOJ formatted into a "prepared for delivery" text, and posted as my remarks on DOJ website?

## Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:17 PM  
**To:** Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO)  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Subject:** Re: Governor Call

Thank you!

On Jun 5, 2020, at 9:26 PM, Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

Matt called me saying the link the WH was wrong, that it was of the VP.

I googled the call and it looks like CNN has a rough transcript of it up on their website (apologies, didn't realize it would be on the internet).

I can try to get the official audio tonight and clean up the transcript but in the meantime, this is what is on CNN.

**Mollie Timmons**  
Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
(b) (6)

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/01/politics/wh-governors-call-protests/index.html>

TRUMP: People here that you'll be seeing a lot of. Gen. Milley is here. He's head of the joint chiefs of staff, a fighter, a war hero, a lot of victories and no losses and he hates to see the way it's being handled in the various states and I just put him in charge. The attorney general is here, Bill Barr, and we will activate Bill Barr and activate him very strongly. We're strongly -- the secretary of defense is here.

We're strongly looking for arrests. You have to get much tougher. You're gonna get over it. I know Gov. Walz is on the phone and we spoke and I fully agree with the way he handled it the last couple of days, I asked him to do that. You know, a lot of me -- we have all the men and women that you need. But people aren't calling them up.

You have to dominate. If you don't dominate, you're wasting your time. They're going to run all over you, you'll look like a bunch of jerks. You have to dominate, and you have to arrest people, and you have to try people and they have to go to jail for long periods of time. I saw what happened in Philadelphia. I saw what happened in Dallas where they kicked a guy to death. I don't know if he died or not but if he didn't, it's a miracle, what they did to him, they were kicking him like I've never seen anything like it in my life.

They don't talk about that, they talk about a lot of other things but they don't talk about that but I saw what happened in Dallas and those kids, they're all on camera, they're wiseguys. And it's coming from the radical left, you know it, everybody knows it, but it's also looters, and it's people that figure they can get free stuff by running into stores and running out with television sets. I saw it, a kid get a lot of stuff,

he puts it in the back of a brand new car and drives off.

You have every one of these guys on tape, why aren't you prosecuting them? Now the harder you are, the tougher you are, the less likely it is that you're going to be hit. This is a movement. We found out they're delivering supplies to various place in various states, your people know about it now. But we found out many things, it's like a movement, and it's a movement that if you don't put it down, it'll get worse and worse, this is like Occupy Wall Street. It was a disaster until one day, somebody said, that's enough and they just went in and wiped them out and that's the last time we ever heard the name Occupy Wall Street, until today when I heard about it, I heard Occupy Wall Street. I haven't heard about it, I heard about it today for the first time in a long time. They were they forever it seemed on wall street. they closed up Wall Street, the financial district of the world, total domination, they were ordering pizzas, nobody did anything.

And then one day somebody said that's enough, you're getting out of here within two hours, and then after that everything was beautiful and that was the last time we heard about it. These are the same people. These are radicals and they're anarchists. They're anarchists, whether you like it or not, I know some of you guys are different persuasions and that's OK. I fully understand that. I understand both. I'm for everybody. I'm representing everybody, I'm not representing -- radical right radical left -- I'm representing everybody but you have to know what you're dealing with. But it's happened before, it's happened numerous times. And the only time it's successful is when you're weak. And most of you are weak.

And I will say this, what's going on in Los Angeles -- I have a friend who lives in Los Angeles. They say all the storefronts are gone. They're all broken and gone. The merchandise is gone. It's a shame. It didn't look as bad as that to me, maybe it was the sunshine, I don't know. But in Los Angeles, the storefronts are gone. Philadelphia's a mess, Philadelphia, what happened there is horrible. And that was on television, they're breaking into stores and nobody showed up to even stop them. There was no -- nobody showed up to stop them. Washington, they had large groups, very large groups, they attacked the AFL-CIO building. So they attacked (INAUDIBLE) friends, which is very interesting. But Washington was under great control. But we're going to have it under much more control. We're pouring in -- we're going to pull in thousands of people (INAUDIBLE) of the DC police, the mayor, the mayor of Washington DC and Secret Service did a very good job around the White House but their sole, their primary function is around the White House.

But and we're going to clamp down very, very strong. And you better arrest (INAUDIBLE) -- and you'll never see this stuff again and you'll have to let them know that. They're trying to get people out on bail in Minneapolis. I understand they're out there trying to get all these guys out on bail. So you have them on tape. You have them on television. In history, there's never been anybody taped so much committing a crime. You have these guys throwing rocks, they show them last night on one of the stations on one of the networks throwing a big brick, and they had him in slow motion replay. Like it's like a fielder. Catching a ball or throwing a ball you have the slow motion replay, you see exactly who he is, everybody knows.

You have everybody on tape, you gotta arrest all those people, you gotta try them. And if they get five years or ten years, they have to get five years or ten years. There's no retribution. So I say that and the word is dominate. If you don't dominate your city and your state, they're gonna walk away with you. And we're doing it in Washington, in DC, we're going to do something that people haven't seen before. But we're going to have total domination. And then you have to put them in jail and you have to authorize whatever it is, whoever it is you authorize, and with that I'll let Bill Barr say a few words and then I'll let Gen. Milley speak. Let's go, Bill.

ATTORNEY GEN. BILL BARR: I know the situations vary around the country but it seems that some of the common dimensions are, you have control of (?) protesters, you have opportunistic people like looters,

but in many places, if not most places, you have this ingredient of extremist anarchist agitators who are riding the (INAUDIBLE).

Law enforcement response is not gonna work unless we dominate the streets, as the President said. We have to control the streets. If we treat these as demonstrations, the police are pinned back, guarding places and don't have the dynamic ability to go out and arrest the troublemakers. They're just standing in a line watching the events. Then when they disperse the crowds, the crowds go running off in different directions, create havoc, there is looting and everything. We have to control the crowd and not react to what's happening. And that requires a strong presence. In many places it will require the National Guard and when there's a strong presence, (INAUDIBLE) to defend buildings or a strong presence to control the crowd, things are quieting down, as in Minneapolis.

Some places may not require the National Guard and I think that New Jersey so far has been doing a very good job working with state police and the New York Police. And we'll see what happens there but the key is you have to have adequate force. That brings up law enforcement, even federal law enforcement, working with your state and local law enforcement, to be more dynamic and to go after the troublemakers. To go after the guys that are throwing the bricks and (INAUDIBLE) ... running around starting fires. They have to be taken from the street and arrested and processed.

The structure we're going to use is the joint terrorist task force, which I know most of you are familiar with. Tried and true system, it's worked for domestic and homegrown terrorists, and we're going to employ that model. It already integrates your state and local people and it's intelligence driven and it will go operational. That's -- we want to lean forward (INAUDIBLE) anyone who violates a federal law in connection with this rioting.

But we need to have people take control of the streets so that we can go out and work with law enforcement, say hello to the law enforcement. And identify these people in the crowd, isolate, pull them out, prosecute.

TRUMP: So the best example, I alluded to it a couple of seconds ago, is Minneapolis. It was incredible what happened in the state of Minnesota. They were a laughingstock, all over the world. They took over the police department. The police were running down the street, sirens blazing, the rest of them running, it was on camera. And then they wiped out, you probably have to build a new one. I've never seen anything like it and the whole world was laughing. Two days, three days later, I spoke to the governor, the governor's I think on the call and he's an excellent guy, and all of a sudden -- And I said you gotta use the National Guard and take numbers (INAUDIBLE). They didn't at first, then they did, and I'll tell you that's true, I don't know what it was ... those guys, third night, fourth night, they walked through that stuff like it was butter. They walked right through and you haven't had any problems since and I mean they know -- they're not going to go there, they're going to go some other place. But once you called that and you dominated, you took the worst place and you made it -- they didn't even cover it last night because there was so little action. So, you dominated, you dominated. Now what happened in New York, I have to tell you, I live in Manhattan. What's going on in Manhattan, I have no idea. New York's finest, they gotta be -- they need to do their jobs. I don't know what's happening in Manhattan but it's terrible. And because it's New York, because it's Manhattan, it gets a lot of press, so they really spend a lot of time on it. but New York is gonna have to toughen up and we'll send you National Guard if you want. You have the largest police force in the country, 40,000 people I understand, but what's going on in New York is terrible, it's terrible.

TRUMP: ... 40,000 people I understand, but what's going on in New York is terrible. It's terrible. Of all the places, what went on last night in Los Angeles with the stores and the ... is terrible. Total domination, you have to dominate. Yeah, go ahead Bill.

BARR: Something the President said reminded me. The reason you know we have to control the streets



is not just to bring peace to that town, but to give us the opportunity to get the bad actors because they are going to go elsewhere, we're picking up information. And when they run into a tough nut...a strong police force and National Guard are looking for secondary target...so they can go and overwhelm the local police force. So, in several of your states you know that's what we're hearing.

So, that's why it's so imperative we can't play whack-a-mole we have to...professional instigators to the leadership group. And the way to do that is to start with a strong statement.

TRUMP: If you're weak and don't dominate the streets they're gonna stay away from you until you finally do it, and you don't want that. Philadelphia, you better toughen up because what's going on in Philadelphia like New York is terrible. It's terrible. You better toughen -- they never leave. I know you want to say all...hundred people. You've got a big National Guard out there that's ready to come in a time like now. I tell you, what they did in Minneapolis was incredible. They went in and dominated. And it happened immediately.

All of the sudden my wife said to me, 'wow look at all these people.' They got out and were wearing dark black uniforms. They got out and they were there in the houses and they walked right down the street, knocking them out with tear gas, tear gas. Those guys, they were running. And the next night it was much less and then the next night, it's like you know what happened, they went to other cities. They're all looking for weak spots. Now what they're going to do is they're going to search out for perhaps smaller cities, smaller places. You've got to arrest these people. You've got to arrest these people and you've got to judge them, and you can't do the deal where they get one week in jail. These are terrorists, these are terrorists, they're looking to do bad things to our country.

They're Antifa and they're radical left. And the reason you have other radicals is because they've been watching this for years, many years. And they don't like this. Go back and study Occupy Wall Street, because you'll see the way that is, a thing of beauty, everybody said 'I can't believe how easy it was' it was an hour of...and when it was all over it was a beautiful thing. And that's the way it has to end for you, alright secretary of defense.

ESPER: Thank you Mr. President. If I could build on your comments and attorney general's comments to give some some quick stats. So, of course, the Department of Defense remains in full support of states, the state governors, Department of Justice...law enforcement. Right now we 17,000 folks deployed in the National Guard in 29 states...fewer than 200 people deployed in the Baltimore state as well as their guard. So as the President and the AG have rightly pointed out, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has done a fantastic job.

By Saturday morning, after the chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff and I suppose the governor increased their presence 10-fold I think the evidence was clear from Saturday night and Sunday night. And so, in my urging I agree, we need to dominate the battle space...resources in the guards. I stand ready the chairman stands ready, the head of the National Guard stands ready to fully support you in terms of helping mobilize the guard and do what they need to do. Again, most of the guard has not been called up. There's only a few states that...two states where more than 1,000 troops have been called up. I think the sooner that you mask and dominate the battle space, the quicker this dissipates, and we get back to a -- the right normal.

TRUMP: I don't know what it is, politically where you don't want to call out people. They are already willing and able they want to fight for the country. I don't know what it is. Someday you'll have to explain it to me. But it takes so long to call them up. We're waiting for you, we're shocked there's areas, LA, we're shocked you're not using the greatest resource you can use and they're trained for this stuff and they're incredible. Why you're not calling them up? I don't know, but you're making a mistake because you're making yourself look like, look like fools. And some have done a great job. A lot of you, it's not, it's not good, it's very bad for our county. You know what, other countries watch this, they're

watching us and they say 'boy they're really a pushover.' And we can't be a pushover. And you have all the resources, it's not like you don't have the resources.

So I don't know what you're doing. We'll take some questions if you want ... I think Tim is on the phone now, Tim Walz. Again, I was very happy with the last couple of days. Tim you called up big numbers and the big numbers knocked them out so fast it was like bowling pins. All right, anybody, I guess it's hashtag...right? Hashtag ... The governors on audio, the governors on any .... hashtag ... anybody want to speak? Brian is up there. Brian you want to speak? Georgia, Brian Kemp.

KEMP: Hey, good morning, Mr. President. I can just give you a quick update, I'll talk through this as fast as I can from starting on Friday night. We have been talking to the city of Atlanta in preparation to support peaceful protest but also to protect lives and the property of the citizens in Atlanta and around the state of Georgia. But also, we have the mindset to take strong actions against the disruptors. We had 500 guard called up and ready to support as well as the whole thing we had in our state operations center we activated. We had the Georgia State..., Georgia National Guard, the Department of Natural Resource team of rangers and then we used our Department of Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Community Supervision, they all have certified officers. Two of those have instant response teams that they use to...prison disruptions. And those people are really good at doing that. We had all of those teams standing by to help Friday night. It became evident that APD needed our help, and we went in there and I think did a good job in a really tough situation to calm things down.

And then Saturday we worked with their whole team we had a major from the Atlanta Police Department embedded in our state operations center. We had one of our people in their operation center so we had constant communications and I was in the state ops center all three nights for a very long time so I got to see this firsthand. But that coordination that we were able to have with the locals, with the guard, the state patrol and all our other resources as well as having surveillance in the air, especially Saturday night, was awesome.

And we had a lot of people that did the right thing, we supported them in the peaceful protest. And when the curfew hit, they went home. And what we saw was the disruptors stayed. And so you knew those were the people that we were going to have to deal with. And that's what we did over the weekend. Just two other things real quick. We did see in Savannah last night we were ... a lot of the instigators in Charlotte, South Carolina on Saturday night were coming to Savannah on last night.

We were watching that. We got in place early so the attorney general was correct in saying we could watch those folks that you knew were professionals, if you will. We knew that they were ... office supplies and areas ... We were surveilling that. They ended up moving those because they figured out we were watching them and just because I think we were there early and really ... I think they only arrested 10 people. And the first person they arrested was from out of state. The last thing I will tell you is this Georgia National Guard medics team most likely saved an Atlanta police officer's life last night when he rammmed by a disruptor on a four-wheeler. And they put a tourniquet on him and helped him ... hospital and it was great to see that. So thank you for your support of the guard.

TRUMP: Thank you Brian very much. And you did a good job, it looked like Atlanta was a much different place with a little time so that ... was pretty rough. Tim Walz I don't know if you've left yet for your conference, I know you had a conference. You were the one that didn't have a conference. Uh, is Tim there? I'd like to maybe have him explain the difference between the beginning and the end. Tim are you there?

WALZ: I am. Thank you, Mr. President. And I want to give a thank you to Secretary Esper for your strategic guidance, very helpful. Yeah our ... is grieving and in pain. And I would just say as far as the ... the peaceful protestors were expecting an out ... that is real they wouldn't ... if there were a man dying

in front of them. That part of it then of course sparked civil unrest, there, there were actors and I would like to believe they were ... here in Minnesota but they're not ... an issue with the Minneapolis Police Department. But once that starts to spin ... the ... in the first few days. I don't believe anybody would have had a big enough force to do this. We mobilized ... Thursday and Friday.

I had mobilized ... about 750 to 1,000 if we could get a National Guard onto the scene. But one of our ... in state history for civil rights or civil obedience and we were still overwhelmed. At that point ... I hope ... the National Guard. And that's what the President was alluding to ...

WALZ: But I think, again, Mr. President, I hope, you asked (INAUDIBLE) it's going to be very critical. There are (INAUDIBLE) legitimate anger and here our problems wouldn't be ... if we cannot be (INAUDIBLE) we've got to have the resources to maintain (INAUDIBLE) and we're going to have to transition back. (INAUDIBLE) overwhelming here is the transition back is the catalyst that started (inaudible) what happened with Minneapolis police department. So (INAUDIBLE) a lot of (inaudible) specific leaders and the peaceful protests and obviously (INAUDIBLE) ... I think the guidance is you've got to get a handle on it with that force. That is absolutely (INAUDIBLE). And then the transition in the next phase is trying to get those (INAUDIBLE) for the peaceful protests and (inaudible) to do things that we have to look at of how do we get reform. And (INAUDIBLE) a tragedy that I still (INAUDIBLE) we avoided was the truck speeding down the highway with thousands of protesters ... at that point in time we do not know...that was a (INAUDIBLE) ... of whether it was going to be intentional. As it turned out, it was a confused and scared driver who didn't want to leave the interstate, turned into that, saw (INAUDIBLE) pulled out of the vehicle. Some of you recall that it looked like...during Rodney King. But the truck never (INAUDIBLE) but he was (INAUDIBLE) he said that that crowd was about (INAUDIBLE) and they pulled him in which deescalated the situation and as (INAUDIBLE) said, last night was calm and (INAUDIBLE)

TRUMP: But Tim, it shows me incredible difference between your great state...yesterday and the day before compared to the first few days was just ...

WALZ: Absolutely.

TRUMP: Never seen anything like it ...

WALZ: Absolutely.

TRUMP: But the police force didn't take it over. And I don't blame you. I blame the mayor. I mean, I've never seen anything like it where the police were told to abandon the police house and it was ransacked and really destroyed...you know millions and millions of dollars are going to have to go back and fix it. I don't know. You'll (INAUDIBLE)

WALZ: Mr. President, if I'm still on, (inaudible) the one thing I would say you could do is...a lot of people don't understand who the National Guard is and you need to get out there from a PR perspective and make sure that it's not seen as an occupying force, but it's their neighbors, school teachers, business owners, those types of things. That's a really effective message.

TRUMP: OK, good. I think that's a good idea. I must tell you it got so bad a few nights ago that the people wouldn't have minded an occupying force. I wish they had an occupying force in there. But for some reason, I don't know what it is governors don't like calling up a lot of...the guard. We have thousands and thousands of people waiting to be called up. Is that a correct statement, general?

MILLEY: 350,000.

TRUMP: 350,000. You have 350,000 people and they call up 200. Tim used that the first night

(INAUDIBLE). What happened is after that he said let's go and I'll tell you, this was like magic. You saw thousands of people all of a sudden, you know, online, just walking through the street. I said...it was like a beautiful thing to see. And we have 350,000 plus in the National Guard and nobody wants to use them and their cities are ransacked and they're a disgrace all over the world. All over the world they're (INAUDIBLE) it. What happened in Los Angeles was a (INAUDIBLE). And New York was a disaster. I don't understand what happened to New York's finest. I don't understand it. But there's nothing wrong with New York calling up the National Guard. There's nothing wrong with it. Alright. Thank you very much, Tim. Go ahead next, please. (INAUDIBLE) Do you want to say something? Go ahead.

So, Mr. President while we're waiting on the governor (INAUDIBLE). What you mentioned about the Guard, we've found in various studies over the years, the 1960s riots, Rodney King (INAUDIBLE), the introduction of the National Guard in force on the streets during civil (INAUDIBLE), intervening in civil riots, civil unrest, seems to be a very calming effect. (INAUDIBLE) numbers (INAUDIBLE) that's what I saw in Minnesota. So when I talk to the governor, when Secretary Esper talks to the governor, when (INAUDIBLE) the governor, and to his credit, he mobilized the entire Minnesota Guard, (INAUDIBLE) fixed sites, fixed site security at key points on the ground and you had police as mobile forces (INAUDIBLE) law enforcement. It's a very effective technique. It's been used for years in the past. We have activated. We have activated the National Guard (INAUDIBLE) civil authorities on average for civil disturbances one every three years (INAUDIBLE) so it is a very effective technique, strongly encouraged. (INAUDIBLE) mobilize and start reporting today as many guard as you think you need in order to establish law and order in the various cities. 55 cities have protest ... 54 ... 55 cities have protests the last 24 hours and 22 of them were violent at moderate to severe levels. But the rest were peaceful. The rest were peaceful because it was good law and order on the streets so strongly encourage the use of the National Guard to get as many boots on the ground as you can muster.

TRUMP: So, we automatically have our experiment and that's...I hate to say, Minnesota, you had the first part, which was weak and pathetic, and you had the second part, which was domination, and those guys probably, largely left their (inaudible) one of your cities, one of your states because they're not getting anywhere in Minnesota anymore. So you have that perfect contrast of Minnesota phase one, Minnesota phase two. It's a beautiful thing to watch. It just can't be any better. There's no experiment needed. You don't have to do tests. Alright, go ahead. Hashtag two, please. Anybody?

MILLS: Mr. President. This is Janet Mills, governor the great state of Maine. Thank you for the call and information and thank you Attorney General Barr, Mr. Secretary and (INAUDIBLE) gentlemen. I have two questions (INAUDIBLE). One is, you mentioned, somebody mentioned intelligence regarding the source of the protests and the bad actors and professional instigators ... as a prosecutor for more than 20 years in the state of Maine, a former attorney general, a former district attorney to three counties, I would be very interested in knowing the intel so that we can prepare in advance for any insurgents or any professional instigators. We haven't seen that yet in my state, that I know of, but I would love to hear the intel that you appear to have access to regarding who these individuals are who are those bad actors and professional instigators.

Secondly, Attorney General Barr you mentioned arresting for federal...violations of federal law and charging people federally. I'd be interested to know what federal statutes we would rely on for prosecutions, arrests and prosecutions for violations of federal law. Those are my questions. My comment is, Mr. President, I'm very concerned quite frankly, that we understand that you're coming to the state of Maine later this week. I'm very concerned that your presence may cause security problems for our state and (inaudible) yet. So I'm concerned about that. Thank you.

TRUMP: We'll look into that. We have a tremendous crowd of people showing up, as you know, and I think most of them are very favorable. They like their president, but we'll talk to you about that, certainly. As far as intelligence, we do have intelligence, information and we'll present it to the appropriate people. I'd like to (inaudible) if you hear anything, let us know. Report it to the attorney

general....

MILLS: Of course. (cross talk) information, I would really like to have it. Thank you.

TRUMP: Or ... by the way (INAUDIBLE) you can prosecute (INAUDIBLE) but if you prosecute (INAUDIBLE) the levels (INAUDIBLE) very rapidly. Go ahead, please.

BARR: we will be sharing intelligence with all of our state and local partners through the joint terrorist task forces. Everything (INAUDIBLE) we will direct your way (INAUDIBLE). I know your people are tying it to that. As to federal offenses, there are many different federal offenses that emerge in rioting situations. Two of the most common are anyone who crosses state lines (INAUDIBLE) federal offense, to incite or dissipating (INAUDIBLE) or anyone who uses any interstate facility...telecommunications, vehicles, (INAUDIBLE) whatever, in connection with participating and encouraging riots...those are two federal (INAUDIBLE) but there are many others. (INAUDIBLE) destructive devices and conspiracies and other (INAUDIBLE)

TRUMP: So, Phil Murphy did a very new job in New Jersey, which is interesting, because you had very little problem. You did call up a lot of good law enforcement. You had a lot of good law enforcement. Phil, I think you're there ... Phil Murphy?

MURPHY: Mr. President, yes...good morning to each of you. Honored to be with you. We had about 30 protests through the weekend and the attorney general said it exactly right, the (INAUDIBLE) problem was that there were (INAUDIBLE) there was about 30 and we managed 28 out of 30. There were some disturbances involving Atlantic City and Trenton, but by the scale, based on what we see on television, these were, while unfortunate, were not (INAUDIBLE) scale of that (INAUDIBLE) no philosophical issue whatsoever due to or not due to the National Guard (INAUDIBLE) so far. (INAUDIBLE) state police, Rep. (INAUDIBLE) local police would have been able (INAUDIBLE) within our (INAUDIBLE) so far we've got about nine, it looks like nine (inaudible) from today (INAUDIBLE) expecting these are peaceful in nature

MURPHY: We've got about nine looks like nine more of these scheduled -- at least the organizers are claiming these are peaceful in nature. We're gonna make sure we've got the police there to ensure that that's safe, protect the community, allow folks to express their protest -- which we have no issue with -- we just want to make sure it's peaceful. But so far so good (INAUDIBLE).

TRUMP: I appreciate it very much, really good and congratulations so far. Keep it going. Doug Ducey are you on there, please?

DUCEY: Yes. Thank you very much Mr. President. Yesterday we met with the comm leaders from around the state, heard all of their concerns. I know that we can do better both statewide and federally as well. Now Phoenix is the fifth largest metropolitan area in the entire county and we've learned some lessons over the last three days. First, the more aggressive approach does work. We wanted peaceful protestors to be able to exercise their First Amendment rights.

We had a tough time after the sun went down figuring out who was the peaceful protestors and who was the person who was going to cause trouble, destroy property, or begin violent action. I put out a statewide emergency yesterday and we put out a statewide curfew for ATM and we did that because of what we saw the night before. Phoenix Police Department, Department of Public Safety did a great job stopping the unlawful part of the protests became riotous, but it morphed into ... was rumored to go to Candler or to the west side, so we put out the statewide curfew. We called up the National Guard in force. We got all of our mayors, all of our police chiefs on board, and last night was a very quiet and peaceful night in the state of Arizona.

TRUMP: That's what I saw. I saw that. Big difference.

TRUMP: Jim Bel Edwards? John Bel are you there?

EDWARDS: Mr. President, thank you very much for the meeting and for the call. We've had about a dozen protests, I think a grand total of about two arrests of individuals. It's been relatively peaceful here. We have engaged the African American and faith community primarily, but also leaders across the state of Louisiana. We've been able to respond thus far with the police departments, the sheriff's office, the parishes and the state police. Obviously we have the National Guard here and could use them if necessary. We have -- and it's particularly been a benefit for us -- we went through in 2016 several weeks of very heavy protests, almost all of which were peaceful though, and so we've kept up those communications though with the various communities, and so far we're in good shape. Like Phil Murphy I don't want to jinx things, and we know that things can turn on a dime. And we know in 2016, most of the problems came from people who were bussed in from out of state. It was not local home grown folks who were the most violent and extremist on our streets.

And so that's where we could get some help from the federal government. If you all know that there are individuals or groups out there that are intending to target Louisiana in terms of coming in, that would be very, very helpful. We are monitoring the internet, we have our fusion center and so forth, but if Mr. Attorney General, if you think of some information like that, that would be very helpful if you would share with us.

TRUMP: Good. I appreciate that very much and likewise, though, if you have information about the groups. For instance we had information last night, we got it, where they're going to be loading. They're gonna be loading -- it's like a military operation. There's certain states -- we've already notified them -- but they're going to be loading. It's like we're talking about a war, which it is a war in a certain sense, and we're going to end it fast. So (INAUDIBLE). Thanks very much.

TRUMP: Larry Hogan, please? Maryland?

HOGAN: Yeah Mr. President, thank you very much, first of all I want to thank you for agreeing to our request on extending that Title 32. It couldn't be more timely, talking about everybody calling up the National Guard, and I couldn't agree more with all of the things that you've said. We had this experience in Maryland in 2015 when we had the riots in Baltimore and we did exactly what you're recommending. The city police in Baltimore were somewhat overwhelmed, but in a matter of hours, we sent in 4,000 members of the National Guard and a thousand additional police officers. They outnumbered the protestors and immediately calmed down the violence after the first few hours, and then just allowed people to protest for the rest of the week. I think that's what's not happening in some of the cities and I agree with, kind of 'peace through strength.' I think bringing up enough man power and not letting anybody be overpowered the way they have been the last few days is exactly the right thing.

We have 1300 members of the Guard called up now. We haven't had any issues, problems yet, the most peaceful, I think, was (INAUDIBLE).

But we're watching to see if it breaks down again. But on the -- I had a call with many of the governors and talking to all of them across the country, everybody's saying the same thing about the out-of-town agitators. It seems to be very organized, and as the discussion the attorney general was talking about -- the crossing of state lines, federal crimes, sharing of information and intelligence, critically, for all the governors that we all are focused on -- it's difficult in some of these cities with the prosecutors we have and the judges we have to get convictions even on violent crimes, let alone on these kinds of things. The federal charges with US attorneys going to federal court, sharing the intelligence, all of that is very, very helpful. We appreciate all the effort. Thank you very much.

TRUMP: Thank you very much. They're national anarchists, in many cases, and they're leading a group

of (INAUDIBLE). These are easily-led people.

HOGAN: And I'll just point out, Mr. President, we had those in Baltimore, in 2015. This is not new. As you point out, Occupy Wall Street, we had a lot of people, demonstrators, back in 2015. I'd only been governor for 90 days. But the troublemakers were all from out of town all organized profess agitators, I don't know, if it's the same group or a different group but they were former (INAUDIBLE) folks back then. So they just continue (INAUDIBLE) their craft and get better.

TRUMP: That's right. And you know when they have bricks you know they come armed with bricks and they have bricks and rocks big rocks and they have other things and they throw them, you know you're allowed to fight back. You don't have to have a brick hit you in the face and you don't do anything about it, you are allowed to fight back. Now I'm not asking my attorney general to have to stop me from saying that, but I would say that if a brick is thrown at somebody and it hits him, or maybe if it misses him, your very tough, strong, powerful people are allowed to fight back against that guy and very strongly and powerfully. That's what I think. I saw what they did to the kid in Dallas and that was a disgrace. That was a disgrace. That should've been stopped. I've never seen anybody take that punishment and I don't know, I guess maybe he's not going to live, but I saw what happened. I saw what happened to that kid. I've never seen it. Nobody talks about it. Nobody even mentions it.

TRUMP: But I know when you're doing well because I haven't seen Maryland on television. And that's good, when you're not on television.

HOGAN: We don't want to be on television again, but what you're talking about with the injuries, we had 137 police and firefighters injured in the first few hours of that disturbance in 2015, and we sent in the Guard and all those police officers and not a single person was hurt for the rest of the week. No more violence. So, it's powerful forces, with showing restraint, but I think showing those groups, people start to scatter.

TRUMP: Well, thank you very much, Larry. Hashtag two if anyone wants to call in, hashtag two.

OPERATOR: Governor Polis.

TRUMP: Go ahead.

JUSTICE: Mr. President can you hear me? It's Jim Justice from West Virginia.

TRUMP: Yes. I can.

JUSTICE: All I would say to you is that if it comes to pass that some states would rather you didn't come there, you come to West Virginia, because you're a looming hero here and we'll protect you in every way and there won't be any disturbance whatsoever. You know. when it really boils right down to it, we've had some real peaceful protests. We've welcomed them, but absolutely we're not gonna have a problem here -- because first and foremost, I'm not gonna put up with it. There is no way. There is no way. Instantaneously, we'll call in the Guard or do what whatever we've got to do, but I am just exactly like you, and I'm not gonna put up with this.

TRUMP: Well that sounds a lot different than the governor of Maine. That's very good. You know she tried to talk me out of it, now she probably talked me into it. She just doesn't understand me very well. But that's ok.

TRUMP: Thanks very much. I appreciate it very much, Jim. You know we have a situation -- I was thinking about calling a number of you -- with flag burning. I'm not a believer in flag burning, and I would think that if a state wanted to try and pass a law [where] you're not allowed to burn flags with a

certain punishment, strong punishment, I would think that the United States government would be backing you up all the way. So you're all on the phone right now, and I would think the United States government would love to see somebody go and do that, because I think flag burning is a disgrace. And it passed last time, as you know, against -- well a lot of people won -- it passed 5 to 4 and we have a different court. And I think that it's time to review that again because when I see flags being burned -- they wanted to crawl up the flag poles in Washington and try and burn flags, but we stopped them. They weren't able to do it. They would've done it if we didn't stop them. I think it's time to relook at that issue. Hopefully the Supreme Court will accept that. But if you have a state where you feel strongly, and many of you do, most of you do I'll bet, so if you wanted to try and pass a very powerful flag-burning statute, again, anti-flag-burning, I hope you do it because we'll back you 100%, all the way.

POLIS: Hi, this is Governor Jared Polis [background gargle] yeah we are in Colorado (INAUDIBLE) we were able to use the national guard and they're very amazing folks, I want to thank them for renewing their service and as you know (INAUDIBLE) we owe that to them, for (INAUDIBLE) coronavirus and protecting our cities, it's all incredibly important. I just wanted to ask the public health side of this, one of the things we did is distribute masks to some of the peaceful protesters, I don't know if others had that issue, obviously we're concerned with the size of the gatherings, some we're doing social distancing, some weren't, I am encouraged (INAUDIBLE) as freely available (INAUDIBLE) anybody has the right to peacefully protest can get a mask who needs one.

But we're all worried, Mr. President, about the set-backs of the re-openings with everything going on we just feel people, some of which we're doing social distancing some who weren't, I just wanted to encourage others to buy masks and offer testing (INAUDIBLE) because obviously we're using the national guard over the weekend, we just had a handful of arrests and no large scale infiltrations that we've seen people who were [inaudible] riled up and anarchy or whatever (INAUDIBLE) so I just wanted to pass on that public health detail (INAUDIBLE) responsible (INAUDIBLE).

TRUMP: Thank you very much Jared, thank you we'll have to have you at the White House very soon, McMaster, I think I hear Henry McMaster on the line his people (INAUDIBLE) Henry, cuz I know [crosstalk]

MCMASTER: Thank you Mr. President, I (INAUDIBLE) attorney general saying, (INAUDIBLE) and telephone calls and also what we've been saying is I don't think we've been prosecuting enough people -

TRUMP: I agree.

MCMASTER: (INAUDIBLE) they're just getting thirty days or five hundred dollars that's just the cost of doing business, I know that we have organized people. We're trying to figure out if we've got some here maybe we do, we have a state grand jury just like the rest of (INAUDIBLE) and bring them to full or that grand jury and investigate with the tools of the grand jury, we talked to our U.S. Attorney Steven McCoy, so everyone was onboard and (INAUDIBLE) what's happening in the city of Charleston, but the first night they had one of those until eleven o'clock, a curfew, they had a whole lot of (INAUDIBLE) the best confrontational approach is they had a lot of (INAUDIBLE) beautiful place with lots of people (INAUDIBLE) big fire crackers, and they was laying across the tables and (INAUDIBLE) the curfew and they were scaring everybody out and running into - [inaudible] in the hotel and shops heard shots [inaudible] some of the agitators and a lot of them are from outside there's no doubt about it, this Antifa or whatever you call it, (INAUDIBLE) one man in Columbia he had a glock pistol in a napsack, and ninety rounds of ammunition, (INAUDIBLE) some information from him. I think what you're saying is right, we have to make it more difficult - we've got to (INAUDIBLE) make it more (INAUDIBLE) to come run around and get (INAUDIBLE) and go to another town and do the same thing.

MCMASTER: The other point is that (INAUDIBLE) everywhere, the department of corrections,



[inaudible] the state police force, the city and county sheriffs are coming in and sharing - in Charleston though we had the national guard on Sunday night and they had virtually no problems, the sheriffs were out and said they'd never seen such police presence in his life and it was like (INAUDIBLE) and just a handful of arrests and [inaudible] rolling around the city of Charleston it was very peaceful, so great work (INAUDIBLE) like you said it's time to get serious about prosecuting people and finding out where their origins are, who's paying the money and we've heard some of them get a bonus if they get arrested, (INAUDIBLE) hands get arrested. (INAUDIBLE) The police told them get out of there and more and more arrests, so that's the state of it we have to be careful to (INAUDIBLE)

TRUMP: You don't have to be careful, you don't have to be too careful and I'll tell you, you have to do the prosecutions, you don't do the prosecutions -- they're just going to be back. Whether it's in two years or two months they're gonna be back and you gotta do the prosecutions and you know when someone is throwing a rock, it's just like shooting a gun -- just like having a -- (INAUDIBLE) hit somebody in the face, wipe them out practically, we have a couple people badly hurt and there's no retribution, so you have to do retribution in my opinion, you have to use your own legal system. You do have a great legal system from everyone I've been speaking to but if you want this to stop you've got to - you have to prosecute these people, Henry, you're right. Thank you very much. (CROSS-TALK)  
Female voice: Please go ahead you're line is open.

PRITZKER: This is Governor Pritzker.

TRUMP: I can hear you.

PRITZKER: You can hear me? Good. (INAUDIBLE)

TRUMP: Are you on your cell phone maybe? We're not hearing you great.

PRITZKER: Can you hear me OK? (INAUDIBLE)

TRUMP: Go ahead.

PRITZKER: Thank you Mr. President, I wanted to take this moment, I can't let it pass to (INAUDIBLE) to say that I'm extraordinarily concerned with the rhetoric that's been used by you, it's been inflammatory and not okay but that officer who choked George Floyd to death but we have to call for calm, we have to call for -- we called out our National Guard and our street police, but the rhetoric that's coming out of the White House is making it worse. And I need to say that we are feeling real pain out here and that we've got to have national leadership on this that is calling for calm and for making sure that (INAUDIBLE) legitimate peaceful protests, that will help us bring order.

TRUMP: Well thank you very much, Jay, I don't like your rhetoric either because I watch (INAUDIBLE) coronavirus and I don't like your rhetoric about it either I think you could've done a much better job, but that's OK, and you know, we don't agree with each other, as far as the (INAUDIBLE) in place (INAUDIBLE) respect the officer (INAUDIBLE) I've spoken about it also, talking about it with great compassion and I think it's a horrible thing that happened, and I've called it out on numerous occasions, in numerous speeches, I spoke about it at our great rocket launch, I covered it before I covered the rocket, when we sent out a billion-dollar rocket and before I spoke about the rocket I made a speech after the rocket launched, I spoke about officer -- I spoke about as to what happened with respect to Mr. Floyd, I thought it was a disgrace, I thought what happened was a disgrace but I spoke about it about as long as I did the rocket and those police officers and what they did including the three of them that stood there and watched. And they even participated, the whole world was disgraced by it, not just our country, the whole world was watching, so nobody can tell me I haven't spoken about it, I've spoken about it at great length, at great length and I will continue to speak about it, but I also have to think about law and order, we need law and order in our country and if we don't have law and order we

don't have a country. So, we need law and order.

TRUMP: OK, who's next? (INAUDIBLE)

FEMALE VOICE: There's no one in the queue at this time.

TRUMP: OK, I want to thank all of you, be strong, be tough, be smart, be safe, be safe, very unfortunate and uh (INAUDIBLE) of the people you have to do it right. Many, many people, you know Mr. Floyd but there are many other people who have been badly hurt and killed and the way we're going to do it, the way we're going to stop the problem is to be fair and be strong, you have to be strong. Use our national guard, you're much better off with too many than too few. That's one thing we have to have, too many is a good thing, too few is unacceptable so go out there and get 'em, good luck tonight and if you have any information, let us know please, thank you very much.

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### Governor's Call - Transcript (June 1, 2020)

TRUMP: People here that you'll be seeing a lot of. Gen. Milley is here. He's head of the joint chiefs of staff, a fighter, a war hero, a lot of victories and no losses and he hates to see the way it's being handled in the various states and I just put him in charge. The attorney general is here, Bill Barr, and we will activate Bill Barr and activate him very strongly. We're strongly -- the secretary of defense is here.

We're strongly looking for arrests. You have to get much tougher. You're gonna get over it. I know Gov. Walz is on the phone and we spoke and I fully agree with the way he handled it the last couple of days, I asked him to do that. You know, a lot of me -- we have all the men and women that you need. But people aren't calling them up.

You have to dominate. If you don't dominate, you're wasting your time. They're going to run all over you, you'll look like a bunch of jerks. You have to dominate, and you have to arrest people, and you have to try people and they have to go to jail for long periods of time. I saw what happened in Philadelphia. I saw what happened in Dallas where they kicked a guy to death. I don't know if he died or not but if he didn't, it's a miracle, what they did to him, they were kicking him like I've never seen anything like it in my life.

They don't talk about that, they talk about a lot of other things but they don't talk about that but I saw what happened in Dallas and those kids, they're all on camera, they're wiseguys. And it's coming from the radical left, you know it, everybody knows it, but it's also looters, and it's people that figure they can get free stuff by running into stores and running out with television sets. I saw it, a kid get a lot of stuff, he puts it in the back of a brand new car and drives off.

You have every one of these guys on tape, why aren't you prosecuting them? Now the harder you are, the tougher you are, the less likely it is that you're going to be hit. This is a movement. We found out they're delivering supplies to various place in various states, your people know about it now. But we found out many things, it's like a movement, and it's a movement that if you don't put it down, it'll get worse and worse, this is like Occupy Wall Street. It was a disaster until one day, somebody said, that's enough and they just went in and wiped them out and that's the last time we ever heard the name Occupy Wall Street, until today when I heard about it, I heard Occupy Wall Street. I haven't heard about it, I heard about it today for the first time in a long time. They were they forever it seemed on wall street. they closed up Wall Street, the financial district of the world, total domination, they were ordering pizzas, nobody did anything.

And then one day somebody said that's enough, you're getting out of here within two hours, and then after that everything was beautiful and that was the last time we heard about it. These are the same people. These are radicals and they're anarchists. They're anarchists, whether you like it or not, I know some of you guys are

different persuasions and that's OK. I fully understand that. I understand both. I'm for everybody. I'm representing everybody, I'm not representing -- radical right radical left -- I'm representing everybody but you have to know what you're dealing with. But it's happened before, it's happened numerous times. And the only time it's successful is when you're weak. And most of you are weak.

And I will say this, what's going on in Los Angeles -- I have a friend who lives in Los Angeles. They say all the storefronts are gone. They're all broken and gone. The merchandise is gone. It's a shame. It didn't look as bad as that to me, maybe it was the sunshine, I don't know. But in Los Angeles, the storefronts are gone. Philadelphia's a mess, Philadelphia, what happened there is horrible. And that was on television, they're breaking into stores and nobody showed up to even stop them. There was no -- nobody showed up to stop them. Washington, they had large groups, very large groups, they attacked the AFL-CIO building. So they attacked (INAUDIBLE) friends, which is very interesting. But Washington was under great control. But we're going to have it under much more control. We're pouring in -- we're going to pull in thousands of people (INAUDIBLE) of the DC police, the mayor, the mayor of Washington DC and Secret Service did a very good job around the White House but their sole, their primary function is around the White House.

But and we're going to clamp down very, very strong. And you better arrest (INAUDIBLE) -- and you'll never see this stuff again and you'll have to let them know that. They're trying to get people out on bail in Minneapolis. I understand they're out there trying to get all these guys out on bail. So you have them on tape. You have them on television. In history, there's never been anybody taped so much committing a crime. You have these guys throwing rocks, they show them last night on one of the stations on one of the networks throwing a big brick, and they had him in slow motion replay. Like it's like a fielder. Catching a ball or throwing a ball you have the slow motion replay, you see exactly who he is, everybody knows.

You have everybody on tape, you gotta arrest all those people, you gotta try them. And if they get five years or ten years, they have to get five years or ten years. There's no retribution. So I say that and the word is dominate. If you don't dominate your city and your state, they're gonna walk away with you. And we're doing it in Washington, in DC, we're going to do something that people haven't seen before. But we're going to have total domination. And then you have to put them in jail and you have to authorize whatever it is, whoever it is you authorize, and with that I'll let Bill Barr say a few words and then I'll let Gen. Milley speak. Let's go, Bill.

ATTORNEY GEN. BILL BARR: I know the situations vary around the country but it seems that some of the common dimensions are, you have control of (?) protesters, you have opportunistic people like looters, but in many places, if not most places, you have this ingredient of extremist anarchist agitators who are riding the (INAUDIBLE).

Law enforcement response is not gonna work unless we dominate the streets, as the President said. We have to control the streets. If we treat these as demonstrations, the police are pinned back, guarding places and don't have the dynamic ability to go out and arrest the troublemakers. They're just standing in a line watching the events. Then when they disperse the crowds, the crowds go running off in different directions, create havoc, there is looting and everything. We have to control the crowd and not react to what's happening. And that requires a strong presence. In many places it will require the National Guard and when there's a strong presence, (INAUDIBLE) to defend buildings or a strong presence to control the crowd, things are quieting down, as in Minneapolis.

Some places may not require the National Guard and I think that New Jersey so far has been doing a very good job working with state police and the New York Police. And we'll see what happens there but the key is you

have to have adequate force. That brings up law enforcement, even federal law enforcement, working with your state and local law enforcement, to be more dynamic and to go after the troublemakers. To go after the guys that are throwing the bricks and (INAUDIBLE) ... running around starting fires. They have to be taken from the street and arrested and processed.

The structure we're going to use is the joint terrorist task force, which I know most of you are familiar with. Tried and true system, it's worked for domestic and homegrown terrorists, and we're going to employ that model. It already integrates your state and local people and it's intelligence driven and it will go operational. That's -- we want to lean forward (INAUDIBLE) anyone who violates a federal law in connection with this rioting.

But we need to have people take control of the streets so that we can go out and work with law enforcement, say hello to the law enforcement. And identify these people in the crowd, isolate, pull them out, prosecute.

TRUMP: So the best example, I alluded to it a couple of seconds ago, is Minneapolis. It was incredible what happened in the state of Minnesota. They were a laughingstock, all over the world. They took over the police department. The police were running down the street, sirens blazing, the rest of them running, it was on camera. And then they wiped out, you probably have to build a new one. I've never seen anything like it and the whole world was laughing. Two days, three days later, I spoke to the governor, the governor's I think on the call and he's an excellent guy, and all of a sudden --

And I said you gotta use the National Guard and take numbers (INAUDIBLE). They didn't at first, then they did, and I'll tell you that's true, I don't know what it was ... those guys, third night, fourth night, they walked through that stuff like it was butter. They walked right through and you haven't had any problems since and I mean they know -- they're not going to go there, they're going to go some other place. But once you called that and you dominated, you took the worst place and you made it -- they didn't even cover it last night because there was so little action. So, you dominated, you dominated. Now what happened in New York, I have to tell you, I live in Manhattan. What's going on in Manhattan, I have no idea. New York's finest, they gotta be -- they need to do their jobs. I don't know what's happening in Manhattan but it's terrible. And because it's New York, because it's Manhattan, it gets a lot of press, so they really spend a lot of time on it. but New York is gonna have to toughen up and we'll send you National Guard if you want. You have the largest police force in the country, 40,000 people I understand, but what's going on in New York is terrible, it's terrible.

TRUMP: ... 40,000 people I understand, but what's going on in New York is terrible. It's terrible. Of all the places, what went on last night in Los Angeles with the stores and the ... is terrible. Total domination, you have to dominate. Yeah, go ahead Bill.

BARR: Something the President said reminded me. The reason you know we have to control the streets is not just to bring peace to that town, but to give us the opportunity to get the bad actors because they are going to go elsewhere, we're picking up information. And when they run into a tough nut...a strong police force and National Guard are looking for secondary target...so they can go and overwhelm the local police force. So, in several of your states you know that's what we're hearing.

So, that's why it's so imperative we can't play whack-a-mole we have to...professional instigators to the leadership group. And the way to do that is to start with a strong statement.

TRUMP: If you're weak and don't dominate the streets they're gonna stay away from you until you finally do it, and you don't want that. Philadelphia, you better toughen up because what's going on in Philadelphia like New

York is terrible. It's terrible. You better toughen -- they never leave. I know you want to say all...hundred people. You've got a big National Guard out there that's ready to come in a time like now. I tell you, what they did in Minneapolis was incredible. They went in and dominated. And it happened immediately.

All of the sudden my wife said to me, 'wow look at all these people.' They got out and were wearing dark black uniforms. They got out and they were there in the houses and they walked right down the street, knocking them out with tear gas, tear gas. Those guys, they were running. And the next night it was much less and then the next night, it's like you know what happened, they went to other cities. They're all looking for weak spots. Now what they're going to do is they're going to search out for perhaps smaller cities, smaller places. You've got to arrest these people. You've got to arrest these people and you've got to judge them, and you can't do the deal where they get one week in jail. These are terrorists, these are terrorists, they're looking to do bad things to our country.

They're Antifa and they're radical left. And the reason you have other radicals is because they've been watching this for years, many years. And they don't like this. Go back and study Occupy Wall Street, because you'll see the way that is, a thing of beauty, everybody said 'I can't believe how easy it was' it was an hour of...and when it was all over it was a beautiful thing. And that's the way it has to end for you, alright secretary of defense.

ESPER: Thank you Mr. President. If I could build on your comments and attorney general's comments to give some some quick stats. So, of course, the Department of Defense remains in full support of states, the state governors, Department of Justice...law enforcement. Right now we 17,000 folks deployed in the National Guard in 29 states...fewer than 200 people deployed in the Baltimore state as well as their guard. So as the President and the AG have rightly pointed out, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has done a fantastic job.

By [Saturday morning](#), after the chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff and I suppose the governor increased their presence 10-fold I think the evidence was clear [from Saturday night](#) and [Sunday night](#). And so, in my urging I agree, we need to dominate the battle space...resources in the guards. I stand ready the chairman stands ready, the head of the National Guard stands ready to fully support you in terms of helping mobilize the guard and do what they need to do. Again, most of the guard has not been called up. There's only a few states that...two states where more than 1,000 troops have been called up. I think the sooner that you mask and dominate the battle space, the quicker this dissipates, and we get back to a -- the right normal.

TRUMP: I don't know what it is, politically where you don't want to call out people. They are already willing and able they want to fight for the country. I don't know what it is. Someday you'll have to explain it to me. But it takes so long to call them up. We're waiting for you, we're shocked there's areas, LA, we're shocked you're not using the greatest resource you can use and they're trained for this stuff and they're incredible. Why you're not calling them up? I don't know, but you're making a mistake because you're making yourself look like, look like fools. And some have done a great job. A lot of you, it's not, it's not good, it's very bad for our county. You know what, other countries watch this, they're watching us and they say 'boy they're really a pushover.' And we can't be a pushover. And you have all the resources, it's not like you don't have the resources.

So I don't know what you're doing. We'll take some questions if you want ... I think Tim is on the phone now, Tim Walz. Again, I was very happy with the last couple of days. Tim you called up big numbers and the big numbers knocked them out so fast it was like bowling pins. All right, anybody, I guess it's hashtag...right? Hashtag ... The governors on audio, the governors on any .... hashtag ... anybody want to speak? Brian is up there. Brian you want to speak? Georgia, Brian Kemp.

KEMP: Hey, good morning, Mr. President. I can just give you a quick update, I'll talk through this as fast as I can from [starting on Friday night](#). We have been talking to the city of Atlanta in preparation to support peaceful protest but also to protect lives and the property of the citizens in Atlanta and around the state of Georgia. But also, we have the mindset to take strong actions against the disruptors.

We had 500 guard called up and ready to support as well as the whole thing we had in our state operations center we activated. We had the Georgia State..., Georgia National Guard, the Department of Natural Resource team of rangers and then we used our Department of Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Community Supervision, they all have certified officers. Two of those have instant response teams that they use to...prison disruptions. And those people are really good at doing that. We had all of those teams standing by to help [Friday night](#). It became evident that APD needed our help, and we went in there and I think did a good job in a really tough situation to calm things down.

And then Saturday we worked with their whole team we had a major from the Atlanta Police Department embedded in our state operations center. We had one of our people in their operation center so we had constant communications and I was in the state ops center all three nights for a very long time so I got to see this firsthand. But that coordination that we were able to have with the locals, with the guard, the state patrol and all our other resources as well as having surveillance in the air, especially [Saturday night](#), was awesome.

And we had a lot of people that did the right thing, we supported them in the peaceful protest. And when the curfew hit, they went home. And what we saw was the disruptors stayed. And so you knew those were the people that we were going to have to deal with. And that's what we did over the weekend. Just two other things real quick. We did see in Savannah last night we were ... a lot of the instigators in Charlotte, South Carolina [on Saturday night](#) were coming to Savannah on last night.

We were watching that. We got in place early so the attorney general was correct in saying we could watch those folks that you knew were professionals, if you will. We knew that they were ... office supplies and areas ... We were surveilling that. They ended up moving those because they figured out we were watching them and just because I think we were there early and really ... I think they only arrested 10 people. And the first person they arrested was from out of state. The last thing I will tell you is this Georgia National Guard medics team most likely saved an Atlanta police officer's life last night when he ramm'd by a disruptor on a four-wheeler. And they put a tourniquet on him and helped him ... hospital and it was great to see that. So thank you for your support of the guard.

TRUMP: Thank you Brian very much. And you did a good job, it looked like Atlanta was a much different place with a little time so that ... was pretty rough. Tim Walz I don't know if you've left yet for your conference, I know you had a conference. You were the one that didn't have a conference. Uh, is Tim there? I'd like to maybe have him explain the difference between the beginning and the end. Tim are you there?

WALZ: I am. Thank you, Mr. President. And I want to give a thank you to Secretary Esper for your strategic guidance, very helpful. Yeah our ... is grieving and in pain. And I would just say as far as the ... the peaceful protestors were expecting an out ... that is real they wouldn't ... if there were a man dying in front of them. That part of it then of course sparked civil unrest, there, there were actors and I would like to believe they were ... here in Minnesota but they're not ... an issue with the Minneapolis Police Department. But once that starts to spin ... the ... in the first few days. I don't believe anybody would have had a big enough force to do this. We mobilized ... Thursday and Friday.

I had mobilized ... about 750 to 1,000 if we could get a National Guard onto the scene. But one of our ... in

state history for civil rights or civil obedience and we were still overwhelmed. At that point ... I hope ... the National Guard. And that's what the President was alluding to ...

WALZ: But I think, again, Mr. President, I hope, you asked (INAUDIBLE) it's going to be very critical. There are (INAUDIBLE) legitimate anger and here our problems wouldn't be ... if we cannot be (INAUDIBLE) we've got to have the resources to maintain (INAUDIBLE) and we're going to have to transition back. (INAUDIBLE) overwhelming here is the transition back is the catalyst that started (inaudible) what happened with Minneapolis police department. So (INAUDIBLE) a lot of (inaudible) specific leaders and the peaceful protests and obviously (INAUDIBLE) ... I think the guidance is you've got to get a handle on it with that force. That is absolutely (INAUDIBLE). And then the transition in the next phase is trying to get those (INAUDIBLE) for the peaceful protests and (inaudible) to do things that we have to look at of how do we get reform. And (INAUDIBLE) a tragedy that I still (INAUDIBLE) we avoided was the truck speeding down the highway with thousands of protesters ... at that point in time we do not know...that was a (INAUDIBLE) ... of whether it was going to be intentional. As it turned out, it was a confused and scared driver who didn't want to leave the interstate, turned into that, saw (INAUDIBLE) pulled out of the vehicle. Some of you recall that it looked like...during Rodney King. But the truck never (INAUDIBLE) but he was (INAUDIBLE) he said that that crowd was about (INAUDIBLE) and they pulled him in which deescalated the situation and as (INAUDIBLE) said, last night was calm and (INAUDIBLE)

TRUMP: But Tim, it shows me incredible difference between your great state...yesterday and the day before compared to the first few days was just ...

WALZ: Absolutely.

TRUMP: Never seen anything like it ...

WALZ: Absolutely.

TRUMP: But the police force didn't take it over. And I don't blame you. I blame the mayor. I mean, I've never seen anything like it where the police were told to abandon the police house and it was ransacked and really destroyed...you know millions and millions of dollars are going to have to go back and fix it. I don't know. You'll (INAUDIBLE)

WALZ: Mr. President, if I'm still on, (inaudible) the one thing I would say you could do is...a lot of people don't understand who the National Guard is and you need to get out there from a PR perspective and make sure that it's not seen as a occupying force, but it's their neighbors, school teachers, business owners, those types of things. That's a really effective message.

TRUMP: OK, good. I think that's a good idea. I must tell you it got so bad a few nights ago that the people wouldn't have minded an occupying force. I wish they had an occupying force in there. But for some reason, I don't know what it is governors don't like calling up a lot of...the guard. We have thousands and thousands of people waiting to be called up. Is that a correct statement, general?

MILLEY: 350,000.

TRUMP: 350,000. You have 350,000 people and they call up 200. Tim used that the first night (INAUDIBLE). What happened is after that he said let's go and I'll tell you, this was like magic. You saw



thousands of people all of a sudden, you know, online, just walking through the street. I said...it was like a beautiful thing to see. And we have 350,000 plus in the National Guard and nobody wants to use them and their cities are ransacked and they're a disgrace all over the world. All over the world they're (INAUDIBLE) it. What happened in Los Angeles was a (INAUDIBLE). And New York was a disaster. I don't understand what happened to New York's finest. I don't understand it. But there's nothing wrong with New York calling up the National Guard. There's nothing wrong with it. Alright. Thank you very much, Tim. Go ahead next, please. (INAUDIBLE) Do you want to say something? Go ahead.

So, Mr. President while we're waiting on the governor (INAUDIBLE). What you mentioned about the Guard, we've found in various studies over the years, the 1960s riots, Rodney King (INAUDIBLE), the introduction of the National Guard in force on the streets during civil (INAUDIBLE), intervening in civil riots, civil unrest, seems to be a very calming effect. (INAUDIBLE) numbers (INAUDIBLE) that's what I saw in Minnesota. So when I talk to the governor, when Secretary Esper talks to the governor, when (INAUDIBLE) the governor, and to his credit, he mobilized the entire Minnesota Guard, (INAUDIBLE) fixed sites, fixed site security at key points on the ground and you had police as mobile forces (INAUDIBLE) law enforcement. It's a very effective technique. It's been used for years in the past. We have activated. We have activated the National Guard (INAUDIBLE) civil authorities on average for civil disturbances one every three years (INAUDIBLE) so it is a very effective technique, strongly encouraged. (INAUDIBLE) mobilize and start reporting today as many guard as you think you need in order to establish law and order in the various cities. 55 cities have protest ... 54 ... 55 cities have protests the last 24 hours and 22 of them were violent at moderate to severe levels. But the rest were peaceful. The rest were peaceful because it was good law and order on the streets so strongly encourage the use of the National Guard to get as many boots on the ground as you can muster.

TRUMP: So, we automatically have our experiment and that's...I hate to say, Minnesota, you had the first part, which was weak and pathetic, and you had the second part, which was domination, and those guys probably, largely left their (inaudible) one of your cities, one of your states because they're not getting anywhere in Minnesota anymore. So you have that perfect contrast of Minnesota phase one, Minnesota phase two. It's a beautiful thing to watch. It just can't be any better. There's no experiment needed. You don't have to do tests. Alright, go ahead. Hashtag two, please. Anybody?

MILLS: Mr. President. This is Janet Mills, governor the great state of Maine. Thank you for the call and information and thank you Attorney General Barr, Mr. Secretary and (INAUDIBLE) gentlemen. I have two questions (INAUDIBLE). One is, you mentioned, somebody mentioned intelligence regarding the source of the protests and the bad actors and professional instigators ... as a prosecutor for more than 20 years in the state of Maine, a former attorney general, a former district attorney to three counties, I would be very interested in knowing the intel so that we can prepare in advance for any insurgents or any professional instigators. We haven't seen that yet in my state, that I know of, but I would love to hear the intel that you appear to have access to regarding who these individuals are who are those bad actors and professional instigators.

Secondly, Attorney General Barr you mentioned arresting for federal...violations of federal law and charging people federally. I'd be interested to know what federal statutes we would rely on for prosecutions, arrests and prosecutions for violations of federal law. Those are my questions. My comment is, Mr. President, I'm very concerned quite frankly, that we understand that you're coming to the state of Maine later this week. I'm very concerned that your presence may cause security problems for our state and (inaudible) yet. So I'm concerned about that. Thank you.

TRUMP: We'll look into that. We have a tremendous crowd of people showing up, as you know, and I think

most of them are very favorable. They like their president, but we'll talk to you about that, certainly. As far as intelligence, we do have intelligence, information and we'll present it to the appropriate people. I'd like to (inaudible) if you hear anything, let us know. Report it to the attorney general...

MILLS: Of course. (cross talk) information, I would really like to have it. Thank you.

TRUMP: Or ... by the way (INAUDIBLE) you can prosecute (INAUDIBLE) but if you prosecute (INAUDIBLE) the levels (INAUDIBLE) very rapidly. Go ahead, please.

BARR: we will be sharing intelligence with all of our state and local partners through the joint terrorist task forces. Everything (INAUDIBLE) we will direct your way (INAUDIBLE). I know your people are tying it to that. As to federal offenses, there are many different federal offenses that emerge in rioting situations. Two of the most common are anyone who crosses state lines (INAUDIBLE) federal offense, to incite or dissipating (INAUDIBLE) or anyone who uses any interstate facility...telecommunications, vehicles, (INAUDIBLE) whatever, in connection with participating and encouraging riots...those are two federal (INAUDIBLE) but there are many others. (INAUDIBLE) destructive devices and conspiracies and other (INAUDIBLE)

TRUMP: So, Phil Murphy did a very new job in New Jersey, which is interesting, because you had very little problem. You did call up a lot of good law enforcement. You had a lot of good law enforcement. Phil, I think you're there ... Phil Murphy?

MURPHY: Mr. President, yes...good morning to each of you. Honored to be with you. We had about 30 protests through the weekend and the attorney general said it exactly right, the (INAUDIBLE) problem was that there were (INAUDIBLE) there was about 30 and we managed 28 out of 30. There were some disturbances involving Atlantic City and Trenton, but by the scale, based on what we see on television, these were, while unfortunate, were not (INAUDIBLE) scale of that (INAUDIBLE) no philosophical issue whatsoever due to or not due to the National Guard (INAUDIBLE) so far. (INAUDIBLE) state police, Rep. (INAUDIBLE) local police would have been able (INAUDIBLE) within our (INAUDIBLE) so far we've got about nine, it looks like nine (inaudible) from today (INAUDIBLE) expecting these are peaceful in nature

MURPHY: We've got about nine looks like nine more of these scheduled -- at least the organizers are claiming these are peaceful in nature. We're gonna make sure we've got the police there to ensure that that's safe, protect the community, allow folks to express their protest -- which we have no issue with -- we just want to make sure it's peaceful. But so far so good (INAUDIBLE).

TRUMP: I appreciate it very much, really good and congratulations so far. Keep it going. Doug Ducey are you on there, please?

DUCEY: Yes. Thank you very much Mr. President. Yesterday we met with the comm leaders from around the state, heard all of their concerns. I know that we can do better both statewide and federally as well. Now Phoenix is the fifth largest metropolitan area in the entire county and we've learned some lessons over the last three days. First, the more aggressive approach does work. We wanted peaceful protestors to be able to exercise their First Amendment rights.

We had a tough time after the sun went down figuring out who was the peaceful protestors and who was the person who was going to cause trouble, destroy property, or begin violent action. I put out a statewide emergency yesterday and we put out a statewide curfew for ATM and we did that because

of what we saw the night before. Phoenix Police Department, Department of Public Safety did a great job stopping the unlawful part of the protests became riotous, but it morphed into ... was rumored to go to Candler or to the west side, so we put out the statewide curfew. We called up the National Guard in force. We got all of our mayors, all of our police chiefs on board, and last night was a very quiet and peaceful night in the state of Arizona.

TRUMP: That's what I saw. I saw that. Big difference.

TRUMP: Jim Bel Edwards? John Bel are you there?

EDWARDS: Mr. President, thank you very much for the meeting and for the call. We've had about a dozen protests, I think a grand total of about two arrests of individuals. It's been relatively peaceful here. We have engaged the African American and faith community primarily, but also leaders across the state of Louisiana. We've been able to respond thus far with the police departments, the sheriff's office, the parishes and the state police. Obviously we have the National Guard here and could use them if necessary. We have -- and it's particularly been a benefit for us -- we went through in 2016 several weeks of very heavy protests, almost all of which were peaceful though, and so we've kept up those communications though with the various communities, and so far we're in good shape. Like Phil Murphy I don't want to jinx things, and we know that things can turn on a dime. And we know in 2016, most of the problems came from people who were bussed in from out of state. It was not local home grown folks who were the most violent and extremist on our streets.

And so that's where we could get some help from the federal government. If you all know that there are individuals or groups out there that are intending to target Louisiana in terms of coming in, that would be very, very helpful. We are monitoring the internet, we have our fusion center and so forth, but if Mr. Attorney General, if you think of some information like that, that would be very helpful if you would share with us.

TRUMP: Good. I appreciate that very much and likewise, though, if you have information about the groups. For instance we had information last night, we got it, where they're going to be loading. They're gonna be loading -- it's like a military operation. There's certain states -- we've already notified them -- but they're going to be loading. It's like we're talking about a war, which it is a war in a certain sense, and we're going to end it fast. So (INAUDIBLE). Thanks very much.

TRUMP: Larry Hogan, please? Maryland?

HOGAN: Yeah Mr. President, thank you very much, first of all I want to thank you for agreeing to our request on extending that Title 32. It couldn't be more timely, talking about everybody calling up the National Guard, and I couldn't agree more with all of the things that you've said. We had this experience in Maryland in 2015 when we had the riots in Baltimore and we did exactly what you're recommending. The city police in Baltimore were somewhat overwhelmed, but in a matter of hours, we sent in 4,000 members of the National Guard and a thousand additional police officers. They outnumbered the protestors and immediately calmed down the violence after the first few hours, and then just allowed people to protest for the rest of the week. I think that's what's not happening in some of the cities and I agree with, kind of 'peace through strength.' I think bringing up enough man power and not letting anybody be overpowered the way they have been the last few days is exactly the right thing.

We have 1300 members of the Guard called up now. We haven't had any issues, problems yet, the most peaceful, I think, was (INAUDIBLE).

But we're watching to see if it breaks down again. But on the -- I had a call with many of the governors and talking to all of them across the country, everybody's saying the same thing about the out-of-town agitators. It seems to be very organized, and as the discussion the attorney general was talking about -- the crossing of state lines, federal crimes, sharing of information and intelligence, critically, for all the governors that we all are focused on -- it's difficult in some of these cities with the prosecutors we have and the judges we have to get convictions even on violent crimes, let alone on these kinds of things. The federal charges with US attorneys going to federal court, sharing the intelligence, all of that is very, very helpful. We appreciate all the effort. Thank you very much.

TRUMP: Thank you very much. They're national anarchists, in many cases, and they're leading a group of (INAUDIBLE). These are easily-led people.

HOGAN: And I'll just point out, Mr. President, we had those in Baltimore, in 2015. This is not new. As you point out, Occupy Wall Street, we had a lot of people, demonstrators, back in 2015. I'd only been governor for 90 days. But the troublemakers were all from out of town all organized profess agitators, I don't know, if it's the same group or a different group but they were former (INAUDIBLE) folks back then. So they just continue (INAUDIBLE) their craft and get better.

TRUMP: That's right. And you know when they have bricks you know they come armed with bricks and they have bricks and rocks big rocks and they have other things and they throw them, you know you're allowed to fight back. You don't have to have a brick hit you in the face and you don't do anything about it, you are allowed to fight back. Now I'm not asking my attorney general to have to stop me from saying that, but I would say that if a brick is thrown at somebody and it hits him, or maybe if it misses him, your very tough, strong, powerful people are allowed to fight back against that guy and very strongly and powerfully. That's what I think. I saw what they did to the kid in Dallas and that was a disgrace. That was a disgrace. That should've been stopped. I've never seen anybody take that punishment and I don't know, I guess maybe he's not going to live, but I saw what happened. I saw what happened to that kid. I've never seen it. Nobody talks about it. Nobody even mentions it.

TRUMP: But I know when you're doing well because I haven't seen Maryland on television. And that's good, when you're not on television.

HOGAN: We don't want to be on television again, but what you're talking about with the injuries, we had 137 police and firefighters injured in the first few hours of that disturbance in 2015, and we sent in the Guard and all those police officers and not a single person was hurt for the rest of the week. No more violence. So, it's powerful forces, with showing restraint, but I think showing those groups, people start to scatter.

TRUMP: Well, thank you very much, Larry. Hashtag two if anyone wants to call in, hashtag two.

OPERATOR: Governor Polis.

TRUMP: Go ahead.

JUSTICE: Mr. President can you hear me? It's Jim Justice from West Virginia.

TRUMP: Yes. I can.

JUSTICE: All I would say to you is that if it comes to pass that some states would rather you didn't come there, you come to West Virginia, because you're a looming hero here and we'll protect you in every way and there won't be any disturbance whatsoever. You know, when it really boils right down to it, we've had some real peaceful protests. We've welcomed them, but absolutely we're not gonna have a problem here -- because first and foremost, I'm not gonna put up with it. There is no way. There is no way. Instantaneously, we'll call in the Guard or do what whatever we've got to do, but I am just exactly like you, and I'm not gonna put up with this.

TRUMP: Well that sounds a lot different than the governor of Maine. That's very good. You know she tried to talk me out of it, now she probably talked me into it. She just doesn't understand me very well. But that's ok.

TRUMP: Thanks very much. I appreciate it very much, Jim. You know we have a situation -- I was thinking about calling a number of you -- with flag burning. I'm not a believer in flag burning, and I would think that if a state wanted to try and pass a law [where] you're not allowed to burn flags with a certain punishment, strong punishment, I would think that the United States government would be backing you up all the way. So you're all on the phone right now, and I would think the United States government would love to see somebody go and do that, because I think flag burning is a disgrace. And it passed last time, as you know, against -- well a lot of people won -- it passed 5 to 4 and we have a different court. And I think that it's time to review that again because when I see flags being burned -- they wanted to crawl up the flag poles in Washington and try and burn flags, but we stopped them. They weren't able to do it. They would've done it if we didn't stop them. I think it's time to relook at that issue. Hopefully the Supreme Court will accept that. But if you have a state where you feel strongly, and many of you do, most of you do I'll bet, so if you wanted to try and pass a very powerful flag-burning statute, again, anti-flag-burning, I hope you do it because we'll back you 100%, all the way.

POLIS: Hi, this is Governor Jared Polis [background gargle] yeah we are in Colorado (INAUDIBLE) we were able to use the national guard and they're very amazing folks, I want to thank them for renewing their service and as you know (INAUDIBLE) we owe that to them, for (INAUDIBLE) coronavirus and protecting our cities, it's all incredibly important. I just wanted to ask the public health side of this, one of the things we did is distribute masks to some of the peaceful protesters, I don't know if others had that issue, obviously we're concerned with the size of the gatherings, some we're doing social distancing, some weren't, I am encouraged (INAUDIBLE) as freely available (INAUDIBLE) anybody has the right to peacefully protest can get a mask who needs one.

But we're all worried, Mr. President, about the set-backs of the re-openings with everything going on we just feel people, some of which we're doing social distancing some who weren't, I just wanted to encourage others to buy masks and offer testing (INAUDIBLE) because obviously we're using the national guard over the weekend, we just had a handful of arrests and no large scale infiltrations that we've seen people who were [inaudible] riled up and anarchy or whatever (INAUDIBLE) so I just wanted to pass on that public health detail (INAUDIBLE) responsible (INAUDIBLE).

TRUMP: Thank you very much Jared, thank you we'll have to have you at the White House very soon, McMaster, I think I hear Henry McMaster on the line his people (INAUDIBLE) Henry, cuz I know [crosstalk]

MCMASTER: Thank you Mr. President, I (INAUDIBLE) attorney general saying, (INAUDIBLE) and telephone calls and also what we've been saying is I don't think we've been prosecuting enough people --

TRUMP: I agree.

MCMASTER: (INAUDIBLE) they're just getting thirty days or five hundred dollars that's just the cost of doing business, I know that we have organized people. We're trying to figure out if we've got some here maybe we do, we have a state grand jury just like the rest of (INAUDIBLE) and bring them to full or that grand jury and investigate with the tools of the grand jury, we talked to our U.S. Attorney Steven McCoy, so everyone was onboard and (INAUDIBLE) what's happening in the city of Charleston, but the first night they had one of those [until eleven o'clock](#), a curfew, they had a whole lot of (INAUDIBLE) the best confrontational approach is they had a lot of (INAUDIBLE) beautiful place with lots of people (INAUDIBLE) big fire crackers, and they was laying across the tables and (INAUDIBLE) the curfew and they were scaring everybody out and running into - [inaudible] in the hotel and shops heard shots [inaudible] some of the agitators and a lot of them are from outside there's no doubt about it, this Antifa or whatever you call it, (INAUDIBLE) one man in Columbia he had a glock pistol in a napsack, and ninety rounds of ammunition, (INAUDIBLE) some information from him. I think what you're saying is right, we have to make it more difficult - we've got to (INAUDIBLE) make it more (INAUDIBLE) to come run around and get (INAUDIBLE) and go to another town and do the same thing.

MCMASTER: The other point is that (INAUDIBLE) everywhere, the department of corrections, [inaudible] the state police force, the city and county sheriffs are coming in and sharing - in Charleston though we had the national guard [on Sunday night](#) and they had virtually no problems, the sheriffs were out and said they'd never seen such police presence in his life and it was like (INAUDIBLE) and just a handful of arrests and [inaudible] rolling around the city of Charleston it was very peaceful, so great work (INAUDIBLE) like you said it's time to get serious about prosecuting people and finding out where their origins are, who's paying the money and we've heard some of them get a bonus if they get arrested, (INAUDIBLE) hands get arrested. (INAUDIBLE) The police told them get out of there and more and more arrests, so that's the state of it we have to be careful to (INAUDIBLE)

TRUMP: You don't have to be careful, you don't have to be too careful and I'll tell you, you have to do the prosecutions, you don't do the prosecutions -- they're just going to be back. Whether it's in two years or two months they're gonna be back and you gotta do the prosecutions and you know when someone is throwing a rock, it's just like shooting a gun -- just like having a -- (INAUDIBLE) hit somebody in the face, wipe them out practically, we have a couple people badly hurt and there's no retribution, so you have to do retribution in my opinion, you have to use your own legal system. You do have a great legal system from everyone I've been speaking to but if you want this to stop you've got to - you have to prosecute these people, Henry, you're right. Thank you very much. (CROSS-TALK)

Female voice: Please go ahead you're line is open.

PRITZKER: This is Governor Pritzker.

TRUMP: I can hear you.

PRITZKER: You can hear me? Good. (INAUDIBLE)

TRUMP: Are you on your cell phone maybe? We're not hearing you great.

PRITZKER: Can you hear me OK? (INAUDIBLE)

TRUMP: Go ahead.

PRITZKER: Thank you Mr. President, I wanted to take this moment, I can't let it pass to (INAUDIBLE) to say that I'm extraordinarily concerned with the rhetoric that's been used by you, it's been inflammatory and not okay but that officer who choked George Floyd to death but we have to call for calm, we have to call for -- we called out our National Guard and our street police, but the rhetoric that's coming out of the White House is making it worse. And I need to say that we are feeling real pain out here and that we've got to have national leadership on this that is calling for calm and for making sure that (INAUDIBLE) legitimate peaceful protests, that will help us bring order.

TRUMP: Well thank you very much, Jay, I don't like your rhetoric either because I watch (INAUDIBLE) coronavirus and I don't like your rhetoric about it either I think you could've done a much better job, but that's OK, and you know, we don't agree with each other, as far as the (INAUDIBLE) in place (INAUDIBLE) respect the officer (INAUDIBLE) I've spoken about it also, talking about it with great compassion and I think it's a horrible thing that happened, and I've called it out on numerous occasions, in numerous speeches, I spoke about it at our great rocket launch, I covered it before I covered the rocket, when we sent out a billion-dollar rocket and before I spoke about the rocket I made a speech after the rocket launched, I spoke about officer -- I spoke about as to what happened with respect to Mr. Floyd, I thought it was a disgrace, I thought what happened was a disgrace but I spoke about it about as long as I did the rocket and those police officers and what they did including the three of them that stood there and watched. And they even participated, the whole world was disgraced by it, not just our country, the whole world was watching, so nobody can tell me I haven't spoken about it, I've spoken about it at great length, at great length and I will continue to speak about it, but I also have to think about law and order, we need law and order in our country and if we don't have law and order we don't have a country. So, we need law and order.

TRUMP: OK, who's next? (INAUDIBLE)

FEMALE VOICE: There's no one in the queue at this time.

TRUMP: OK, I want to thank all of you, be strong, be tough, be smart, be safe, be safe, very unfortunate and uh (INAUDIBLE) of the people you have to do it right. Many, many people, you know Mr. Floyd but there are many other people who have been badly hurt and killed and the way we're going to do it, the way we're going to stop the problem is to be fair and be strong, you have to be strong. Use our national guard, you're much better off with too many than too few. That's one thing we have to have, too many is a good thing, too few is unacceptable so go out there and get 'em, good luck tonight and if you have any information, let us know please, thank you very much.

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TRUMP: Okay thank you very much everyone. We have an interesting situation going on. It shouldn't be hard to take care of and were going to take care of it. We've got a lot of people here that you'll be seeing a lot of. Gen. Milley is here. He's head of the joint chiefs of staff, a fighter, a war hero, a lot of victories and no losses and he hates to see the way it's being handled in the various states and I just put him in charge. The attorney general is here, Bill Barr, and we will activate Bill Barr and activate him very strongly. We're strongly -- the secretary of defense is here.

We're strongly looking for arrests. You have to get much tougher. You're gonna get overwritten. I know Gov. Walz is on the phone and we spoke and I fully agree with the way he handled it the last couple of days, I asked him to do that. We got a lot of men. We have all the men and women that you need. But people aren't calling them up.

You have to dominate. If you don't dominate, you're wasting your time. They're going to run all over you, you'll look like a bunch of jerks. You have to dominate, and you have to arrest people, and you have to try people and they have to go to jail for long periods of time. I saw what happened in Philadelphia. I saw what happened in Dallas where they kicked a guy to death. I don't know if he died or not but if he didn't, it's a miracle, what they did to him, they were kicking him like I've never seen anything like it in my life.

People don't talk about that, they don't talk about that, they talk about a lot of other things but they don't talk about that but I saw what happened in Dallas and those kids, they're all on camera, they're wiseguys. And it's coming from the radical left, you know it, everybody knows it, but it's also looters, and it's people that figure they can get free stuff by running into stores and running out with television sets. I saw it, a kid has a lot of stuff, he puts it in the back of a brand new car and drives off.

You have every one of these guys on tape, why aren't you prosecuting them? Now the harder you are, the tougher you are, the less likely it is that you're going to be hit. This is a movement. We found out they're delivering supplies to various places in various states, your people know about it now. But we found out many things, it's like a movement, and it's a movement that if you don't put it down, it'll get worse and worse, this is like Occupy Wall Street. It was a disaster until one day, somebody said, that's enough and they just went in and wiped them out and that's the last time we ever heard the name



Occupy Wall Street, until today when I heard about it, I heard Occupy Wall Street. I haven't heard about it, I heard about it today for the first time in a long time. They were there forever it seemed on wall street. they closed up Wall Street, the financial district of the world, and they had total domination, they were ordering pizzas, nobody did anything.

And then one day somebody said that's enough, you're getting out of here within two hours, and it was bedlam for an hour and then after that everything was beautiful and that was the last time we heard about it. These are the same people. These are radicals and they're anarchists. They're anarchists, whether you like it or not, I know some of you guys are different persuasions and that's OK. I fully understand that. I understand both. I'm for everybody. I'm representing everybody, I'm not representing -- radical right, radical left -- I'm representing everybody but you have to know what you're dealing with. But it's happened before, it's happened numerous times. And the only time it's successful is when you're weak. And most of you are weak.

And I will say this, what's going on in Los Angeles -- I have a friend who lives in Los Angeles. They say all the storefronts are gone. They're all broken and gone. The merchandise is gone. It's a shame. It didn't look as bad as that to me, maybe it was the sunshine, I don't know. But in Los Angeles, the storefronts are gone. Philadelphia's a mess, Philadelphia, what happened there is horrible. And that was on television, they're breaking into stores and nobody showed up to even stop them. There was no -- nobody showed up to stop them. Washington, they had large groups, very large groups, they attacked the AFL-CIO building. So they attacked, in theory, their friends, which is very interesting. But Washington was under good, very good control. But we're going to have it under much more control. We're pouring in -- we're going to pull in thousands of people. We were under guard of the DC police, the mayor, the mayor of Washington DC and Secret Service did a very good job around the White House but their sole, their primary function is around the White House.

But -- we're going to clamp down very, very strong. And you have to arrest, you have to try people, and you have to put them in jail for 10 years and you'll never see this stuff again and you'll have to let them know that. They're trying to get people out on bail in Minneapolis. I understand they're out there trying to get all these guys out on bail. So you have them on tape. You have them on television. In history, there's never been anybody taped so much committing a crime. You have these guys throwing rocks, they show them last night on one of the stations on one of the networks throwing a big brick, and they had him in slow motion, slow motion replay. Like it's like a fielder. Catching a ball or throwing a ball you have the slow motion replay, you see exactly who he is, everybody knows. You find out exactly --

Everybody's on tape, you gotta arrest all those people, and you gotta try them. And if they get five years or ten years, they have to get five years or ten years. There's no retribution. So I say that and the word is dominated. If you don't dominate your city and your state, they're gonna walk away with you. And we're doing it in Washington, in DC, we're going to do something that people haven't seen before. But we're going to have total domination. And then you have to put them in jail and you have to authorize whatever it is, whoever it is you authorize, and with that I'll let Bill Barr say a few words and then I'll let Gen. Milley speak. Let's go, Bill.

ATTORNEY GEN. BILL BARR: Well I know the situations vary around the country but it seems that some of the common dimensions are, we have the normal protesters, you have opportunistic people like looters, but in many places, if not most places, you have this ingredient of extremist anarchist types, agitators who are driving the violence.

Law enforcement response is not gonna work unless we dominate the streets, as the President said. We have to control the streets. If we treat these as demonstrations, the police are pinned back, guarding places and don't have the dynamic ability to go out and arrest the troublemakers. They're just standing in a line watching the events. Then when they disperse the crowds, the crowds go running off in different directions, create havoc, there is looting and everything. We have to control the crowd and not

react to what's happening on the streets. And that requires a strong presence. In many places it will require the National Guard and when there's a strong presence, not just an adequate presence to defend buildings, but a strong presence to control the crowd, things are quieting down, as in Minneapolis.

Some places may not require the National Guard and I think that New Jersey so far has been doing a very good job in working with state police and the New York Police. And we'll see what happens there but the key is you have to have adequate force. That frees up law enforcement, including federal law enforcement, working with your state and local law enforcement, to be more dynamic and to go after the troublemakers. To go after the guys who are peddling the bricks and Molotov cocktails. Very few people are running around starting fires. They have to be taken from the street and arrested and processed.

The structure we're going to use is the joint terrorist task force, which I know most of you are familiar with. Tried and true system, it's worked for domestic homegrown terrorists, and we're going to apply that model. It already integrates your state and local people and it's intelligence driven and it will go operational. That's -- we want to lean forward and charge federally anyone who violates a federal law in connection with this rioting.

But we need to have people take control of the streets so that we can go out and work with law enforcement, state and local law enforcement. And identify these people in the crowd, isolate, and pull them out, and prosecute them.

TRUMP: So the best example, I alluded to it a couple of seconds ago, is Minneapolis. It was incredible what happened in the state of Minnesota. They were a laughingstock, all over the world. They took over the police department. The police were running down the street, sirens blazing, the rest of them running, it was on camera. And then they wiped out, you probably have to build a new one. I've never seen anything like it and the whole world was laughing. Two days, three days later, I spoke to the governor, the governor's I think on the call and he's an excellent guy, and all of a sudden -- And I said you gotta use the National Guard in big numbers. They didn't at first, then they did, and I'll tell you what, I don't know what it was, governor, it was the third night, fourth night, those guys walked through that stuff like it was butter. They walked right through and you haven't had any problems since and I mean they know -- they're not going to go there, they're going to go some other place. But once you called that and you dominated, you took the worst place and you made it -- they didn't even cover it last night because there was so little action. Because, you dominated, you dominated. Now what happened to New York, I have to tell you, I live in Manhattan. What's going on in Manhattan, I have no idea. New York's finest, they gotta be allowed, maybe, to do their jobs. I don't know what's happening in Manhattan but it's terrible. And because it's New York, because it's Manhattan, it gets a lot of press, so they really spend a lot of time on it. but New York is gonna have to toughen up and we'll send you National Guard if you want. You have the largest police force in the country, 40,000 people I understand, but what's going on in New York is terrible, it's terrible.

Of all of the places. What went on last night in Los Angeles with the stores and the storefronts is terrible. No domination, you have to dominate. Yeah, go ahead Bill.

BARR: Something the President said reminded me. The reason you know we have to control the streets is not just to bring peace to that town, but to give us the opportunity to get the bad actors because they are going to go elsewhere, we're picking up information that when they run into a tough nut with a strong police force and National Guard, they are looking for secondary targets and cities so they can go and overwhelm the local police force. So, in several of your states you know that's what we're hearing.

So, that's why it's so imperative we can't play whack-a-mole with these people. We have to take out the professional instigators in the leadership group. And the way to do that is to start with a strong

statement in the major cities.

TRUMP: If you're weak and don't dominate the streets they're gonna stay with you until you finally do it, and you don't want that. Philadelphia, you better toughen up because what's going on in Philadelphia like New York is terrible. It's terrible. You better toughen -- they never leave. I know you want to say, oh let's not call up the Guard or let's not call up two hundred people. You've got a big National Guard out there that's ready to come in and fight like hell. I tell you, the best of what they did in Minneapolis was incredible. They went in and dominated. And it happened immediately.

All of the sudden my wife said to me, 'wow look at all those people.' They got out and were wearing dark black uniforms. They got out and they were there in the thousands and they just walked right down the street, knocking them out with tear gas, tear gas. Those guys, they were running. And the next night it was much less and then the next night, it's like you know what happened, they went to other cities. They're all looking for weak spots. Now what they're going to do is they're going to search out for perhaps smaller cities, smaller places. You've got to arrest these people. You've got to arrest these people and you've got to try them, and you can't do the deal where they get one week in jail. These are terrorists, these are terrorists, they're looking to do bad things to our country.

They're Antifa and they're radical left. And the reason you have other radicals is because they've been watching this for years, many years. And they don't like it. Go back and study Occupy Wall Street, because you'll see the way that end -- it a thing of beauty, everybody said 'I can't believe how easy it was' it was an hour of bedlam and when it was all over it was a beautiful thing. And that's the way it has to end for you, alright secretary of defense.

ESPER: Thank you Mr. President. If I could build on your comments and attorney general's comments to give some some quick stats. So, of course, the Department of Defense remains in full support of states, the governors, Department of Justice and federal law enforcement. Right now we 17,000 folks deployed in the National Guard in 29 states but I will tell you, the bulk of states have fewer than 200 people deployed. Fewer than 200 hundred people in the bulk of the states that have called up their guard. So as the President and the AG have rightly pointed out, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has done a fantastic job.

By Saturday morning, after the chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff and I spoke to the governor, they increased their presence 10-fold and I think the evidence was clear come Saturday night and Sunday night. And so, in my urging I agree, we need to dominate the battle space. You have deep resources in the guards. I stand ready the chairman stands ready, the head of the National Guard stands ready to fully support you in terms of helping mobilize the guard and do what they need to do. Again, most of the guard has not been called up. There's only a few states, in fact I count two states where more than 1,000 troops have been called up. I think the sooner that you mass and dominate the battle space, the quicker this dissipates, and we get back to a -- the right normal.

TRUMP: I don't know what it is, politically where you don't want to call out people. They are ready, willing, and able. They want to fight for the country. I don't know what it is. Someday you'll have to explain it to me. But it takes so long to call them up. We're waiting for you, we're shocked that certain areas, LA, we're shocked you're not using the greatest resource you can use and they're trained for this stuff and they're incredible. Why you're not calling them up? I don't know, but you're making a mistake because you're making yourself look like, look like fools. And some have done a great job. A lot of you, it's not, it's not good, it's very bad for our county. You know what, other countries watch this, they're watching us and they say 'boy they're really a pushover.' And we can't be a pushover. And you have all the resources, it's not like you don't have the resources.

So I don't know what you're doing. We'll take some questions if you want ... I think Tim is on the phone now, Tim Walz. Again, I was very happy with the last couple of days. Tim you called up big numbers and

the big numbers knocked them out so fast it was like bowling pins. All right, anybody, I guess it's hashtag two right? Hashtag two I think. Yeah, so that's the governors on audio, the governors on any ... hashtag two, anybody want to speak? I see Brian is up there. Brian you want to speak? Georgia, Brian Kemp.

KEMP: Hey, good morning, Mr. President. I can just give you a quick update, I'll try to do this as fast as I can from starting on Friday night. We have been talking to the city of Atlanta in preparation to support peaceful protest but also to protect lives and the property of the citizens in Atlanta and around the state of Georgia. But also, we have the mindset to take strong actions against the disruptors.

We had 500 guard called up and ready to support as well as the whole team we had in our state operations center, which we activated. We had the Georgia State patrol, Georgia National Guard, the Department of Natural Resource team of rangers and then we used our Department of Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Community Supervision, they all have post-certified offices. Two of those have instant response teams that they use to quell prison disruptions. And those people are really good at doing that. We had all of those teams standing by to help Friday night. It became evident that APD needed our help, and we went in there and I think did a good job in a really tough situation to calm things down.

And then Saturday we worked with their whole team we had a major from the Atlanta Police Department embedded in our state operations center. We had one of our people in their operation center so we had constant communications and I was in the state ops center all three nights for a very long time so I got to see this firsthand. But that coordination that we were able to have with the locals, with the guard, the state patrol and all our other resources as well as having surveillance in the air, especially Saturday night, was awesome.

And we had a lot of people that did the right thing, we supported them in the peaceful protest. And when the curfew hit, they went home. And what we saw was the disruptors stayed. And so you knew those were the people that we were going to have to deal with. And that's what we did over the weekend. Just two other things real quick. We did see in Savannah last night we were getting intel that a lot of the instigators in Charleston, South Carolina on Saturday night were coming to Savannah on last night.

We were watching that. We got in place early so the attorney general was correct in saying we could watch those folks that you knew were professionals, if you will. We knew that they were dropping supplies in area parks. We were surveilling that. They ended up moving those because they figured out we were watching them and just because I think we were there early and really targeting those types of people, that whole thing down there, I think they only arrested 10 people. And the first person they arrested was from out of state. The last thing I will tell you is this Georgia National Guard medics team most likely saved an Atlanta police officer's life last night when he was rammed by a disruptor on a four-wheeler. And they put a tourniquet on him and helped get him to the hospital and it was great to see that. So thank you for your support of the guard.

TRUMP: Thank you Brian very much. And you did a good job, it looked like Atlanta was a much different place with a little time so that's good. The first night was pretty rough. Tim Walz I don't know if you've left yet for your conference, I know you had a conference. You were the one that did have a conference. Uh, is Tim there? I'd like to maybe have him explain the difference between the beginning and the end, and they really made a comeback. Tim, are you there?

WALZ: I am. Thank you, Mr. President. And I want to give a thank you to Secretary Esper and Gen. Milly for your strategic guidance, very helpful. Yeah our city is grieving and in pain. And I would just say as far as the pretense of the peaceful protestors were expressing an outrage that is real. They wouldn't if there were a man dying in front of them. That part of it then of course sparked civil unrest, there, there were actors and I would like to believe they were all from out of state than here in Minnesota but they're not,

they're home grown. That's an issue that just happened with the Minneapolis Police Department. But once that starts to spin ... the idea that when you saw this happen in the first few days. I don't believe anybody would have had a big enough force to do this. Then we mobilized into Thursday and Friday -- I had mobilized, as the President was saying or that Secretary Esper was saying, about 750 to 1,000 is what we could get a National Guard onto the scene. It was one of our biggest mobilizations in state history for civil rights or civil disobedience and we were still overwhelmed. At that point in time, I did something unprecedented, I mobilized the entire Minnesota National Guard. And that's what the President was alluding to, with the size of the force that's capable.

But I think, again, Mr. President, I hope, you asked to explain, I will say it is going to be difficult, there are bad actors in this. There is such a legitimate anger and here our problem is going to be, if we cannot maintain this posture, we do not have the resources to maintain the posture and we're going to have to transition back. Our real dilemma here is the transition back is the catalyst that sparked this across the country and what happened with Minneapolis police department. So what we did was, a lot of yesterday, was engaging civic leaders and the peaceful protests and I would just close with, we have got to get a handle on it with that force. That is absolutely correct. And then the transition in the next phase is trying to get those faces for the peaceful protests and I am happy to do things that we have to look at of how do we get reform? This was a feel good story that was a tragedy that I still hit over that we avoided was the truck speeding down the highway with thousands of protesters, at that point in time we do not know...that was a fuel truck... whether it was going to be intentional. As it turned out, it was a confused and scared driver who didn't want to leave the interstate, went into that, saw he was pulled out of the vehicle. Some of you recall that horrific event during Rodney King. But the truck driver last night, he is under arrest, but he was interviewed he said that that crowd was about (INAUDIBLE) and they pulled him in which deescalated the situation and as President said, last night was calm twice so thank you for that.

TRUMP: But Tim, it shows me incredible difference between your great state...yesterday and the day before compared to the first few days was just a horrible scene

WALZ: Absolutely.

TRUMP: Never seen anything like it ...

WALZ: Absolutely.

TRUMP: But the police force didn't take it over. And I don't blame you. I blame the mayor. I mean, I've never seen anything like it where the police were told to abandon the police house and it was ransacked and really destroyed...you know millions and millions of dollars are going to have to go back and fix it. I don't know. You'll structure, that about all you'll have.

WALZ: Mr. President, if I'm still on, the one thing I would say is that I spent 24 years in the Guard, the one that I could that you could do is -- a lot of people don't understand who the National Guard is and you need to get out there from a PR perspective and make sure that it's not seen as an occupying force, but it's their neighbors, school teachers, business owners, those types of things. That's a really effective message.

TRUMP: OK, good. I think that's a good idea. I must tell you it got so bad a few nights ago that the people wouldn't have minded an occupying force. I wish we had an occupying force in there. But for some reason, I don't know what it is governors don't like calling up a lot of...the guard. We have thousands and thousands of people waiting to be called up. Is that a correct statement, general?

MILLEY: 350,000, more or less.

TRUMP: 350,000. You have 350,000 people and they call up 200. Tim did that the first night, which wasn't successful. What happened is after that he said let's go and I'll tell you, this was like magic. You saw thousands of people all of a sudden, you know, just walking through the street. I said...it was like a beautiful thing to see. And we have 350,000 plus in the National Guard and nobody wants to use them and their cities are ransacked and they're a disgrace all over the world. All over the world they're showing it. What happened in Los Angeles with the storefronts, Philadelphia and New York was a disaster. I don't understand what happened to New York's finest. I don't understand it. But there's nothing wrong with New York calling up the National Guard. There's nothing wrong with it. Alright. Thank you very much, Tim. Go ahead next, please. Hashtag two. General, do you want to say something? Go ahead.

MILLEY: So, Mr. President while we're waiting on the governors to tee up. What you mentioned about the Guard, we've found in various studies over the years, the 1960s riots, Rodney King, so one and so forth. The introduction of the National Guard in force on the streets during civil disobedience, in civil riots, civil unrest, proves to be a very calming effect. Mass matters, numbers matter. That's what I saw in Minnesota. So when I talk to the governor, when Secretary Esper talks to the governor, when the President talks to the governor, and to his credit, he mobilized the entire Minnesota Guard, mass matters, and to dominate the battle space, put them in fixed sites, fixed site security at key points on the ground and you had police as mobile forces who do the arresting and law enforcement. It's a very effective technique. It's been used for years in the past. We have activated the National Guard in support of civil authorities on average for civil disturbances one every three years in the last 100 years so it is a very effective technique, strongly encouraged. Mobilize and start reporting today as many guard as you think you need in order to establish law and order in the various cities. 55 cities have protests ... 54, 55 cities have protests the last 24 hours and 22 of them were violent at moderate to severe levels. But the rest were peaceful. The rest were peaceful because it was good law and order on the streets so strongly encourage the use of the National Guard to get as many boots on the ground as you can muster.

TRUMP: So, we automatically have our experiment and that's...I hate to say, Minnesota, you had the first part, which was weak and pathetic, and you had the second part, which was domination, and those guys probably, largely left, they've gone to one of your cities, one of your states because they're not getting anywhere in Minnesota anymore. So you have that perfect contrast of Minnesota phase one, Minnesota phase two. It's a beautiful thing to watch. It just can't be any better. There's no experiment needed. You don't have to do tests. Alright, go ahead. Hashtag two, please. Anybody?

MODERATOR: Governor Mills, your line is now open.

MILLS: Mr. President. This is Janet Mills, governor the great state of Maine. Thank you for the call and information and thank you Attorney General Barr, Mr. Secretary and General Milley. I have two questions, and one comment perhaps. One is, you mentioned, somebody mentioned intelligence regarding the source of the protests and the bad actors and professional instigators ... as a prosecutor for more than 20 years in the state of Maine, a former attorney general, a former district attorney to three counties, I would be very interested in knowing the intel so that we can prepare in advance for any insurgents or any professional instigators. We haven't seen that yet in my state, that I know of, but I would love to get the intel that you appear to have access to regarding who these individuals are who are those bad actors and professional instigators.

Secondly, Attorney General Barr you mentioned arresting for federal, violations of federal law and charging people federally. I'd be interested to know what federal statutes we would rely on for prosecutions, arrests and prosecutions for violations of federal law. Those are my questions. My comment is, Mr. President, I'm very concerned quite frankly, that we understand that you're coming to the state of Maine later this week. I'm very concerned that your presence may cause security problems for our state, we don't have them yet. So I'm concerned about that. Thank you.

TRUMP: We'll look into that. We have a tremendous crowd of people showing up, as you know, and I think most of them are very favorable. They like their president, but we'll talk to you about that, certainly. As far as intelligence, we do have intelligence, information and we'll present it to the appropriate people. I'd like to turn that around though -- if you hear anything, let us know. Report it to the attorney general and to law enforcement.

MILLS: Of course. (cross talk) information, I would really like to have it. Thank you.

TRUMP: Or ... by the way, take care of it yourselves. You can prosecute very easily, but if you prosecute the level will go down very rapidly. Bill, go ahead, please.

BARR: we will be sharing intelligence with all of our state and local partners through the joint terrorist task forces. Anything pertinent to Maine, we will direct your way through that mechanism. I know your people are tied into that. As to federal offenses, there are many different federal offenses that emerge in rioting situations. Two of the most common are anyone who crosses state lines to engage in rioting, that is a federal offense, to incite, to participate, to encourage and so forth. or anyone who uses any interstate facility, including, telecommunications, vehicles, roads, whatever, in connection with participating and encouraging riots...those are two federal offenses that commonly come into play but there are many others, involving destructive devices and conspiracies and other things like that.

TRUMP: So, Phil Murphy did a very new job in New Jersey, which is interesting, because you had very little problem. You did call up a lot of good law enforcement. You had a lot of good law enforcement. Phil, I think you're there ... Phil Murphy?

MURPHY: Mr. President, yes...good morning to each of you. Honored to be with you. We had about 30 protests through the weekend and the attorney general said it exactly right, the biggest one was in Newark but there was about 30 and we batted 28 out of 30. There were some disturbances involving Atlantic City and Trenton, but by the scale, based on what we see on television, these were, while unfortunate, were not big scale events. We've got no philosophical issue whatsoever using or not using the National Guard, it just happens so far Superintendent of the state police is right behind me, Col. Callahan has led the state police and local police would have been able to keep it within our range so far we've got about nine, it looks like nine more at least scheduled for today -- at least the organizers are claiming these are peaceful in nature. We're gonna make sure we've got the police there to ensure that that's the case, protect the community, allow folks to express their protest -- which we have no issue with -- we just want to make sure it's peaceful. But so far so good Mr. President. I don't want to jinx it, but so far so good.

TRUMP: I appreciate it very much, really good and congratulations so far. Keep it going. Doug Ducey are you on there, please?

DUCEY: Yes. Thank you very much Mr. President. Yesterday we met with the community leaders from around the state, heard all of their concerns. I know that we can do better both statewide and federally as well. Now Phoenix is the fifth largest metropolitan area in the entire county and we've learned some lessons over the last three days. First, the more aggressive approach does work. We wanted peaceful protestors to be able to exercise their First Amendment rights.

We had a tough time after the sun went down figuring out who was the peaceful protestors and who was the person who was going to cause trouble, destroy property, or begin violent action. I put out a statewide emergency yesterday and we put out a statewide curfew for 8 pm and we did that because of what we saw the night before. Phoenix Police Department, Department of Public Safety did a great job stopping the unlawful part of the protests when it became riotous, but it morphed into Scottsdale, was rumored to go to Chandler or to the west side, so we put out the statewide curfew. We

called up the National Guard in force. We got all of our mayors, all of our police chiefs on board, and last night was a very quiet and peaceful night in the state of Arizona.

TRUMP: That's what I saw. I saw that. Big difference. Good job Doug.

TRUMP: Jim Bel Edwards? John Bel are you there?

EDWARDS: Mr. President, thank you very much for the meeting and for the call. We've had about a dozen protests, I think a grand total of about two arrests of individuals. It's been relatively peaceful here. We have engaged the African American faith community primarily, but also leaders across the state of Louisiana. We've been able to respond thus far with the police departments, the sheriff's office of the various parishes and the state police. Obviously we have the National Guard here and could use them if necessary. We have -- and it's particularly been a benefit for us -- we went through in 2016 several weeks of very heavy protests, almost all of which were peaceful by the way, and so we've kept up those communications with the various communities, and so far we're in good shape with respect to this. Like Phil Murphy I don't want to jinx things, and we know that things can turn on a dime. And we know in 2016, most of the problems came from people who were bussed in from out of state. It was not local home grown folks who were the most violent and extremist on our streets.

And so that's where we could get some help from the federal government. If you all know that there are individuals or groups out there that are intending to target Louisiana in terms of coming in, that would be very, very helpful. We are monitoring the internet, we have our fusion center and so forth, but if Mr. Attorney General, if you think of some information like that, that would be very helpful if you would share with us.

TRUMP: Good. I appreciate that very much and likewise, though, if you have information about the groups. For instance we had information last night, we got it, where they're going to be loading in a certain state. They're gonna be loading -- it's like a military operation. There's certain states -- we've already notified them -- but they're going to be loading. It's like we're talking about a war, which it is a war in a certain sense, and we're going to end it fast. So be tough. Thanks very much.

TRUMP: Larry Hogan, please? Maryland?

HOGAN: Yeah Mr. President, thank you very much, first of all I want to thank you for agreeing to our request on extending that Title 32. It couldn't be more timely, talking about everybody calling up the National Guard, and I couldn't agree more with all of the things that you've said. We had this experience in Maryland in 2015 when we had the riots in Baltimore and we did exactly what you're recommending. The city police in Baltimore were somewhat overwhelmed, but in a matter of hours, we sent in 4,000 members of the National Guard and a thousand additional police officers. We outnumbered the protestors and immediately calmed down the violence after the first few hours, and then just allowed people to protest for the rest of the week. I think that's what's not happening in some of the cities and I agree with, kind of 'peace through strength.' I think bringing up enough man power and not letting anybody be overpowered the way they have been the last few days is exactly the right thing.

We have 1,300 members of the Guard called up now. We haven't had any issues, problems yet, the most peaceful, I think, maybe because they are afraid to take action in Baltimore.

But we're watching to see if it breaks out again. But on the -- I had a call with many of the governors and talking to all of them across the country, everybody's saying the same thing about the out-of-town agitators. It seems to be very organized, and as the discussion the attorney general was talking about -- the crossing of state lines, federal crimes, sharing of information and intelligence, critically important to all of the governors that we all are focused on -- it's difficult in some of these cities with the prosecutors we have and the judges we have to get convictions even on violent crimes, let alone on these kinds of



things. The federal charges with US attorneys going to federal court, sharing the intelligence, all of that is very, very helpful. We appreciate all the effort. Thank you very much.

TRUMP: Thank you very much. They're professional anarchists, in many cases, and they're leading a group of a lot more people than them. These are easily-led people.

HOGAN: And I'll just point out, Mr. President, we had those in Baltimore, in 2015. This is not new. As you point out, Occupy Wall Street, we had a lot of peaceful demonstrators, back in 2015. I'd only been governor for 90 days. But the troublemakers were all from out of town all organized professional agitators, I don't know, if it's the same group or a different group but they were former occupy Wall Street folks back then. So they just continue hone their craft and get better.

TRUMP: That's right. And you know when they have bricks you know they come armed with bricks and they have bricks and rocks big rocks and they have other things and they throw them, you know you're allowed to fight back. You don't have to have a brick hit you in the face and you don't do anything about it, you are allowed to fight back. Now I'm not asking my attorney general, perhaps he'll stop me from saying that, but I would say that if a brick is thrown at somebody and it hits him, or maybe if it misses him, your very tough, strong, powerful people are allowed to fight back against that guy and very strongly and powerfully. That's what I think. I saw what they did to the kid in Dallas and that was a disgrace. That was a disgrace. That should've been stopped. I've never seen anybody take that punishment and I don't know, I guess maybe he's not going to live, but I saw what happened. I saw what happened to that kid. I've never seen it. Nobody talks about it. Nobody even mentions it.

TRUMP: But I know when you're doing well because I haven't seen Maryland on television. And that's good, when you're not on television.

HOGAN: We don't want to be on television again, but what you're talking about with the injuries, we had 137 police and firefighters injured in the first few hours of that disturbance in 2015, and we sent in the Guard and all those police officers and not a single person was hurt for the rest of the week. No more violence. So, it's powerful forces, with showing restraint, but I think showing those troops, people start to scatter.

TRUMP: Well, thank you very much, Larry. Hashtag two if anyone wants to call in, hashtag two.

OPERATOR: Governor Polis.

TRUMP: Go ahead.

JUSTICE: Mr. President can you hear me? It's Jim Justice from West Virginia.

TRUMP: Yes. I can.

JUSTICE: All I would say to you is that if it comes to pass that some states would rather you didn't come there, you come to West Virginia, because you're a blooming hero here and we'll protect you in every way and there won't be any disturbance whatsoever. You know. When it really boils right down to it, we've had some real peaceful protests. We've welcomed them, but absolutely we're not gonna have a problem here -- because first and foremost, I'm not gonna put up with it. There is no way. There is no way. Instantaneously, we'll call in the Guard or do what whatever we've got to do, but I am just exactly like you, and I'm not gonna put up with this.

TRUMP: Well that sounds a lot different than the governor of Maine. That's very good. You know she tried to talk me out of it, now she probably talked me into it. She just doesn't understand me very well. But that's ok. Thanks very much. I appreciate it very much, Jim.

You know we have a situation -- I was thinking about calling a number of you -- with flag burning. I'm not a believer in flag burning, and I would think that if a state wanted to try and pass a law [where] you're not allowed to burn flags with a certain punishment, strong punishment, I would think that the United States government would be backing you up all the way. So you're all on the phone right now, and I would think the United States government would love to see somebody go and do that, because I think flag burning is a disgrace. And it passed last time, as you know, against -- well a lot of people won -- it passed 5 to 4 and we have a different court. And I think that it's time to review that again because when I see flags being burned -- they wanted to crawl up the flag poles in Washington and try and burn flags, but we stopped them. They weren't able to do it. They would've done it if we didn't stop them. I think it's time to relook at that issue. Hopefully the Supreme Court will accept that. But if you have a state where you feel strongly, and many of you do, most of you do I'll bet, so if you wanted to try and pass a very powerful flag-burning statute, again, anti-flag-burning, I hope you do it because we'll back you 100%, all the way.

MODERATOR: Governor Polis, your line is now open.

POLIS: Hi, this is Governor Jared Polis, can you hear me? Yeah we are in Colorado, were also one of the places affected -- we were able to use the national guard and they're very amazing folks, I want to thank them for renewing their service and as you know (INAUDIBLE) we owe that to them, they're testing for coronavirus and protecting our cities, it's all incredibly important. I just wanted to ask the public health side of this, one of the things we did is distribute masks to some of the peaceful protesters, I don't know if others had that experience, obviously we're concerned with the size of the gatherings, some we're doing social distancing, some weren't, I am encouraging that message that we are doing community testing clinics, freely available, anybody has the right to peacefully protest can get tested if they need it.

But we're all worried, Mr. President, about the set-backs of the re-openings with everything going on. We have tens of thousands of people, some of which we're doing social distancing some who weren't, I just wanted to encourage others to buy masks and offer testing to all of those people because obviously we're using the national guard over the weekend, we just had a handful of arrests and no large scale infiltrations that we've seen people who were riled up and anarchy or whatever so I just wanted to pass on that public health message and be responsible on that side too.

TRUMP: Thank you very much governor, it was great to have you at the White House last week too.

Henry McMaster, I think I hear Henry McMaster on the line. I think I hear him to talk to his people, which I think is much more important to talking to us Henry, cuz I know what you are doing, you're getting them ready.

MCMASTER: Thank you Mr. President, I loved what you were saying, and also what the attorney general was saying, it seems listening to the governors over telephone calls over the days and also what we've been seeing today, I don't think we've been prosecuting enough people --

TRUMP: I agree.

MCMASTER: it seems, these folks are just getting thirty days or five hundred dollars that's just the cost of doing business, we know that we have organized people. We're trying to figure out if we've got some here maybe we do, we have a state grand jury just like the federal grand jury and we intend to acticate them and bring them to before that grand jury and investigate with the tools of the grand jury, we talked to our U.S. Attorney Steven McCoy, so everyone was onboard and we really had a model thing happening in the city of Charleston, but the first night they had one of those until eleven o'clock, a curfew, they had a whole lot of violence, I guess you could say a less confrontational approach, and they had a lot of damage on King Street, which is a beautiful place. People were busting out windows in

restaurants and throwing in big fire crackers, and they was landing on the tables of diners because there was no curfew the diners were still there. They were scaring everybody out and running out you had one fella, who pulled out a pistol, who was a civilian in the hotel and fired off some shots to scare off some of the agitators and a lot of them are from outside there's no doubt about it, this Antifa or whatever you call it, we arrested one man in Columbia he had a glock pistol in a napsack, and ninety rounds of ammunition, of course we got him locked up now and hope to get some information from him. I think what you're saying is right, we have to make it more difficult - we've got to take these people out, we've got to give them justice, make it more than just the cost of doing business to come into one town and pay bond and skip town and go to another town and do the same thing.

MCMASTER: The other point, we had law enforcement everywhere, from the department of corrections to probations, pardon, patrol, the state law enforcement division, the city police. We had county sheriffs coming in from the adjoining counties- in Charleston we had the national guard on Sunday night and they had virtually no problems, the sheriffs said they'd never seen such police presence in his life and it worked like a charm and just a handful of arrests and there was no damage. They had five hum-vs rolling around the city of Charleston it was very peaceful, so strength works. You have to dominate like you said it's time to get serious about prosecuting people and finding out where their organizations are, who's paying the money and we've heard some of them get a bonus if they get arrested, they were putting our their hands to get arrested. The police told them get out of there, they didn't want to arrest them, so that's the state of it we have to be careful but we've got to be tough.

TRUMP: You don't have to be too careful and I'll tell you, you have to do the prosecutions, you don't do the prosecutions -- they're just going to be back. Whether it's in two years or two months they're gonna be back and you gotta do the prosecutions and you know when someone is throwing a rock, it's just like shooting a gun whats the difference in having a rock that weighs 10 pounds and hits somebody in the face, wipe them out practically, we have a couple people badly hurt and there's no retribution, so you have to do retribution in my opinion, you have to use your own legal system. You do have a great legal system from everyone I've been speaking to but if you want this to stop you've got to - you have to prosecute these people, Henry, you're right. Thank you very much. (CROSS-TALK)

MODERATOR: Please go ahead you're line is open.

PRITZKER: This is Governor Pritzker.

TRUMP: I can hear you.

PRITZKER: You can hear me? Good.

TRUMP: Are you on your cell phone maybe? We're not hearing you great.

PRITZKER: Can you hear me OK?

TRUMP: Go ahead.

PRITZKER: Thank you Mr. President, I wanted to take this moment, I can't let it pass to speak up and say that I'm extraordinarily concerned with the rhetoric that's been used by you, it's been inflammatory and not okay for that officer who choked George Floyd to death but we have to call for calm, we have police reform to call for -- we called out our National Guard and our street police, but the rhetoric that's coming out of the White House is making it worse. And I need to say that people are feeling real pain out here and that we've got to have national leadership in calling for calm and for making sure that we are entrusting the concerns of the legitimate peaceful protests, that will help us to bring order.

TRUMP: Well thank you very much, Jay, I don't like your rhetoric either because I watched it with

respect to the coronavirus and I don't like your rhetoric about it either I think you could've done a much better job, but that's OK, and you know, we don't agree with each other, as far as the event that took in place respect to Mr. Floyd, I've spoken about it also, talking about it with great compassion and I think it's a horrible thing that happened, and I've called it out on numerous occasions, in numerous speeches, I spoke about it at our great rocket launch, I covered it before I covered the rocket, when we sent out a billion-dollar rocket and before I spoke about the rocket at a major speech after the rocket launched, I spoke about officer -- I spoke about as to what happened with respect to Mr. Floyd, I thought it was a disgrace, I thought what happened was a disgrace but I spoke about it about as long as I did the rocket and those police officers and what they did including the three of them that stood there and watched. And maybe even participated, the whole world was disgraced by it, not just our country, the whole world was watching, so nobody can tell me I haven't spoken about it, I've spoken about it at great length, at great length and I will continue to speak about it, but I also have to speak about law and order, we need law and order in our country and if we don't have law and order we don't have a country. So, we need law and order.

TRUMP: OK, who's next?

MODERATOR: There's no one in the queue at this time.

TRUMP: OK, I want to thank all of you, be strong, be tough, be smart, be safe, be safe, very important and uh we honor many the people and we have to do it right. Many, many people, you know Mr. Floyd but there are many other people who have been badly hurt and killed and the way we're going to do it, the way we're going to stop the problem is to be fair and be strong, you have to be strong. Use our national guard, you're much better off with too many than too few. That's one thing we have to have, too many is a good thing, too few is unacceptable so go out there and get 'em, good luck tonight and if you have any information, let us know please, thank you very much.

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**To:** Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO)  
**Subject:** Re: Transcript from Gov call

Really appreciate it!

On Jun 6, 2020, at 2:24 AM, Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

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it, I heard about it today for the first time in a long time. They were they forever it seemed on wall street. they closed up Wall Street. the financial district of the world. and they had total domination. they were

**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 6, 2020 9:36 AM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Subject:** Potential Qs for tomorrow

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 6, 2020 1:04 PM  
**To:** Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE)  
**Subject:** Re: Deadline for Getting AG materials to you

I think mid afternoon is fine

On Jun 6, 2020, at 10:46 AM, Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) >  
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I am diving in now and can crank pretty fast, but want to make sure I get them in time for them to be useful.

Can you let me know approximate deadline?

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G. Zachary "Zach" Terwilliger  
*U.S. Attorney Eastern District of Virginia*  
**Special Advisor to the Attorney General for Civil Unrest Response**  
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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 6, 2020 4:31 PM  
**To:** Gilmartin, Kayleigh M. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Barr comments tonight

He's being ridiculous and it's to protect the sensationalist headline/misleading narrative the WaPo used for his story earlier this week

On Jun 6, 2020, at 4:17 PM, Gilmartin, Kayleigh M. EOP/WHO (b) (6) > wrote:

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Barr comments tonight

? Thanks, Kayleigh. That still doesn't explain this part "So he said that we needed to get going with moving that perimeter. \*\*He told the officers that out there. \*\*"

Barr is now claiming he did not do that, as I read that AP interview.

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On Jun 6, 2020, at 8:20 AM, Gilmartin, Kayleigh M. EOP/WHO (b) (6) > wrote:

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I would refer you to Kerri's  
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On Jun 5, 2020, at 9:02 PM, Zapotosky, Matt

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Hi Kayleigh--

Matt Zapotosky from the Washington Post here. AG Barr said tonight he did not give the order to police on the scene to clear Lafayette Square of protestors. This seems to contradict a statement you made on Wednesday. "So he said that we needed to get going with moving that perimeter. He told the officers that out there."

Can you clarify why you said that, as it does not seem to comport with what the AG is now saying?

Many thanks,

Matt Zapotosky | The Washington Post

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**Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)**

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 6, 2020 5:26 PM  
**To:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Cc:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you

Any thoughts on this? I think it either needs to be tweaked to actually be an op Ed with a public audience or it stays internal. I don't like the use of th (b) (5)

[REDACTED]. Thoughts?

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On Jun 6, 2020, at 3:54 PM, Keefe, Lawrence (USAFLN) (b) (6) > wrote:

? Wyn, Matt, Marc and David,

Any word yet on if/when I will or will not be authorized to share the letter below, as it is or revised as an Op Ed, outside of the USAOFLN ?

Please advise.

Thank you.

Lawrence Keefe  
United States Attorney  
Northern District of Florida

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**To:** (b)(6) Hogan Gidley ; Henning, Alexa A. EOP/  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Kayleigh McEnany  
**Subject:** AG Barr description of weekend riots and Lafayette Square

### **AG Barr at 6/5 Press Conference:**

I think the rioting got going I think on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, and got worse and worse over the weekend. It culminated, or came to a crescendo over the weekend on Sunday evening right around the White House on H Street, on the northern side of Lafayette Park. And it was very serious rioting. The Treasury Annex, Treasury Department Annex, there was broken into. A historical building on top of Lafayette Park which is federal property was burned down. There was a fire at the historical Saint John's church right there across from the White House. And the old church that goes back to the eighteenth century and is referred to as the "Church of Presidents." The rioters used crowbars to dig out the pavers at Lafayette Park and use them as projectiles thrown at secret service and other federal agents. There were numerous head injuries among other federal personnel whose responsibility- is to protect the White House. Just to give you an indication, but from Saturday until today and virtually, well the lion's share of these injuries came over the weekend, there are 114 injuries to law enforcement. Most of those to federal- agents, most of those inflicted right around the White House. There were 22 hospitalizations and most of those were serious head injuries or concussions that required monitoring and treatment. On Monday, the president asked me to coordinate the various federal law enforcement agencies not only the multiple Department of Justice agencies but also other agencies such as those in the Department of Homeland Security, so we had a coordinated response and with the National Guard and also with the DC police. That morning we decided that we needed more of a buffer to protect the White House and to protect our agents and secret service personnel, who would be reached by projectiles from H Street. I made the decision that we would try to move our perimeter northward by a block to provide this additional protection. And later at two o'clock on Monday I met with all the various law enforcement agencies and we said our tactical plan and that plan- involved moving our perimeter block north to I street. It was our hope to be able to do that relatively quickly before many demonstrators appeared that day. Unfortunately, because of the difficulty in getting appropriate forces, and units into place by the time they were able to move our perimeter up to I Street had been a number, a large number, of protesters that had assembled on H Street. There were projectiles being thrown and the group was becoming increasingly unruly. And the operation to, they were asked three times if they would move back one block and they refused and we proceeded to move our perimeter out to I street. The, it is true that the Metropolitan Police have a lot of experience in dealing with demonstrations but we have a lot of federal property. This is the federal city, it's the seat of the federal government. Many of the buildings as you know and facilities here, and the monuments are the responsibility of the federal government and the proceedings in process of the federal government take place here. And when you have a large scale civil disturbance that is damaging federal property, threatening federal property, threatening federal law enforcement officers, threatening the officials in government and their offices, and our great monuments, it is the responsibility of the federal government to render that protection. And we do so in close coordination with the Metropolitan Police Department. Fortunately, later that evening on Monday, after we

did establish a buffer zone, we were able to finish that day without further significant violence from the demonstrators. And then the following two days were peaceful. The assemblies and the protests were peaceful. So how we're pleased with that we are working closely with the Metropolitan Police to plan out the remainder of the week.”

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**Cc:** (b)(6) Kayleigh McEnany  
**Subject:** Statements Floyd Riots.docx  
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These are all of the statements we have put out over the last two weeks.

**Joint Statement of United States Attorney Erica MacDonald FBI SAC Rainer Drolshagen  
Thursday, May 28, 2020**

“The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Minnesota, the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division and the FBI’s Minneapolis Field Office are conducting a robust criminal investigation into the circumstances surrounding the May 25, 2020, death of George Floyd. The Department of Justice has made the investigation a top priority and has assigned experienced prosecutors and FBI criminal investigators to the matter.

The federal investigation will determine whether the actions by the involved former Minneapolis Police Department officers violated federal law. It is a violation of federal law for an individual acting under color of law to willfully deprive another person of any right protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States.

The Department of Justice asks for cooperation from all witnesses who believe they have relevant information and urges calm as investigators methodically continue to gather facts.

The Department of Justice and FBI’s comprehensive investigation will compile all available information and thoroughly evaluate evidence and information obtained from witnesses. Upon conclusion of the FBI’s investigation, the U.S. Attorney’s Office will determine whether federal criminal charges are supported by the evidence. If it is determined that there has been a violation of federal law, criminal charges will be sought.”

**Attorney General William P. Barr's Statement on the Death of Mr. George Floyd  
Friday, May 29, 2020**

“The video images of the incident that ended with the death of Mr. Floyd, while in custody of Minneapolis police officers, were harrowing to watch and deeply disturbing. The state prosecutor has been in the process of determining whether any criminal charges are appropriate under state law. On a separate and parallel track, the Department of Justice, including the FBI, are conducting an independent investigation to determine whether any federal civil rights laws were violated. Both state and federal officers are working diligently and collaboratively to ensure that any available evidence relevant to these decisions is obtained as quickly as possible. Under our system, charging decisions must be, and will be, based on the law and facts. This process is proceeding quickly. As is the typical practice, the state’s charging decisions will be made first. I am confident justice will be served.”



**Attorney General William P. Barr's Statement on Death of George Floyd and Civil Unrest Saturday, May 30, 2020 [Video Statement]**

“The greatness of our nation comes from our commitment to the rule of law.

The outrage of our national community about what happened to George Floyd in Minneapolis is real and legitimate. Accountability for his death must be addressed, and is being addressed, through the regular process of our criminal justice system, both at the state and at the federal level. That system is working and moving at exceptional speed. Already initial charges have been filed. That process continues to move forward. Justice will be served.

Unfortunately, with the rioting that is occurring in many of our cities around the country, the voices of peaceful protest are being hijacked by violent radical elements.

Groups of outside radicals and agitators are exploiting the situation to pursue their own separate and violent agenda.

In many places, it appears the violence is planned, organized, and driven by anarchistic and far left extremists, using Antifa-like tactics, many of whom travel from out of state to promote the violence.

We must have law and order on our streets and in our communities, and it is the responsibility of the local and state leadership, in the first instance, to halt this violence. The Department of Justice (including the FBI, Marshals, ATF, and DEA), and all of our 93 U.S. Attorneys across the country, will support these local efforts and take all action necessary to enforce federal law.

In that regard, it is a federal crime to cross state lines or to use interstate facilities to incite or participate in violent rioting. We will enforce these laws.”

**Attorney General William P. Barr's Statement on Domestic Terrorism  
Sunday, May 31, 2020**

“With the rioting that is occurring in many of our cities around the country, the voices of peaceful and legitimate protests have been hijacked by violent radical elements. Groups of outside radicals and agitators are exploiting the situation to pursue their own separate, violent, and extremist agenda.

It is time to stop watching the violence and to confront and stop it. The continued violence and destruction of property endangers the lives and livelihoods of others, and interferes with the rights of peaceful protestors, as well as all other citizens.

It also undercuts the urgent work that needs to be done through constructive engagement between affected communities and law enforcement leaders to address legitimate grievances. Preventing reconciliation and driving us apart is the goal of these radical groups, and we cannot let them succeed.

It is the responsibility of state and local leaders to ensure that adequate law enforcement resources, including the National Guard where necessary, are deployed on the streets to reestablish law and order. We saw this finally happen in Minneapolis last night, and it worked.

Federal law enforcement actions will be directed at apprehending and charging the violent radical agitators who have hijacked peaceful protest and are engaged in violations of federal law.

To identify criminal organizers and instigators, and to coordinate federal resources with our state and local partners, federal law enforcement is using our existing network of 56 regional FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTF).

The violence instigated and carried out by Antifa and other similar groups in connection with the rioting is domestic terrorism and will be treated accordingly.”

**Department of Justice Spokesperson Kerri Kupec on Federal Law Enforcement Efforts  
Monday, June 1, 2020**

“Today, President Trump directed Attorney General Barr to lead federal law enforcement efforts to assist in the restoration of order to the District of Columbia. Beginning tonight, the Department of Justice has deployed all of its law enforcement components FBI, ATF, DEA, U.S. Marshals, and BOP and is closely coordinating with the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security to maximize federal security presence throughout the District. The Department is working hand-in-hand with the Metropolitan Police Department, the Capitol Police, the Federal Protective Service, the U.S. Secret Service, and the D.C. National Guard.”  
Attributable to Department of Justice Spokesperson Kerri Kupec

**Attorney General William P. Barr's Statement on Protests in Washington, D.C.  
Tuesday, June 2, 2020**

“Last night was a more peaceful night in the District of Columbia. Working together, federal and local law enforcement made significant progress in restoring order to the nation’s capital.

I am grateful to Chief Peter Newsham and the Metropolitan Police Department for their outstanding work and professionalism. The District is well served by this exceptional police force.

I also thank Secretary of Defense Mark Esper, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Mark Milley, and the men and women of the Department of Defense for their support. I am particularly impressed by the citizen-soldiers of the D.C. National Guard, who are committed to serving their community, and did so with great effectiveness last night.

Not least, I am grateful to the many federal law enforcement agencies and personnel who helped protect the District, including the FBI, Secret Service, Park Police, ATF, DEA, Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Marshals Service, Capitol Police, Department of Homeland Security’s CBP and Border Patrol units, and others.

There will be even greater law enforcement resources and support in the region tonight. The most basic function of government is to provide security for people to live their lives and exercise their rights, and we will meet that responsibility here in the nation’s capital.”

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
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**To:** Ahern, Bill (OAG) (b)(6) William Barr (b)(6) William Barr  
**Cc:** Levi, William (OAG)  
**Subject:** Seth wanted me to pass this on to you.  
**Attachments:** Thoughts on Moral Courage.docx; ATT00001.txt

Some thoughts he had on moral courage - he wanted to share them with you.

**Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)**

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 6, 2020 6:31 PM  
**To:** Keefe, Lawrence (USAFLN)  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO); Raimondi, Marc (OPA); Ausiello, David (USAEO)  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you

Larry

We would ask you to hold on this through the weekend and let's reassess where we are on Monday. The AG is doing CBS tomorrow morning so we want to clear the field for him to lead messaging at this moment. Many thanks for your leadership in NDFL  
Wyn

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 6, 2020, at 3:54 PM, Keefe, Lawrence (USAFLN) (b) (6) > wrote:

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**Lloyd, Matt (PAO)**

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 6, 2020 7:05 PM  
**To:** Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE)  
**Subject:** Re: Tweet by US Attorney Terwilliger on Twitter

Just texted you my cell

(b) (6)

On Jun 6, 2020, at 6:45 PM, Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) > wrote:

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G. Zachary Terwilliger  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Virginia

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On Jun 6, 2020, at 6:28 PM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

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Just tried you

On Jun 6, 2020, at 5:37 PM, Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE)  
(b) (6) > wrote:

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G. Zachary Terwilliger  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Virginia

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On Jun 6, 2020, at 5:08 PM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
(b) (6) > wrote:

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Just keep it local and would advise not playing up your  
role, esp while we are in battle.

On Jun 6, 2020, at 4:18 PM, Terwilliger,  
Zachary (USAVAE)

(b) (6) > wrote:

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Zach

G. Zachary Terwilliger  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Virginia  
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On Jun 6, 2020, at 3:56 PM, Lloyd,  
Matt (PAO)

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Yep saw it this am

On Jun 6, 2020, at  
3:40 PM, Terwilliger,  
Zachary (USAVAE)

(b) (6)  
> wrote:

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FYSA

US Attorney



**Terwilliger**  
**(@USATerwilliger)**

6/6/20, 3:26 AM

“What we can do right now is do everything to separate those who are hijacking the peaceful protest process and denying those who so desperately deserve and need to march together in solidarity the opportunity to do so.”

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G. Zachary Terwilliger  
United States  
Attorney  
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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 6, 2020 8:08 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Mary Hager  
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All in one doc. It began with FBI confirming civil rights investigation on Tuesday, 5/26.

**Kupec, Kerri (OPA)**

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 6, 2020 8:45 PM  
**To:** Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE)  
**Subject:** Re: C.U.R.E Daily Briefing

Thanks so much.

As to what he's thinking, hard to say, he's keeping to himself. ;)

Hoping for the best tomorrow!

On Jun 6, 2020, at 8:39 PM, Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) > wrote:

Use us tonight, Kerri - task away- don't take this all on - give me what AG thinking today- send me 5-10 bullets and we will build through the night and hand to you at 0700.

I slept this afternoon so doing night shift tonight for you, will and boss - I want to help YOU.

Zach

G. Zachary Terwilliger  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Virginia

(b) (6)

On Jun 6, 2020, at 8:23 PM, Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) > wrote:

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It's legit amazing. Clearly a ton of work. Thank you!!

On Jun 6, 2020, at 8:20 PM, Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE)

(b) (6) > wrote:

We built it for you, will and DAG so you can have all the facts. I am so proud that we got to this point. You saying it is helpful means the world to this team.

G. Zachary Terwilliger  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Virginia

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On Jun 6, 2020, at 8:09 PM, Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

(b) (6) > wrote:

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These are so helpful. Thank you!!

On Jun 6, 2020, at 4:02 PM, Delaplane, Camellia Assefi  
(OAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

All,

Please see attached for the Attorney General's Civil  
Unrest Response Effort Daily Briefing for June 6,  
2020 as of 1400.

Camellia

Camellia Assefi Delaplane  
Office of the Attorney General  
United States Department of Justice  
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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (OPA)  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 7, 2020 6:33 AM  
**To:** Hager, Mary  
**Subject:** Re: CBS NEWS: TRUMP DEMANDED 10,000 TROOPS AFTER LAST WEEKEND'S PROTESTS

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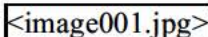
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Am sure you are aware of this...but flagging

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**From:** Lance Frank (b) (6) >  
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**To:** Hager, Mary (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** CBS NEWS: TRUMP DEMANDED 10,000 TROOPS AFTER LAST WEEKEND'S PROTESTS

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**CBS NEWS REPORTS THAT ON MONDAY, PRESIDENT TRUMP SAID HE WANTED 10,000 ACTIVE DUTY TROOPS IN THE STREETS, ACCORDING TO A SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL**

**CLICK [HERE](#) TO WATCH TONIGHT'S REPORT ON THE "CBS EVENING NEWS WITH NORAH O'DONNELL"**

In a heated conversation in the Oval Office, President Trump told Attorney General William Barr, Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Joint Chiefs Chairman General Mark Milley he wanted 10,000 active duty troops in the streets ASAP, CBS News' David Martin and Ben Tracy have learned. The cabinet members pushed back and an order was never given. President Trump then got on the phone with the nation's governors, berating them for looking

weak and ordering them to call in the National Guard.

The report aired tonight on a special edition of the CBS EVENING NEWS WITH NORAH O'DONNELL (6:30-7:00 PM, ET) on the CBS Television Network.

Click [here](#) to watch.

A senior defense department official also tells CBS News that President Trump yelled at the Defense Secretary after he broke with the President and publicly opposed invoking the Insurrection Act.

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## Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

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**From:** Lloyd, Matt (PAO)  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 7, 2020 1:40 PM  
**To:** Plack, Laura (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Face the Nation

Here is the rush transcript can click on the links for the video.

### Face the Nation (CBS) – Attorney General William Barr Interview

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MARGARET BRENNAN: earlier this morning, i went to the jupt to speak with attorney general bill barr. in his role as the nation's top law enforcement officer, he used the full force of the federal government, including agents from the f.b.i., a.t.f., border patrol, bureau prisons and the drug enforcement administration, to end the looting and violence that happened earlier in the week in washington. 1600 active-duty troops were also put on standby. a senior administration official told our cbs' david martin that in a meeting at the white house on monday morning, the president demanded that 10,000 active-duty troops be ordered into american streets. is that accurate?

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM BARR: no, that's completely false. that's completely false. sunday night--

BRENNAN: the president did not demand that?

AG BARR: no, he did not demand that.

BRENNAN: what happened?

AG BARR: i came over on monday morning for a meeting. the night before had been the most violent, as one of the police officials told us, the d.c. police, it was the most violent day in washington in 30 years, something that the media has not done a very good job of covering. and there had been a riot right along lafayette park. i was called over and asked if i would coordinate federal civil agencies, and that the defense department would provide whatever support i needed or we needed to protect federal property at the white house, federal personnel. the decision was made to have at the ready and on hand in the vicinity some regular troops. but everyone agreed that use of regular troops is a last resort, and that as long as matters can be controlled with other resources they should be. i felt-- and the secretary of defense felt-- we had adequate resources and wouldn't need to use federal troops. but in case we did, we wanted them nearby. there was never-- the president never asked or suggested that we needed to deploy regular troops at that point. it's been done from time to time in our history. we try to avoid it. and i'm happy that we werably to avoid it on this occasion.

BRENNAN: so there were active-duty troops put on standby. they were not deployed. the 82nd airborne was put on standby, but not sent into the streets.

AG BARR: the 82nd airborne military police were brought into the area, but they were not brought into d.c.

BRENNAN: so what part-- i just want to make sure-- what part of that conversation, as it's been relaid to cbs and to other news organizations, is false? did the president not demand active-duty troops?

AG BARR: well, your question to me just a moment ago was did he demand them on the street? did he demand them on d.c.? no we had them on standby, in case they were needed.

BRENNAN: which they were put on standby. they were not deployed.

AG BARR: right.

BRENNAN: so in our reporting, we were also told that you, the defense secretary, mark esper, and general mili all opposed idea of actually deploying these active-duty troops on to the street. is that accurate?

AG BARR: i think our position was common, which was that they should only be deployed as a last resort. and that we didn't think we would need them. i think everyone was on the same page.

BRENNAN: do you think that the president has the authority to unilaterally send in active-duty troops if the governors oppose it?

AG BARR: oh, absolutely. under the anti-insurrection act, the president can use regular troops to suppress rioting. the confederacy in our country opposed the use of federal troops to restore order and suprus an insurrection so the federal government sometimes doesn't listen to governors in circumstances.

BRENNAN: the last time that this has happened was the l.a. riots in 1992, when the governor of california asked for active-duty troops.

AG BARR: that's correct.

BRENNAN: you're saying-- and your understanding as the law would interpret it and you would support is the president has the ability to put active-duty troops on american streets, even if governors object?

AG BARR: it's happened numerous times and the answer to that is yes.

BRENNAN: you would support that?

AG BARR: well, it depends on the circumstances. i was involved in the l.a. riots in the rodney king matter. we tried to use nonmilitary forces. i sent 2,000 federal law enforcement officers out there in one day, but it was overwhelming. and the national guard couldn't handle it, and governor pete wilson asked for federal troops.

BRENNAN: he asked for them.

AG BARR: yes.

BRENNAN: that's a key distinction.

AG BARR: he approved of use of federal troops. but those troops were on standby as well.

BRENNAN: because i think a number of people would be surprised to hear, and it's been reported you opposed sending in active-duty troops on principle. you're saying you would support it.

AG BARR: as a last resort.

BRENNAN: so in this monday meeting with the president, when the defense secretary, who has now publicly said that he opposed using the insurrection act, you said what to the president?

AG BARR: i don't think the secretary of defense said he opposed it. i think he said that it was a last resort, and he didn't think it was necessary. i think we all agree that it's a last resort, but it's ultimately the president's decision. the reporting is completely false on this.



BRENNAN: do you believe there is systemic racism in law enforcement?

AG BARR: i think there's racism in the united states still, but i don't think that the law enforcement system is systemically racist. i understand the distrust, however, of the african american community, given the history in this country. i think we have to recognize that for most of our history, our institutions were explicitly racist. since the 1960s, i think we've been in a phase of reforming our institutions and making sure that they're in sync with our laws and aren't fighting the rear guard action to impose inequities.

BRENNAN: and you think that's working?

AG BARR: i think reform is a difficult task, but i think it is working, and progress has been made. i think one of the best and which is the military. the military used to be explicitly racist institution, and now i think it's in the vanguard of bringing the races together and providing equal opportunity. i think law enforcement has been going through the same process.

BRENNAN: do you think there should be some tweaking of the rules, reduced immunity, to go after some of the bad cops?

AG BARR: i don't think you need to reduce immunity to go after the bad cops, because that would result, certainly, in police pulling back. you know, policing is the toughest job in the country. and i-- and i, frankly, think that we have, generally, the vast overwhelming majority of police are good people. they're civic-minded people who believe in serving the public. they do so bravely. they do so reichously.

BRENNAN: but the bad cops.

AG BARR: i think there are instances of bad cops, and i think we have to be careful about automatically assuming that the actions of an individual necessarily mean that their organization is rotten. all organizations have people who engage in this conduct, and you sometimes have to be careful as to when you arb scribe that to the whole organization, and when it really is some errant member who isn't following the rules.

BRENNAN: but doesn't opening the pattern of practice investigation in places like minneapolis where there are questions about the broader issues with policing. it wasn't just the one officer. wouldn't that answer that question?

AG BARR: well, that's exactly the reaction that i think has been a problem in the past, which is it-- again, just reacting to this incident by immediately putting the department under investigation doesn't necessarily result in improving the situation. but i would say, that in the first instance, the governor has announced an investigation of the police department, the governor, governor walz, a democratic governor, is investigating the police department. the attorney general of minnesota is looking into the police department. we stand ready to act if we think it's necessary, but i don't think necessarily starting a pattern of practice investigation at this stage is warranted. another thing is, we have to look at some of the evidence. i mean, people-- you know, the fact is that the criminal justice system at both the state and the federal level moved instantaneously on ghep moved quickly with our investigation. but we still have to look into what kind of use-of-force policies are used in that department, what the training has been, smooos not something we can do overnight.

BRENNAN: coming up after our break, the attorney general tells us about the forceable clearing of lafayette park ahead of the president's visit there on monday. also, i want to make sure to note that cbs stands by our david david martin's reporting, and we want to clarify here that the secretary of defense, esper, does oppose the insurrection act. you can hear for yourself.

DEFENSE SECRETARY MARK ESPER (CLIP): i do not support invoking the insurrection act.

BRENNAN: we'll be back in one minute.

**Face the Nation (CBS) – Attorney General William Barr Interview**

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MARGARET BRENNAN: and we're back now william you want to ask you about some of the events of the week. on monday, lafayette park was cleared of protesters. you've spoken about this. the federal agents who were there report up to you. did you think it was appropriate for them to use smoke (ok fire bombs, tear gas, pepper balls, projectiles, at what appeared to be peaceful protesters?

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM BARR: they're protesters and that's one of the big lies the media seems to be perpetuating.

BRENNAN: three of my cbs colleagues were there, we talked to them. they did not hear warnings.

AG BARR: there were three warnings. let's get back to why we took that action. on friday, saturday, and sunday, okay, there were violent riots in-- at lafayette park, where the park police were under constant attack behind their bike rack fences. on sunday, things reached a crescendo. the officers were pummeled with bricks. crow bars were used to pry up the pavers at the park, and they were hurled at police. there were fires set in not only st. john's church but a historic building at lafayette burned down.

BRENNAN: these were things that looters did.

AG BARR: not looters. these other were the violent rioters who dominated lafayette park.

BRENNAN: it was a peaceful protest--

AG BARR: let me get to this. this has been totally obscured by the media. they broke into the treasury department. and they were injuring police. that's night--

BRENNAN: sunday night.

AG BARR: sunday night, the park police prepared a plan to clear h. street and put a larger perimeter around the whis they could build a more-permanent fence on lafayette.

BRENNAN: this is on sunday night?

AG BARR: the park police on their own on sunday night determined this was the proper approach. when i came in to increase the perimeter and push it out one block. that decision was made by me. in the morning, the effort was to move the perimeter one block. and it had to be done when we had enough people in place to achieve that. and that decision, as i say, was communicated to the police at 2:00 p.m. the operation was run by the park police. the park police was facing what they consider to be a very rowdy and noncompliant crowd, and there were projectiles being hurled at the police. and at that point, it was not to respond--

BRENNAN: on monday, you're saying there were projectiles.

AG BARR: on monday, yes, there were.

BRENNAN: as i'm saying three of my colleagues were there. they did not see projectiles being thrown.

AG BARR: i was there, i was there.

BRENNAN: when that happened.

AG BARR: i saw them thrown.

BRENNAN: you believe what our police did, using tear gas and projectiles, was appropriate.

AG BARR: here's what the media's missing. this was not an operation to respond to that particular crowd. it was an operation to move the perimeter one block.

BRENNAN: and the methods they used, you think, were appropriate? is that what you're saying?

AG BARR: when they met resistance, yes. they announced three times. they didn't move-- by the way, there was no tear gas used. the tear gas was used sunday when they had to clear h. street to allow the fire department to come in to save st. john's church.

BRENNAN: there were chemical irritants.

AG BARR: pepper spray is not a chemical irritant. it's not chemical.

BRENNAN: pepper spray you're saying were used.

AG BARR: peber balls.

BRENNAN: and you believe that was appropriate. a lot of people at home watching this on television, what they saw and their perception of events. i want you to see what the public at home saw.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP (CLIP): a president of law and order and aally of all peaceful protesters, but in recent days our nation has been gripped by professional anarchists, violent mobz, arsonists, looters, criminals, rioters,oon, antifa and others.

BRENNAN: while the president is saying he appreciates peacefulçóxdçóñiok protest.

AG BARR: innocent people have been savagely beaten.

BRENNAN: around the same time--

AG BARR: six minutes' difference.

BRENNAN: right. around the same time, the area is being cleared of what appear to be people protesters, use something force. and after the speech is finished, the president then walks out of the white house to the same area where the protesters had been, and stands for a photo op in front of the church, where the protesters had been. these events looked very connected to people at home. in an environment where the broader debate is about heavy-handed use of force in law enforcement, was that the right message northerns to be receiving?

AG BARR: well, the message is sometimes communicated by the media. i didn't see any video being played on the media what was happening friday, saturday, and sunday. all i heard was comments about how peaceful the protesters were. i didn't hear about the fact that there were 150 law enforcement officers injured and many taken to the hospital with concussions. so it wasn't a peaceful protest. we had to get control over lafayette park, and we had to do it as soon as we were able to do that.

BRENNAN: but you understand how these events appear connected.

AG BARR: well, it's the job of the media to tell the truth.

BRENNAN: this is what i'm asking you. did you know when you gave the green light for these actions to be taken that the president was going to be going to that very same area for a photo op?

AG BARR: i gave the green light at 2:00. obviously, i didn't know that the president was going to be speak later that day.

BRENNAN: you had no idea.

AG BARR: no, noirk not. the go-ahead was given at 2:00 and to do it as soon as we were able to do it. to move from the perimeter from h. street to i. street.

BRENNAN: we're bothñr catholic. i know you're observant, a devout catholic. the archbishop dwhenld-- is what we saw there doing what you meant when you were on that call with governors and you said to dominate the streets. is that what law enforcement is supposed to be taking away from this?

AG BARR: no, on the contrary. my point to the governors-- and what i was saying was that it's important when you're dealing with civil disturbances to have adequate forces at hand and out and about so you can control events and and not be controlled by events, and it's more dwrus for everybody if you have these mild melees with thin thinly manned police lines running after protesters with batons and it's important to have adequate forces on the street. and so we were encouraging them, where they were stretched thin, to call out national guard if necessary to restore order. that's what i was talking about. i would say that-9particular-- police have to move protesters, sometimes peaceful demonstrators, for a short distance in order to accomplish public safety, and that's what was done here.

BRENNAN: so there was nothing you think should have been donely done differently in hindsight.

AG BARR: i haven't studied the events retrospectively in detail, but generally, you had qualified law enforcement officials with shields, warning and moving a line slowly. they had mounted officers moving slowly, directed people to move. and most people complied.

BRENNAN: all right. mr. attorney general, we have more questions for you, but i'm tweld are out of time. thank you.our full interview with the attorney general will soon be available on our beness hope you'll watch. we'll be back in a moment.

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