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Reporting Date: 08/18/2008**Case ID:** 100A-OM-51967 (Pending)
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137C-OM-52207-A (Pending)**Contact Date:** 08/14/2008**Type of Contact:** In person**Location:** Iowa City, IA**Written by:** SA Thomas J. Reinwart**Other(s) Present:** TFO Melissa M. Henderson**Source Reporting:**

Based upon CHS's knowledge of each person and/or each person's oral statements, CHS has identified and described the following members of the Wild Rose Rebellion (WRR) as associated with the "Green Zone" group and who are planning on attending the Republican National Convention (RNC):

HOLLY SCHROEDER (phonetic) - described as a white female, 5'10", 140 pounds, blonde hair and glasses. Her cellular telephone is: 515-822-1900. SCHROEDER is from the Cedar Rapids, IA area. She has interests in medic training and as a legal observer. She attended the "Street Medic" training. SCHROEDER was characterized as an, "Absolute Green". She drives a little, dark green four door hatchback.

CORY ASHBY (phonetic) - described as a white male in his 20s from an unknown location in Iowa. CHS did not provide a telephone number or email address for ASHBY. ASHBY has recently moved to Mississippi to take a job with Americor. ASHBY also attended the "Street Medic" training. He is planning on attending the RNC and participating with the "Queer Block" and "Bash Back" which are groups affiliated with the lesbian, bi-sexual, gay and transgender movement. Several hundred people associated with these two groups plan on doing their own thing and blocking an unknown intersection.

Based upon CHS's knowledge of each person and/or each person's oral statements, CHS has identified and described the following members of the WRR as associated with the "Yellow Zone" group and who are planning on attending the RNC:

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Will Last Name Unknown (LNU) - described as a white male, 6'3", skinny with a beard. CHS did not provide a telephone number or email address for ASHBY. CHS is unsure where Will LNU lives. Will LNU left town until the start of the new school semester. Will LNU has attended wilderness training and is also first responder trained.

Leslie LNU - described as a white female, 5'6", 135 pounds with short dark hair and glasses. CHS did not provide a telephone number or email address for Leslie LNU. CHS is unsure where Leslie LNU lives. Leslie LNU is into community type stuff and is a University of Iowa student. CHS believes Leslie LNU is going to participate in the blockade of an intersection at the RNC with the "Bash Back" group.

SUSAN JUNIS - described as a 26 year old white female, shorter maybe 5'4", skinny, reddish shoulder length hair and glasses. CHS did not provide a telephone number or email address for JUNIS. JUNIS lives with her partner RYAN SPURGETIS in the Iowa City, Iowa area on Washington Street about 2 blocks east of Governor Street. JUNIS was described as more "green" than "yellow". But because of her partner SPURGETIS, she helps put together a lot and organize the meetings. JUNIS travels a lot with SPURGETIS and goes to a lot of anarchist, socialist, communist type conventions. They have traveled to Chicago and Madison to attend these conventions. JUNIS wants to be an activist volunteer at the RNC. As far as "affinity" groups, JUNIS may be in one with SPURGETIS, but CHS was not sure. There may be "affinity" group meetings at their residence.

TIM GAUGER - described as a 36ish white male, 6'0", 190 pounds with a bald or shaved head. CHS did not provide a telephone number or email address for GAUGER. GAUGER attended a few of the early WRR meetings then was absent and now has attended a few of the recent meetings. GAUGER works at the main University of Iowa library as a librarian. He is into social justice issues. "Yellow" is the farthest he is willing to go. GAUGER is willing to provide ride space for people to travel to the RNC. CHS is unsure what type of car GAUGER drives but believes it may be a silver four door.

MICHAEL RACK - described as a white male, 5'7", 230 pounds, long light colored hair. CHS did not provide a telephone number or email address for RACK. RACK has socialist party interests in mind. RACK travels to conventions such as the National Socialism Conference last month in Chicago. RACK is an "Academic Activist". RACK also works at the University of Iowa library. RACK plans on traveling to the RNC by himself.

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RYAN SPURGETIS - described as a white male, 6'1", 160 pounds, short dark hair. SPURGETIS put the WRR together and is the main organizer. CHS did not provide a telephone number or email address for SPURGETIS. He is the facilitator and sets the agenda of the meetings. SPURGETIS has some type of criminal history. He may currently be on probation after being arrested in Iowa City for a graffiti incident in the area about four months ago. SPURGETIS thought at one point about not going to the RNC due to his probation status. SPURGETIS did not tell CHS the information about the arrest. SPURGETIS told others who in turn told the CHS this information. SPURGETIS is in charge of research, maps and the organization for claiming sector(s) to target and actions to do at the RNC for the WRR. SPURGETIS is the WRR list serve administrator and sends out most messages. Previously he ran an anarchist infoshop out a house he lived at in the area. Since moving, SPURGETIS has not set up the infoshop again. The infoshop provided resources (reading materials etc.) on anarchist related issues and matters. Currently, SPURGETIS works for Systems which is a company that helps the disabled with daily life activities.

Prior to the WRR becoming associated with activities in Sector 5, SPURGETIS appeared to be directing their actions towards talking about blocking a bridge in the vicinity of the convention center. SPURGETIS sits in on calls with the Republican National Convention Welcoming Committee (RNCWC) and their affiliate group(s). Through SPURGETIS' contacts, the WRR has become attached to a Midwest action collective. Their plan is to block off-ramps on an expressway north of the convention center via bike blockade or tipping a car. SPURGETIS gives CHS the feeling that SPURGETIS will be involved in some type of criminal acts at the RNC.

SPURGETIS was described as an, "Anarchist communist" and "Anti-authoritarian".

"Ajax" - only known by CHS by this alias but known by writer to be ROBERT KLINT EHL, was described as a white male in his mid 30s, 6'2", thin, short buzz cut dark hair and always wearing a red bandana. CHS surmised "Ajax" always wore this bandana to signify his anarchist beliefs. CHS did not provide a telephone number or email address for "Ajax". "Ajax" is married and has two children. He is the, "Veteran of the group". He travels to big protests such as one in Chicago this recent spring

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or summer. CHS did not know what type of protest this was. "Ajax" is very security conscience and helped CHS set up the security culture within the WRR. "Ajax" helps with the University of Iowa Anti-War Committee. He was arrested along with SPURGETIS for the graffiti incident in Iowa City. "Ajax" has co-hosted some activist training. "Ajax" put on a police resistance seminar with Cody LNU which instructed people about such things as locking arms together and being dead weight to resist police tactics to remove protesters. "Ajax" is the WRR wikispace administrator. This space is where the WRR posts such things as forums, files, pictures and ride share and housing boards specific to the RNC. "Ajax" is a cook at the HAMBURG INN. He has a brother who lived in St. Paul and who he is traveling with to the RNC.

Warren Kostanover (phonetic) - this person is known by writer to be WARREN CONATSER. CONATSER was described as a white male, 5'10", 190 pounds - heavy, red colored mohawk hair style. He previously lived in Cedar Rapids, but within the last two weeks moved to the south side of Iowa City. He is employed at ORAL B in Iowa City. CHS did not provide a telephone number or email address for CONATSER. CONATSER is in on the calls with SPURGETIS and the affiliated groups. CONATSER, SPURGETIS and "Ajax" are in an affinity group together. "Ajax" has said on their behalf that they are all "Red Zone" persons. CONATSER has joked about burning stuff down and Molotov cocktails specific to the RNC. But, the CHS does not really believe CONATSER's talk. CONATSER does not talk much at the meetings. But what he does talk about are logistical or tactical situations concerning such things as blockades. CONATSER will make comments as to how certain actions or plans are dumb.

MARGO KLEMM (phonetic) - described as a white female, 16 years of age still in high school. CHS did not provide a telephone number or email address for KLEMM. She is, "Approval seeking". She may do something stupid if asked. KLEMM is planning on going to the RNC. SPURGETIS, "Ajax" and CONATSER have talked about her being a minor and the possible crime of transporting a minor across state lines if the minor is involved in a crime. But, apparently KLEMM's mother approved of her going.

The WRR began about nine months ago. They have been meeting once a month until this last month when they have been meeting every week. They have a meeting scheduled for this Saturday at the Iowa City Public Library and their last big meeting is scheduled for August 23rd at the Iowa City Public Library. The WRR does plan to meet after the RNC as a sort of after action report on what took place there.

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The WRR was originally started as the, "Iowans to stop the Republican....". CHS did not know the full original title of the group. The WRR was specifically formed to go to the RNC then they started to get involved in community oriented activities. However; not much time has been devoted at the meetings to the community related issues. After the RNC, the WRR plans to do more community based work.

The WRR has talked about "Shopping Groups" to get supplies for their affinity groups for the RNC. One item the group talked about getting were, "95s", which were described as some type of breathing filter which will protect against mace.

The WRR has not talked about the possible state or federal criminal charges which they could be charged with if involved in criminal activity at the RNC. The group members are aware of the federal security presence at the RNC due to the dignitaries who may attend. They may have also talked about the possibility that the National Guard may be there if the St. Paul Police Department is on strike.

For those traveling to the RNC, the housing is being set up by someone in St. Paul. People are planning on staying in various houses or garages. For the WRR, SCHROEDER and GAUGER are planning on driving. SCHROEDER plans on driving up on Monday and coming back the same day. CHS plans on traveling with GAUGER. GAUGER plans on traveling up on Sunday and coming back on Monday. GAUGER is in charge of finding them housing. JUNIS and SPURGETIS plan on driving together and CONATSER may ride with them. CHS does not know what type of car any of them drive. They plan on driving up Friday and coming back Tuesday in everyone is not in jail.

CHS was asked about any monies the group has or needs. The only thing they need money for is gas. Food will be provided by people in St. Paul.

The "Greens" and the "Yellows" want everyone to stay together for the event. But from the others, it appears everyone may go their own way and see each other after the event.

CHS is not aware of any specific threats to any candidates, dignitaries or delegates. In one of the earlier maps put out by the RNCWC, there were various company headquarters highlighted on the map, such as Lockheed Martin. There were no specific threats toward the highlighted companies. CHS took these highlights to show people what companies are in the area in case they wanted to, "throw a brick" or do something.

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The only person identified above who may have any type of interest in animal rights or ecological issues is Will LNU. He use to do some type of forestry activism possibly in the Washington or Oregon area. CHS did not know if this was "tree-spiking" or sit-in type activities.

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