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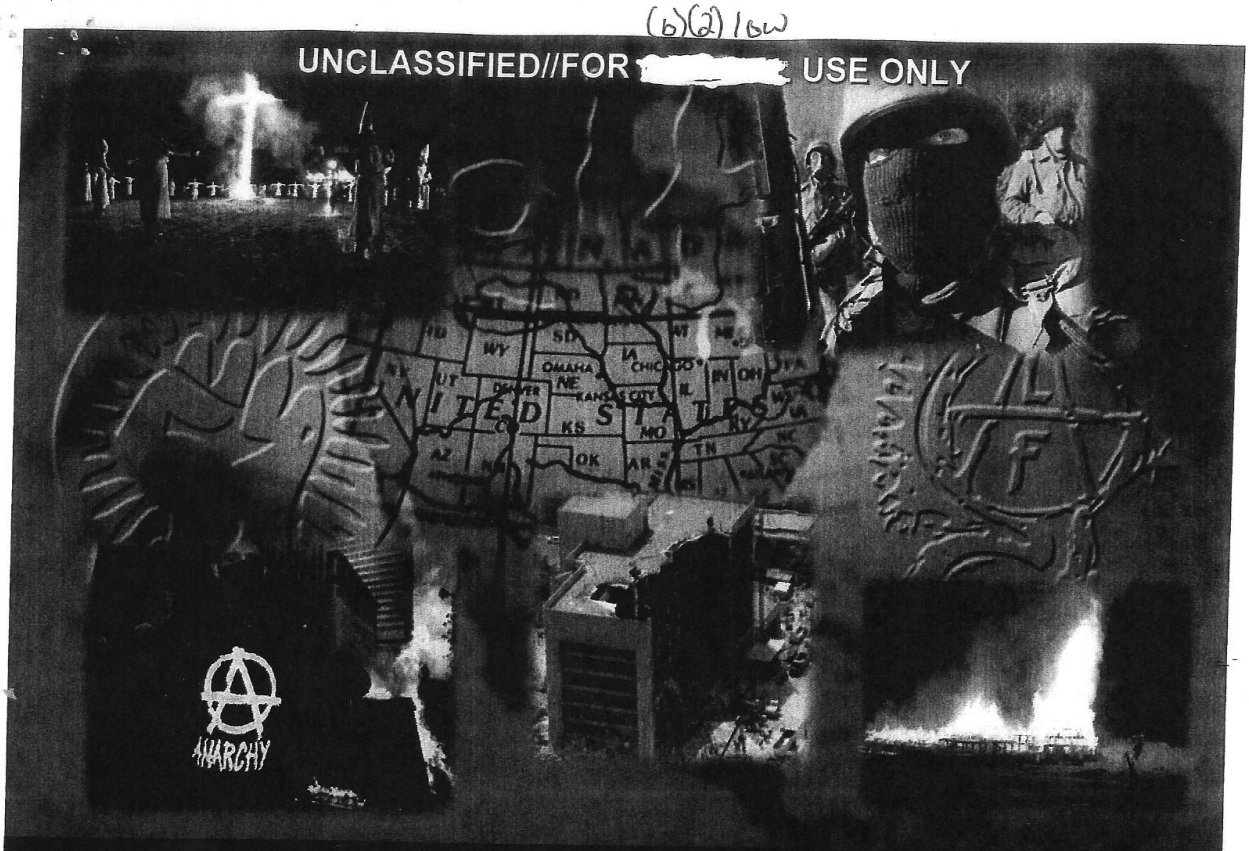

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(U) Texas Teens Indicted for Attempted Church Arson

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(U) *Burleson, Texas* – A federal grand jury on 25 July 2007 indicted three Texas teenagers for possessing an unregistered firearm, specifically a "Molatov cocktail" device. , , and are facing charges stemming from an attempted 4 July 2007 church arson using a Molotov cocktail. Two of the suspects are believed to have been involved in another attempted arson of a church in the spring of 2006. All three suspects belong to a group that opposes the U.S. Government and organized religion. Local law enforcement claims that the group has 10 to 15 members, composed mostly of teenagers and young adults. Burleson Police have described the event as an act of domestic terrorism. (*Cleburn Times Review,* 26 July 2007; *Star Telegram,* 26 July 2007)

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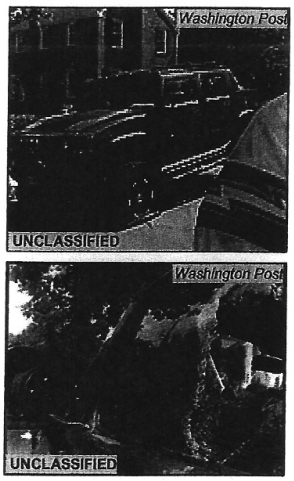
(U) Suspected Eco-Extremists Strike in Washington, D.C.

(U) *Washington, D.C.* – On 18 July 2007 two masked men attacked a sports utility vehicle (SUV) in a northwest Washington, D.C. neighborhood using baseball bats and knives. The men also scratched the message " " into the vehicle purchased only five days earlier. A neighbor said a common sentiment in the neighborhood is that large vehicles are impractical and a strain on the earth, and that a Hummer®, in particular, is a symbol of consumer excess. (*Washington Post,* 18 July 2007) (b)(7)(f)



(U) Vandals slashed the tires of an SUV in northwest Washington, D.C. (top) and smashed the windows of another.

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(U) Possible White Supremacist Weapons Cache Discovered

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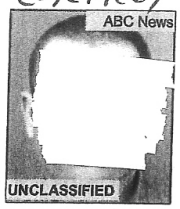

(U) *Valdosta, Georgia* – Bounty hunters in early July 2007, following up on an earlier apprehension, discovered weapons and white supremacy paraphernalia in a storage unit used by . The bounty hunters had apprehended in June after he failed to report to court for various drug charges. They alerted local law enforcement to the presence of ammunition, explosives, handguns, rifles, machine guns, and Ku Klux Klan[USPER] and neo-Nazi paraphernalia in the storage unit. (*Bonita News*, 5 July 2007; ABC 7, 5 July 2007)

(U) Update: Alabama Militia Member Indicted

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(U) *Birmingham, Alabama* – A U.S. District Court on 31 July 2007 indicted —reportedly a member of the —on charges that included conspiring to make and possess an improvised explosive projectile, aiding and abetting others in making improvised explosive projectiles, and conspiring with others to make, transfer, and possess a machine gun. could receive up to 35 years in prison if convicted. (NBC 13, 1 August 2007)

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(U) Animal Rights Extremists Target Professor

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(U) *Los Angeles, California* – Los Angeles authorities on 24 June 2007 discovered an incendiary device next to a university professor's car. The claimed responsibility for the incident, targeting the professor for alleged involvement with animal experimentation. Although the device showed evidence of being lit, it failed to ignite and no one was injured. Federal investigators believe the incident may be linked to an attempted firebombing last year in which another professor—also involved in animal testing at

the same university—was targeted. In that incident the device was mistakenly placed at a neighbor's house rather than the intended target's home. (*Los Angeles Times,* 29 June 2007)

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(U) Animal Liberation Front Targets Animal Researcher

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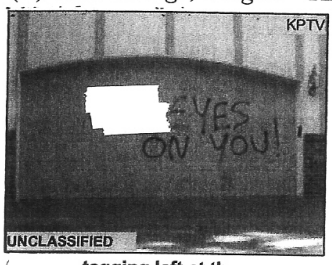
(U) *Lake Oswego, Oregon* – The on 31 July 2007 targeted an animal researcher employed at an Oregon university. members spray-painted the message eyes on you!" on the researcher's garage door and vandalized his daughter's car. In a communique received on 2 August 2007, the wrote, "Our message to [the name of the researcher] is simple: Quit the torture industry and issue an apology or we swear we will make an example of you…What's going to be next …spray paint, broken windows, or fire bombs?" (Oregon Live, 4 August 2007)



tagging left at the scene.

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(U) White Supremacists Arrested After Eight-Day Crime Spree

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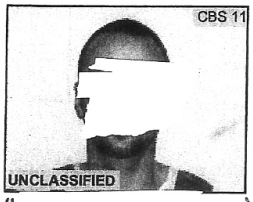
(U) *Dallas, Texas* – Louisiana authorities on 23 July 2007 arrested white supremacist and an unidentified female accomplice. The pair allegedly was involved in an eight-day crime spree in Dallas, Mesquite, and Kaufman counties in Texas that included robberies, carjackings, and shootings. had burns consistent with drug-cooking activities. (CBS 11, 24 July 2007; WFAA, 24 July 2007)



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(U) Federal Authorities Round Up Aryan Warriors Prison Gang

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(U) *Las Vegas, Nevada* – Federal authorities on 10 July 2007 indicted 14 members of the prison gang for their alleged involvement in violence and drug dealing from within Nevada state prisons. The have been linked to beatings, extortion, stabbings, and methamphetamine dealing in several Nevada cities, to include Las Vegas, Henderson, Pahrump, and Reno. Federal authorities indicated the may have received assistance from unnamed corrections officers, who may face criminal charges in the future. (*Las Vegas Review Journal,* 13 July 2007; KSBY, 13 July 2007)

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(U) Cyber Attack by Animal Liberation Front

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(U) *New York, New York* – The North American Animal Liberation Press Office[USPER] posted a communiqué from the in which claimed credit for a cyber attack in June 2007. indicated it had hacked into the computer system of a company affiliated with Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) and deleted the accounts of 300 associates. The communiqué instructed the company to sell its shares in HLS. (North American Animal Liberation Press Office, 13 July 2007)

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(U) Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty Uses Campaign Contributions to Procure Personal Information

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(U) *United States* – retrieved information from an election committee's website that included the names, addresses, and phone numbers of individual donors. As required by law, the website disclosed this personal information on those who provided campaign contributions greater than $200. In turn, posted on its website under the message, "Now you know where to find them," the names and addresses of

donors who had links to companies that affiliate with Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS), a large animal testing company headquartered in the United Kingdom. (*The Washington Post*, 1 July 2007)

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