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137C-OM-52207-A (Pending)**Contact Date:** 08/19/2008**Type of Contact:** In person**Location:** Iowa City, IA**Written by:** SA Thomas J. Reinwart**Other(s) Present:** TFO Melissa M. Henderson**Source Reporting:**

Members of the Chicago Campus Anti-War Network (CAN) met at THE MILL restaurant on Friday 08/15/2008 with RYAN SPURGETIS, Ajax, WARREN CONATSER and DAVID GOODNER. CHS was suppose to be called about this meeting by Ajax but was not. CAN is responsible for sector 6 around the convention center at the Republican National Convention (RNC). Typically CAN talks about doing passive protests but may get involved in arm lock boxes and certain passive resistance techniques to keep from being physically moved by law enforcement.

This past summer two males associated with the REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION WELCOMING COMMITTEE (RNCWC) gave a presentation at a CAN conference at the UNIVERSITY OF IOWA. These two were physically described as:

- 1.) Unsub #1 - a white male, short, approximately 5'7", skinny, thick glasses, mullet type hair style and talked with a lisp.
- 2.) Unsub #2 - a white male, 6'0", 190 pounds, short brown hair, clean shaven.

These two identified themselves as the ones who travel around the country giving slide shows about the RNCWC.

Concerning the WILD ROSE REBELLION (WRR) meeting on 08/16/2008 held at the Iowa City Public Library, there were about 25 people in attendance. There were approximately six people CHS had never seen before. A couple people had not been to any of the meetings throughout the summer. SPURGETIS and SUSAN JUNIS were not in attendance. They may have been traveling to pick up a child SPURGETIS shares joint custody with.

Those in attendance were identified as follows:
Ajax - who led the meeting

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CONATSER
HOLLY SCHROEDER
MICHAEL RACK
TIM GAUGER
MARGO KLEMME (previously spelled as KLEMM)
CARSON HINES - An Iowa City female who was gone all summer. HINES is possibly a "Red Zone" person. She has been involved in numerous protests and activist activities in the past. She is going to the RNC with the "Bash Back" group.

DAVID GOODNER - He is with the Iowa City CAN chapter. He has been in minor trouble in previous protests. He may have been charged with stealing / breaking a sign of another protester in the Iowa City area. GOODNER is not affiliated with any affinity group. GOODNER spent the summer in Columbia with his girlfriend.

HANNAH ROUNDS - female with the UNIVERSITY OF IOWA ANTI-WAR COMMITTEE. She was at the first WRR meeting but has not been there since. She is probably a "Yellow Zone" person.

Zach Last Name Unknown (LNU) - He was described as a white male, 6'0" skinny, short hair, glasses. He is from out of the area, possibly from Cedar Rapids. This is the first time CHS has met or seen Zach LNU at a meeting. Zach LNU is very active on the list serve and the message board. Zach was with a white female who was not from the area. She appeared to have a southern accent to her voice. She was described as a white female, heavy-set, 5'5", 200 pounds, short hair, a bad complexion and wearing a bandana.

Unsub #1 - described as a white male, 6'0", skinny, dark brown hair, full beard and mustache who said nothing at the meeting and may have gone out with the group afterwards.

Unsub #2 and Unsub #3 - described only as a couple possibly from Coralville. This may have been their first meeting. They may have heard about the meeting from CONATSER.

MARTA FRANZEN - A female who CHS has seen before but not at a WRR meeting. She is from the Iowa City area and may have lived with Leslie LNU. FRANZEN is very active on the list serve.

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CHS corrected information previously provided. It was Ajax and HINES who put on the tactical or police training before for the WRR group, not Cody LNU as previously stated.

At this meeting, the group tried to finalize the ride and housing situation. They sent around a sort of phone tree list for numbers of those who will be at the RNC so everyone can be in contact there. Not a lot of people filled out their number.

Ajax provided a sector coverage update but gave out no maps or materials. All sectors which touch the convention center are apparently claimed by some group(s). Apparently CONATSER was suppose to bring some maps since SPURGETIS was gone, but he forgot. Ajax also covered part of the security briefing by reiterating that people should be careful about what they are doing to support going to the RNC and not talk about going to the RNC or their activities at the RNC in public and only talk in their affinity groups. CHS advised the group about the presence of federal law enforcement presence at the RNC and that some crimes which may only seem to be a local misdemeanor crime could actually be considered a federal felony crime.

The group discussed ideas for the new people at the meeting since it is too late to be part of an affinity group. The new people could help with video taping. They could be the runners who take any video media of the police actions against the protestors from the action area to certain pre-designated coffee shops or other sites where people will have laptops and download the video to live-stream web feeds. This was supposedly similar to what was done at the conventions in 2004.

There is going to be a convergence center set up where there will be extra food, possibly medical supplies, legal support and information for those who get separated from their groups. No specific location has been discussed at this point but may be on the wikispace site soon.

One of the universities in the area is offering their quadrangle area or common ground as a camp-site for protestors for the RNC.

The Midwest collective covering sector 5 is planning to conduct a snow block where all people should wear white but not bring any skis or snow boards as those could be considered weapons.

The groups are going to possibly start Sunday (08/31/2008) night into Monday (09/01/2008) morning to set up

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their blockades to keep the delegates from reaching the convention center.

The RNCWC general strategy plan has been to, "Swarm, Seize and Stay." They want to keep a lot of people mobile. They are planning a mass texting program through the cellular telephones of the participants to coordinate the location of actions. The number to sign-up for or be a part of this mass texting service has not been given out yet.

The WRR is planning an extra meeting either this Friday or this Sunday to give an update on the tactical training previously provided by Ajax and HINES. This last training was at College Green Park. At this meeting they may give out a list of things people should and should not bring to the RNC.

There has been no talk within the WRR meetings or otherwise about items to be brought or used against law enforcement.

CHS felt SPURGETIS and CONATSER are the ones from the WRR who would probably really do some type of criminal action at the RNC where someone could get hurt. CONATSER has made no other mention of burning anything which he has joked about in the past. CHS does not think Ajax would be involved in violent criminal activity. Ajax would be more into property destruction type criminal activity.

CHS was unsure if there were any other similar groups in Iowa which were planning on attending the RNC.

There is a CRIMETHINC chapter in the Des Moines, Iowa area. It apparently started out as an autonomous group of anarchists who would live off the land. CRIMETHINC publishes a newspaper and has regional and national meetings. CRIMETHINC may be doing a lot toward the RNC. It may be producing smaller pamphlets to hand out about the RNC. SPURGETIS and JUNIS went to the last CRIMETHINC meeting in Des Moines and may have gone to a bigger one in Chicago. Both these meetings may have been in 2008.

Based upon a previous tasking, CHS provided a listing of the following cellular telephone numbers for WRR members:

TIM GAUGER - 319-936-2307
RYAN SPURGETIS - 319-621-7866