

THE PLOTS

A TIMELINE OF TERROR

In the last six years, incidents of domestic terrorism in the United States have been overwhelmingly carried out by solitary “lone wolves” or leaderless groups of just two people. The Southern Poverty Law Center’s study of the nature of these attacks is based on the following 63 incidents, which occurred between April 1, 2009, and Feb. 1, 2015. The list includes both terrorist attacks and foiled terrorist plots, as well as unplanned situations, such as traffic stops, where extremists were confronted by law enforcement officials and reacted with major violence. The ideologies driving the homegrown extremists in each incident are divided into two broad categories: “antigovernment,” meaning the perpetrators see the federal government as their chief enemy and generally subscribe to the tenets of the so-called “Patriot” movement; and “hate,” which encompasses hatred based on race, religion, gender, and sexual orientation, among others (jihadist attacks and anti-abortion violence are included in this category). An asterisk in the “outcome” field, which lists the number of people killed, indicates that one or more assailants died during the terrorist incident. If the incident is listed as a “group” attack, there were at least two assailants involved. The “perpetrator” field includes a few cases where the defendant has been accused, but not convicted, of a crime. The cases that mention “sovereign citizens” refer to people with radical anti-government views who believe most laws don’t apply to them.

APRIL 4, 2009 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **UNPLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS** | OUTCOME **3 KILLED**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 22** | **PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**



RICHARD ANDREW POPLAWSKI shoots and kills three Pittsburgh police officers responding to a call about a domestic dispute with his mother, who wanted to kick him out of her house.

Poplawski believed that an attack on gun rights was imminent and that U.S. troops would be used against U.S. citizens; he also thought a secret cabal of Jews ran the United States. Poplawski was heavily influenced by radio radical Alex Jones, many of whose conspiracy theories he believed.

APRIL 25, 2009 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **UNPLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **3 KILLED (INCLUDING ASSAILANT)**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 28** | **CRESTVIEW, FLA.**



Florida National Guardsman **JOSHUA CARTWRIGHT** shoots to death two Okaloosa County, Fla., sheriff's deputies — Burt Lopez and Warren “Skip” York, both 45 — as they attempt to arrest him on domestic violence charges at a shooting range in Crestview. After fleeing the scene, Cartwright is fatally shot during a gun battle with pursuing officers. Cartwright's wife later tells investigators that her husband was “severely disturbed” that Barack Obama was elected president. He also reportedly believed the U.S.



government was conspiring against him. The county sheriff tells reporters that Cartwright had been interested in joining a militia group.

MAY 30, 2009 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **GROUP** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS** | OUTCOME **2 KILLED**

PERPETRATORS **FEMALE, 41; MALES, 34 AND 42** | **ARIVACA, ARIZ.**



SHAWNA FORDE — the executive director of Minutemen American Defense (MAD), an anti-immigrant vigilante group that conducts armed “citizen patrols” on Arizona's border with

Mexico — leads a trio that invades the home of a Latino family, shooting to death a man and his 9-year-old daughter and wounding his wife. Forde believed the man was a narcotics trafficker and wanted to steal drugs and cash to fund her group's activities. Forde is eventually convicted and sentenced to death. The triggerman, MAD Operations Director **JASON EUGENE “GUNNY” BUSH**, 34, also is sentenced to death, while **ALBERT ROBERT GAXIOLA**, 42, a local member of MAD, gets life in prison. Authorities say that Bush had ties to the neo-Nazi Aryan Nations in Idaho and that Forde has spoken of recruiting its members.

MAY 31, 2009 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **1 KILLED**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 51** | **WICHITA, KAN.**



SCOTT ROEDER, an anti-abortion extremist who was involved with the antigovernment “freemen” movement in the 1990s, shoots to death

Kansas abortion provider George Tiller as the doctor is serving as an usher in his Wichita church. Adherents of the freemen movement describe themselves as sovereign citizens not subject to federal and other laws, and often issue their own vehicle license plates. It was one of those unauthorized homemade plates that led Topeka police to stop Roeder in 1996, when a search of his trunk revealed a pound of gunpowder, a 9-volt bat-

tery wired to a switch, blasting caps and ammunition. A prosecutor in that case called Roeder a “substantial threat to public safety,” but his conviction in that case is overturned later. In 2010, Roeder is sentenced to life in prison for the Tiller murder.

JUNE 10, 2009 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**
 INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**
 WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **1 KILLED**
 PERPETRATOR **MALE, 88** | **WASHINGTON, D.C.**



JAMES VON BRUNN, a longtime neo-Nazi, shoots to death security guard Stephen Johns at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, but is critically wounded by other officers as he tries to storm into the facility. Von Brunn had a long history in the white supremacist movement. In the early 1970s, he worked at the Holocaust-denying Noontide Press and in subsequent decades he came to know many of the key leaders of the radial right. In 1981, von Brunn used a sawed-off shotgun to attempt unsuccessfully to kidnap members of the



Federal Reserve Board in Washington, and served six years in prison as a result. A search of Von Brunn’s car after the museum attack turns up a list of apparent targets including the White House, the Capitol, the National Cathedral and *The Washington Post*. A note left there by von Brunn reads: “You want my weapons; this how you’ll get them ... the Holocaust is a lie ... Obama was created by Jews. Obama does what his Jew owners tell him to do. Jews captured America’s money. Jews control the mass media.” Von Brunn is charged with murdering Johns but dies in 2010 while awaiting trial.

OCT. 28, 2009 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**
 INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **UNPLANNED**
 WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **1 KILLED***
 PERPETRATOR **MALE, 53** | **DEARBORN, MICH.**

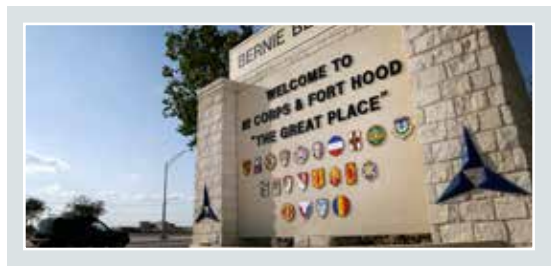


LUQMAN AMEEN ABDULLAH, identified by authorities as a member of a black Muslim group hoping to create an Islamic state within U.S. borders, is shot dead at a warehouse after he fires at FBI agents trying to arrest him on conspiracy and weapons charges. The FBI says Abdulla encouraged violence against the United States. Several other members of his Sunni Muslim group also are arrested.

NOV. 5, 2009 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**
 INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**
 WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **13 KILLED**
 PERPETRATOR **MALE, 39** | **FORT HOOD, TEXAS**



MAJOR NIDAL MALIK HASAN, a U.S. Army psychiatrist, fatally shoots 13 people and injures more than 30 others at Fort Hood. Although the U.S. Department of Defense and federal law enforcement agencies later classify the mass murder as an act of workplace violence and not terrorism, a series of E-mails between Hasan and Yemen-based imam Anwar al-Awlaki, who had been monitored by U.S. intelligence as a security threat, are found and military colleagues report that they were aware of his growing radicalization. Hassan is eventually convicted of 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted murder and sentenced to death.



FEB. 18, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **AIRPLANE** | OUTCOME **2 KILLED ***

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 53** | **AUSTIN, TEXAS**



ANDREW JOSEPH STACK, years after attending a series of meetings of radical anti-tax groups in California, sets fire to his own house and then flies his single-engine private plane into a building housing Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offices. Stack and an IRS manager are killed and 13 others are injured. Stack leaves behind a long online rant about the IRS and the tax code, politicians and corporations.

MARCH 25, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **UNPLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 37** | **SUMTER COUNTY, FLA.**



A man later identified as **BRODY JAMES WHITAKER** opens fire on two Florida state troopers during a routine traffic stop on I-75 in Sumter County. Whitaker flees, crashing his vehicle and continuing on foot. He is arrested two weeks later in Connecticut, where he challenges the authority of a judge and declares himself a “sovereign citizen” immune to the laws of the land. Whitaker is later extradited to Florida to face charges of assaulting and fleeing from a police officer. In 2012, he is sentenced to life in prison.

MARCH 28, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **UNKNOWN** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **UNKNOWN** | **SPOKANE, WASH.**

Federal authorities discover a pipe bomb along the perimeter of the federal courthouse in Spokane, Wash., but fail to identify or arrest a perpetrator. The bomb was planted during a wave of threats against

politicians and other government officials that was triggered by anger over the passage President Obama’s health care reforms just five days earlier.

APRIL 15, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 30** | **CLEVELAND, OHIO**



MATTHEW FAIRFIELD — president of a local chapter of the Oath Keepers, a radical antigovernment organization given to baseless conspiracy theories and largely composed of police and military officers and veterans — is indicted on 28 explosives charges, 25 counts of receiving stolen property and one count of possessing criminal tools. Authorities searching Fairfield’s home also discover a napalm bomb he built and a computer containing child pornography. Fairfield pleads guilty to explosives charges and is sentenced in 2011 to 16 years in prison. That September, prosecutors drop child porn charges in exchange for Fairfield’s guilty plea to obstruction of justice. He is sentenced to four additional years in prison, to be served concurrently with his initial sentence.

APRIL 30, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **UNKNOWN** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 41** | **MADISONVILLE, TENN.**



DARREN HUFF, an Oath Keeper from Georgia, is arrested and charged with planning the armed takeover of a Madisonville, Tenn., courthouse and “arrest” of 24 local, state and federal officials. Huff was angry about the arrest the same month of Walter Francis Fitzpatrick III, a leader of the far-right American Grand Jury movement that sought to have grand juries indict President Obama for treason. At the time, several others in the antigovernment movement accuse Huff of white supremacist and anti-Semitic attitudes in

Internet postings. He is sentenced to four years in federal prison.

MAY 10, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**
INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**
WEAPON **EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **1 KILLED ***
PERPETRATOR **MALE, 46** | **JACKSONVILLE, FLA.**



SANDLIN MATTHEW SMITH sets off a pipe bomb at the rear entrance of the Islamic Center of Northeast Florida. No one is injured in the attack. Surveillance videotape from the mosque shows a white man setting the bomb, and law enforcement interest quickly turns to Smith. FBI agents are later tipped off to the man's location in a tent at Glass Mountain State Park in northwest Oklahoma. When police approach Smith, he draws a weapon and is shot and killed by officers. The FBI later reports that Smith's marriage was falling apart and that he was increasingly angry that American soldiers were dying in Iraq and Afghanistan.

MAY 20, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**
INCIDENT TYPE **GROUP** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **UNPLANNED**
WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **4 KILLED ***
PERPETRATORS **MALES, 16 AND 45** | **WEST MEMPHIS, ARK.**



A father-and-son team of sovereign citizens, who believe police have no right to regulate road travel, murder West Memphis, Ark., police officers Robert Brandon Paudert, 39, and Thomas William "Bill" Evans, 38, during a routine traffic stop on an I-40 exit ramp. The violence begins to unfold when **JERRY KANE**, 45, starts to argue with the officers over his bogus



vehicle registration paperwork and then pushes Evans into a roadside ditch. At that point, Kane's 16-year-old son, **JOSEPH KANE**, kills both officers with an AK-47 before the pair flees. Authorities catch up with them about 45 minutes later. In the ensuing shootout, two more officers are badly wounded and both Kanes are killed. The pair had been traveling the country offering seminars in bogus sovereign techniques for avoiding foreclosure and related matters.

MAY 20, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**
INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**
WEAPON **ARSON** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**
PERPETRATOR **MALE, 23** | **CONNEAUT, OHIO**



RONALD J. PUDDER sets fire to the front entrance of the First Azusa Apostolic Faith Church of God, a predominantly African-American church in northeast Ohio. The church is only lightly damaged. Pudder later pleads guilty to intentionally destroying religious property for reasons of race. He is sentenced to 51 months in prison.

JULY 18, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**
INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**
WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**
PERPETRATOR **MALE, 45** | **OAKLAND, CALIF.**



BYRON WILLIAMS, an unemployed parolee with two bank robbery convictions who is apparently enraged at liberals and what he sees as the "left-wing agenda" of Congress, opens fire on California Highway Patrol troopers after they pull him over. No one is killed, but two troopers are slightly injured. Williams, who is shot in the arms and legs, later tells authorities that he was on his way to carry out an attack offices of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Tides Foundation, a liberal organization that, although little known to most Americans, had been repeatedly pilloried by then-Fox News host Glenn Beck. In 2014, a jury convicts Williams of four

counts of premeditated attempted murder of a peace officer and three counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm. He is sentenced to 401 years in prison.

JULY 21, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **1 KILLED**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 64** | **CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENN.**



Attorney Todd Getgen is shot to death at a gun range in Cumberland County, Penn., and his weapon, a silenced AR-15 rifle, is stolen. Nine days later, authorities arrest prison guard **RAYMOND PEAKE**, saying Peake was trying to accumulate weapons for an unnamed organization that intended to overthrow the government. Fellow prison guard Thomas Tusso is also arrested for helping Peake hide Getgen's custom-built weapon. Peake is sentenced in 2012 to life in prison. The next year, Tusso is sentenced to between 11 and 23 months in prison.

AUG. 17, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **1 KILLED***

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 29** | **MCKINNEY, TEXAS**



PATRICK GRAY SHARP sets fire to his truck outside the McKinney Public Safety Building and then begins firing at first responders from a makeshift sniper's nest. Police estimate Sharp fired more than 100 rounds at the building, which houses the



town's police department. McKinney officers fire back at Sharp and, when they later close in on his position, find him dead of gunshot wounds.

AUGUST 30, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 52** | **SPOKANE, WASH.**



White supremacist **WAYDE LYNN KURT** is arrested in Spokane on federal gun and forgery charges. Authorities later release audio recordings to support their allegation that he was planning a terrorist attack that he called his "final solution" and which included assassinating President Obama. Kurt, a convicted felon who is associated with neo-Nazis and racist Odinists, is sentenced in 2012 to 13 years in prison on firearms and false identification convictions after federal prosecutors seek and receive a "terrorism enhancement" to his sentence.

SEPT. 2, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT **DYNAMIC PLANNED**

WEAPON **EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 37** | **MADERA, CALIF.**



A pipe bomb is thrown through the window of a closed Planned Parenthood clinic along with a note that reads, "Murder our children? We have a 'choice' too." The note is signed ANB, apparently short for the American Nationalist Brotherhood. Six months later, law enforcement officials arrest school bus driver **DONNY EUGENE MOWER**, who allegedly also threatened a local Islamic center and has the word "Peckerwood," a white supremacist reference, tattooed on his chest. Mower confesses to the attack and pleads guilty to arson, damaging religious property and violating the Freedom of Access to Clinics Act. He is sentenced in 2012 to five years in prison and three years of supervised release.

SEPT. 7, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 26** | **CONCORD, N.C.**



The FBI arrests 26-year-old **JUSTIN CARL MOOSE**, a self-described “freedom fighter” and “Christian counterpart to Osama bin Laden,” for allegedly planning to blow up a North Carolina abortion clinic. After earlier receiving tips that Moose was posting threats of violence against abortion providers and information about explosives on his Facebook page, the FBI set up a sting operation to capture him. Moose ultimately pleads guilty to distributing information on manufacturing and use of an explosive and is sentenced to 30 months in prison. He is released in 2012.

SEPT. 17, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **UNPLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 55** | **WEST ODESSA, TEXAS**



VICTOR DEWAYNE WHITE, a so-called sovereign citizen, shoots and wounds three people, including two sheriff’s deputies, before surrendering at the end of a 22-hour standoff. The incident began when an oil company employee went to White’s property with Ector County Sheriff’s Deputy Ricky Tijerina and Sgt. Steve McNeil to access an oil well to which the company owned rights. White — who had ties to the separatist Republic of Texas, which claims Texas is a sovereign nation never legally annexed by the United States — eventually surrenders and is charged with three counts of attempted capital murder of a peace officer, one count of attempted capital murder, and aggravated assault. He is sentenced to life in prison in 2012.

NOV. 17, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **UNPLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **1 KILLED***

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 47** | **RIGGINS, IDAHO**

CURTIS SCRIVER, a sovereign citizen facing charges of menacing with a deadly weapon, disorderly conduct and two counts of possession of a dangerous weapons, is killed in a gun battle in Riggins, Idaho, that begins after law enforcement officers try to arrest him for sending a threatening letter to the court. In the letter, Scrivner had warned that police had violated his rights “protected by the second and fourth amendments to the Constitution,” and added, “I know this as I have studied law as an ex-cop. Your court and attorneys should know this, as it is your job to know.”

NOV. 26, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 19** | **PORTLAND, ORE.**



MOHAMED OSMAN MOHAMUD is arrested in an FBI sting operation after attempting to set off what he thought was a car bomb at a Christmas tree lighting. He is charged with and eventually convicted of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction, although his attorney claims he was entrapped. Mohamud is sentenced in 2014 to 30 years in federal prison.

NOV. 28, 2010 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **ARSON** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 24** | **CORVALLIS, ORE.**



CODY SETH CRAWFORD allegedly firebombs the Salman Alfarisi Islamic Center in Corvallis just two days after a former Oregon State University student was arrested in a plot to detonate

a car bomb during Portland's annual Christmas tree lighting. Crawford had reportedly ranted about Muslims and describes himself as a Christian warrior after the arson. But complex legal questions surrounding Crawford's mental health and actions of the prosecution delay the scheduling of a trial.

JAN. 14, 2011 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 28** | **APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZ.**



Federal agents arrest **JEFFERY HARBIN**, a member of the neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement, for building homemade grenades and pipe bombs that he intended to supply to anti-migrant groups patrolling the Arizona-Mexico border. A prosecutor says that Harbin constructed the devices, using model rocket engines and aluminum powder, "in such a way as to maximize human carnage." In September 2011, Harbin — the son of Jerry Harbin, a Phoenix-area activist with past ties to the neo-Nazi National Alliance and the racist Council of Conservative Citizens — pleads guilty to making and transporting bombs and is sentenced to two years in prison.

JAN. 14, 2011 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **GROUP** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREBOMB** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALES, 32 AND 37** | **HARDY, ARK.**



JASON WALTER BARNWELL, 37, of Evening Shade, Ark., and **GARY DON DODSON** of Waldron throw a Molotov cocktail through the window of an interracial couple's home in Hardy. Barnwell, described as a leader of a "combat division" of a neo-Nazi skinhead gang, pleads guilty to federal civil rights and firearms charges in 2011 and is sentenced to 20 years in prison. Dodson pleads guilty to similar charges later that year and is eventually sentenced to 15 years in prison.

JAN. 17, 2011 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 36** | **SPOKANE, WASH.**



A sophisticated improvised explosive device is discovered in a backpack placed on the route of a Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade that included some 1,500 participants. Police bomb technicians manage to defuse the device, which eventually yields forensic clues that lead officials to **KEVIN WILLIAM HARPHAM**. Harpham is a one-time member of the neo-Nazi National Alliance and has posted more than 1,000 messages to the neo-Nazi Vanguard News Network since 2004 and contributed articles to the white supremacist *Aryan Alternative* tabloid. Harpham is accused of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction, and in December 2011 pleads guilty to that charge and another of planting a bomb as part of a hate crime. He is sentenced to 32 years in prison.

MARCH 10, 2011 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **GROUP** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATORS **MALES, 26, 36 AND 55; FEMALE, 64** | **FAIRBANKS, ALASKA**



Several members of the antigovernment Alaska Peacemakers Militia, including its 26-year-old leader, **FRANCIS SCHAEFFER COX**, are arrested and charged with plotting to kill or kidnap state troopers and a Fairbanks judge. The group already has a large cache of weapons, including a .50-caliber machine gun, grenades and a grenade launcher. Cox, who had earlier identified himself as a sovereign citizen, is convicted in 2012 of 12 counts, including conspiracy to kill a judge and law enforcement officials. He is sentenced the next year to almost 26 years in federal prison. A couple, **LONNIE** and **KAREN VERNON**, plead guilty to similar charges and are sentenced to almost 25 years and 12 years, respectively. Another member of the group, **COLEMAN BARNEY**, is found guilty of weapons charges and sentenced to five years in federal prison.

MAY 11, 2011 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **GROUP** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALES, 20 AND 26** | **NEW YORK, N.Y.**



AHMED FERHANI, a 26-year-old aspiring fashion model who once sold cosmetics at Saks Fifth Avenue, and taxi service dispatcher **MOHAMED MAMDOUH** are arrested after purchasing three semiautomatic pistols, 150 rounds of ammunition and a hand grenade from an undercover police officer. The pair, who plotted to blow up synagogues across New York City, are charged with second-degree conspiracy as a crime of terror-



ism, second-degree conspiracy as a hate crime and second-degree criminal possession of a weapon as a crime of terrorism. Officials say the two have no known connection to Islamic extremist groups. Both men are convicted and, in 2013, Ferhani is sentenced to 10 years in prison, while Mamdouh gets five years.

MAY 14, 2011 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **GROUP** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **ARSON** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **3 MALES, AGES UNKNOWN** | **HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Three masked men break into the Madrasah Islamiah, an Islamic center in Houston, and douse prayer rugs with gasoline in an apparent attempt to burn the center down. Images of the men are captured on surveillance cameras, but they are not identified. The fire is put out before doing major damage.

MAY 25, 2011 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 63** | **MADISON, WIS.**



A man with a long history of menacing abortion clinics is arrested on weapons charges after he accidentally shoots a pistol through the door of a motel room. When confronted, **RALPH LANG** tells police he had planned to kill a doctor and workers at a nearby Planned Parenthood clinic. Lang is sentenced to 10 years in prison in 2013.

JUNE 12, 2011 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 50** | **LOLO, MONT.**



Longtime militia activist **DAVID BURGERT** — a former convicted burglar who once led a group that planned to assassinate officials and later spent time in prison for being a felon in possession of a weapon — leads Missoula County sheriff's deputies on a car chase when they come to investigate reports of his car being parked for a lengthy time at a picnic area near Lolo. After several miles, Burgert pulls over and begins firing at the deputies before fleeing on foot into the woods. He escapes his pursuers and is still a fugitive as of early 2015.

JULY 21, 2011 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **UNPLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 48** | **HURST, TEXAS**



Self-described “Moorish national” **JOSEPH M. TESI** opens fire on a Colleyville police officer who followed him to Hurst, but instead is shot himself, in the face and the foot,

by the officer. (Virtually all so-called Moorish nationals are black, but Tesi is white.) The officer had recognized Tesi as the man who had sent a court a note threatening “deadly force” against officials in a long-running dispute over traffic tickets. In his writings, Tesi used the obscure language favored by sovereign citizens, arguing that police had no right to regulate his travel. He is found guilty of aggravated assault on a public servant in 2012 and sentenced to 35 years in state prison.

OCT. 5, 2011 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **GROUP** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS** | OUTCOME **4 KILLED**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 31; FEMALE, 24**

EVERETT, WASH./LAFAYETTE, ORE./EUREKA, CALIF.



White supremacist ex-convict **DAVID “JOEY” PEDERSEN** and his girlfriend **HOLLY ANN GRIGSBY** are arrested in

California after a murderous rampage in three states. At the time, Grigsby tells police that she and Pedersen “were on their way to Sacramento to kill more Jews.” The first to be killed were Pedersen’s father and stepmother in Everett, followed by another man in Oregon, who was slain because the couple thought he was Jewish. An African-American man was also found shot to death in Eureka. Earlier, Pederson served time for threatening to kill the federal judge who handled the Ruby Ridge, Idaho, case of white supremacist Randy Weaver. Pedersen is eventually sentenced to four life terms without the possibility of parole, while Grigsby is handed a single life sentence.



NOV. 1, 2011 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **GROUP** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **EXPLOSIVES, RICIN** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALES, 65, 67, 68 AND 73** | **CLEVELAND, GA./TOCCOA, GA.**



Four members of a north Georgia militia are arrested in a plot to bomb federal

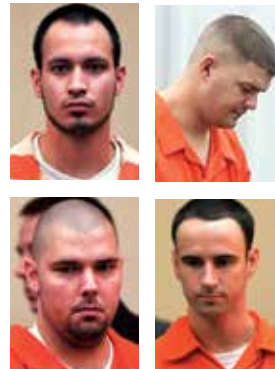
buildings, attack Atlanta and other cities with deadly ricin, and murder law enforcement officials. The men — **FREDERICK THOMAS, 73, SAMUEL J. CRUMP, 68, DAN ROBERTS, 67,** and **RAY H. ADAMS, 65** — discussed “taking out” a list of officials to “make the country right again” and scouted buildings in Atlanta to bomb. Authorities say the plot was inspired by an online novel, *Absolved*, written by longtime Alabama militiaman Mike Vanderboegh. Thomas, the ringleader, and Roberts plead guilty in 2012 to charges of conspiring to possess explosives and firearms and are each sentenced to five years in federal prison for conspiring to obtain an unregistered explosive device. Crump and Adams are convicted in January 2014 of conspiring to produce a toxic agent to poison government officials, and are each sentenced later in the year to 10 years in prison followed by five years of supervised release.

DEC. 5, 2011 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **GROUP** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS** | OUTCOME **2 KILLED**

PERPETRATORS **MALES, 19, 25, 25 AND 26** | **FORT STEWART, GA.**



Four Army soldiers at Fort Stewart, Ga., later identified as members of the terror group Forever Enduring, Always Ready (FEAR), participate in the murder of 19-year-old former soldier and FEAR member Michael Roark and his 17-year-

old girlfriend, Tiffany York. The four are arrested five days later, after the victims' bodies are discovered in a stand of dense woods. The two were killed because FEAR leader **ISAAC AGUIGUI**, 19, feared Roark would talk about the group's plans to take over the Army base, overthrow the government, assassinate a future president, blow up a dam and poison the apple crop in the state of Washington. Pfc. Aguigui funded the group, buying \$87,000 in weapons and a large amount of drugs with a \$500,000 insurance payment he received after the death of his pregnant wife. **PFC. MICHAEL BURNETT** pleads guilty and agrees to testify against his FEAR comrades. In April 2013, the Army charges Aguigui with killing his wife, whose death was initially ruled accidental, and their unborn child. In July 2013, Aguigui pleads guilty in the murders of York and Roark, and is sentenced to life in prison. He subsequently is convicted in military court of the murder of his wife and is sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Two other soldiers, **PVT. CHRISTOPHER SALMON** and **SGT. ANTHONY PEDEN**, plead guilty in 2014 and receive life sentences.

DEC. 18, 2011 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **UNPLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **2 KILLED***

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 58** | **WASHINGTON, PA.**



Survivalist **ELI FRANKLIN MYERS III** shoots two Pennsylvania state troopers after they pull him over and cite him for expired vehicle registration and no proof of insurance.

Immediately after being cited, Myers gets out of his car and begins firing at the two officers. John David Dryer, a 46-year-old part-time officer, is killed in the encounter, and a second officer, Robert V. Caldwell III, is badly injured. Myers, a former police officer himself, is also killed in the shootout.

APRIL 1, 2012 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 50** | **GRAND CHUTE, WIS.**



Using a homemade device fashioned from a plastic bottle filled with incendiary chemicals, **FRANCIS G. GRADY** bombs the Grand Chute Planned Parenthood clinic. No one was injured, and Grady is arrested the next day. In early 2013, Grady is convicted and sentenced to 11 years in prison.

APRIL 6, 2012 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **GROUP** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS** | OUTCOME **3 KILLED**

PERPETRATOR **MALES, 19 AND 32** | **TULSA, OK.**



Two white men, **JAKE ENGLAND**, 19, and his friend **ALVIN WATTS**, drive through black neighborhoods in northern

Tulsa randomly shooting five African Americans, three of whom die. The spree, which comes to be known as the "Good Friday Shootings," coincides with the second anniversary of the death of England's father, who was killed by a black man in the same area. In 2013, both men plead guilty, avoiding the possibility of the death penalty, and are each sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

APRIL 17, 2012 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **GROUP** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREBOMBS** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALES, 31 AND 42** | **MENDOTA HEIGHTS, MINN.**



JOSEPH BENJAMIN THOMAS and **SAMUEL JAMES JOHNSON** of Mendota Heights are indicted on federal weapons and

drug charges after a probe of their alleged plans to

create an “Aryan Liberation Movement” and attack minorities, leftists and government officials. Prosecutors say Thomas, 42, also planned to attack the Mexican consulate in St. Paul with a truck loaded with flaming barrels of oil and gasoline. Johnson, a former leader of the neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement with prior convictions for armed crimes, was scouting for a training compound in Illinois or Minnesota and seeking to recruit others into his group, court papers say. In the end, Johnson pleads guilty to being a felon in possession of weapons and is sentenced to 15 years in prison. Thomas pleads to intent to distribute 50 grams of methamphetamine and, in 2013, is sentenced to 10 years in prison.

officer. Wounded by police, Page then shoots and kills himself at the scene. Page, an Army veteran who was discharged in 1998 for “patterns of misconduct,” was a “patched” member of the Northern Hammerskins, a division of the violent racist skin-



head group Hammerskin Nation. He was also a well-known fixture on the white power music scene, playing in the band End Apathy and several others.

JUNE 17, 2012 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 33** | **PLANO, TEXAS**



ANSON CHI is seriously injured when he detonates a bomb in an effort to destroy an Atmos Energy natural gas pipeline in Plano. Chi is an avid tax protester who has posted numerous videos, statements and rants on the Internet about the alleged evils of the Federal Reserve, the IRS, President Obama and the federal government. He had been a fugitive since 2009, when he violated probation in California on a weapons charge. Chi pleads guilty in 2013 to possessing an unregistered explosive and malicious use of an explosive and is sentenced to 22 years in prison.

AUG. 5, 2012 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **7 KILLED ***

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 40** | **OAK CREEK, WIS.**



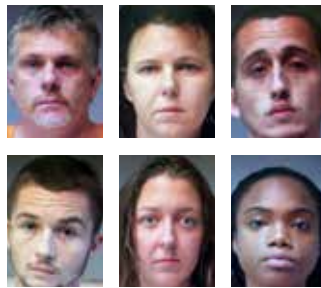
Longtime neo-Nazi skinhead **WADE MICHAEL PAGE** opens fire with a 9 mm handgun inside a Sikh temple, killing six people and critically wounding three, including a police

AUG. 16, 2012 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **GROUP** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **UNPLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS** | OUTCOME **2 KILLED**

PERPETRATOR **MALES, 22, 24, 28 AND 44; FEMALES, 23 AND 37** | **LAPLACE, LA.**



Seven people, six of them deeply enmeshed in the sovereign citizens movement, allegedly ambush and murder St. John the Baptist Parish sheriff’s deputies Brandon Nielsen, 34, and Jeremy Triche, 27. The attack comes in a trailer park about 30 miles from New Orleans, after deputies pursue them there from a nearby oil refinery, where they are suspected of shooting another deputy who was working as an off-duty guard. Authorities arrest the group’s leader, **TERRY LYN SMITH**, 44, Smith’s wife, **CHANEL SKAINS**, and his sons, **DERRICK SMITH** and **BRIAN SMITH**. Others are **BRITTANY KEITH**, **KYLE DAVID JOEKEL** and **TENIECHA BRIGHT**, 21. Bright is released when officials decide she is telling the truth about having merely hitched a ride with the Smith clan. Eventually, Skains and Keith plead guilty as accessories and agree to testify against the others. Derrick Smith pleads to the same charge, receiving a five-year sentence, and also to being a felon in possession of a weapon, getting another 12 years as a result. Brian Smith and Joekel are charged with capital murder and Terry Smith is charged with being a principal to attempted first-degree murder.

SEPT. 4, 2012 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **UNPLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **2 KILLED ***

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 36** | **ALAMO, CALIF.**



CHRISTOPHER LACY shoots California Highway Patrol officer Kenyon Youngstrom at close range after the officer stops Lacy's vehicle, which had an obstructed license plate, on I-680 near Alamo. Lacy is fatally shot by another trooper, and Youngstrom dies the next day. An investigation into Lacy's background reveals a large amount of antigovernment sovereign citizens literature on several computers at his home.

DEC. 21, 2012 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **UNPLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 47** | **BOWLING GREEN, OHIO**



FBI agents arrest **RICHARD SCHMIDT**, the owner of a sporting goods store in Bowling Green, for trafficking in counterfeit goods and discover a cache of 18 weapons in his home and store, including AR-15 assault rifles, 9 mm and Sig Sauer pistols and shotguns, and more than 40,000 rounds of ammunition. Schmidt is unable to own the weapons legally because he is a felon who served 13 years for murdering a Latino man and wounding two others in a 1989 traffic dispute. Officials also find evidence of Schmidt's neo-Nazi views, including video and Nazi paraphernalia, and the Anti-Defamation League identifies him as a longtime member of the neo-Nazi National Alliance. Authorities also discover a notebook they say Schmidt was using to track Detroit-area Jewish and African-American leaders, apparently as a prelude to some kind of attack. Schmidt is indicted in Toledo in January 2013 on three federal counts of possessing illegal firearms, body armor and ammunition, and one count of trafficking in counterfeit goods. He pleads guilty in July of that year to vio-

lating federal firearms laws and is later sentenced to nearly six years in prison.

APRIL 15, 2013 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **GROUP** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **5 KILLED ***

PERPETRATOR **MALES, 19 AND 26** | **BOSTON**



DZHOKHAR and **TAMERLAN TSARNAEV**, brothers from Chechnya, allegedly set off bombs made from pressure cookers at the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three people and injuring more than 260 others, including more than a dozen who must have limbs amputated. Several days later, after the FBI releases pictures of the Tsarnaevs taken from surveillance video along the marathon route, the brothers allegedly ambush and kill a Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer. Tamerlan Tsarnaev is shot multiple times during that April 18 firefight on and dies after his brother runs him over with a stolen SUV while escaping. A day later, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is found hiding in a boat parked in the backyard of a residence in Watertown, Mass. He is charged with 30-plus counts of homegrown terrorism, including the use of a weapon of mass destruction and malicious destruction of property resulting in death. According to interrogation reports, Dzhokhar claims he and his brother were self-radicalized in their extremist Islamic beliefs and angered by the U.S.-led wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. His trial is set for early 2015.



MAY 3, 2013 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **UNPLANNED**

WEAPON **EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 24** | **MONTEVIDEO, MINN.**



BUFORD "BUCKY" ROGERS of Montevideo, a self-proclaimed member of the Black Snake Militia, is arrested when agents find homemade bombs and firearms at his father's home. It is at least the third time Rogers has been arrested. Profanity-laced postings on Rogers' Facebook page, beginning in June 2011, express his antigovernment views. "The NOW [New World Order] has taken all your freedoms the right to bear arms freedom of speech [sic] freedom to the press," one of his postings says. He pleads guilty to two counts of weapons violations in early 2014 and is subsequently sentenced to three years and four months in prison.

JUNE 18, 2013 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **GROUP** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **RADIATION DEVICE** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALES, 49 AND 54** | **PROVIDENCE, N.Y./STOCKPORT, N.Y.**



GLENDON SCOTT CRAWFORD, 49, and **ERIC J. FEIGHT** are arrested at their homes in upstate New York after a year-long investigation and charged with conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists for use of a weapon of mass destruction. Crawford is a member of the United Northern and Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and an industrial mechanic with General Electric; Feight is an outside contractor for the company with engineering skills. Officials say the two men, who call themselves "The Guild," are well on the way to building a truck-borne radiation weapon that can be turned on remotely and that they hoped to see used in the mass murder of Muslims and others. Crawford allegedly refers to the device as "Hiroshima on a light switch." The

men are arrested after allegedly seeking funding for the weapon from Jewish groups and the Loyal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan without success. In 2014, Crawford is indicted for conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction and related charges, while his alleged accomplice is reportedly in talks about a plea agreement that would involve testifying against Crawford.

AUG. 18, 2013 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **GROUP** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **UNKNOWN** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 42; FEMALE, 67** | **LAS VEGAS**



DAVID ALLEN BRUTSCHE and a woman described as Brutsche's roommate, **DEVON CAMPBELL NEWMAN**, are arrested in Las

Vegas after a months-long investigation into an alleged plot to kidnap and execute police officers. Both Brutsche, a convicted felon and registered sex offender, and Newman consider themselves sovereign citizens and have conducted recruiting seminars on sovereign ideology, officials say. Authorities say they intended to kidnap a police officer at random, detain the officer in a crude jail in a vacant house, "try" the officer in a "common-law" court, then execute the officer. The two are charged with felony conspiracy to commit murder, conspiracy to commit kidnapping and attempted kidnapping. Newman pleads guilty in December 2013 to conspiracy to commit false imprisonment, a misdemeanor, and is sentenced to a year of probation and ordered to have no contact with Brutsche. Brutsche, who renounces sovereign citizen ideology during court proceedings, pleads guilty in February 2014 to conspiracy to kidnap police officers and receives five years of probation. In a separate case involving failure to register as a sex offender, he receives 188 days in jail in addition to time served.

NOV. 1, 2013 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **1 KILLED**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 23** | **LOS ANGELES**



PAUL ANTHONY CIANCIA allegedly opens fire at Los Angeles International Airport, killing U.S. Transportation Security Administration officer Gerardo Hernandez at a security checkpoint and injuring six others. Police say he was carrying a bag packed with a semiautomatic .223-caliber Smith & Wesson M&P-15 rifle, five 30-round magazines and hundreds of additional rounds of ammunition. When he is arrested, sources say, Ciancia is carrying a note mentioning “fiat currency” and the New World Order, both topics of high interest to the militia movement. Ciancia is charged with the murder of a federal officer and committing violence at an international airport, with prosecutors saying they will seek the death penalty.

MARCH 27, 2014 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 38** | **KATY, TEXAS**



ROBERT JAMES TALBOT JR. is arrested in Katy by FBI agents who say he was about to rob an armored car and kill its driver. The FBI opened an investigation into Talbot’s activities in August 2013 after learning of his desire to recruit others into terrorist activities. Officials say Talbot was plotting to use C-4 explosives and weapons to rob banks and armored cars, kill police officers, and blow up government buildings and crowded mosques. Talbot is also behind a Facebook page called “American Insurgent Movement,” on which he posted antigovernment screeds, called for violence against public officials, and ranted about Muslims and LGBT people. In October 2014, Talbot pleads guilty to federal charges of attempted interference with commerce by robbery and solicitation to commit a crime of violence. He faces up 20 years

on the first charge and another 10 on the second charge when he is sentenced.

APRIL 13, 2014 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **3 KILLED**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 73** | **OVERLAND PARK, KAN.**



FRAZIER GLENN MILLER (aka Frazier Glenn Cross), a longtime racist and anti-Semite, is arrested after he allegedly opens fire at a Jewish community center and a Jewish retirement community in a suburb of Kansas City. Three people are killed, including a 14-year-old Eagle Scout and his grandfather, all of them Christians. Miller is charged with capital murder and three counts of attempted murder. Miller, a retired Army veteran and Green Beret, is the founder and former leader of both the Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the White Patriot Party, which he ran as paramilitary organizations in the 1980s. He was successfully sued by the SPLC for operating an illegal paramilitary organization and for using intimidation tactics against African Americans. Miller went underground in 1987 after he violated the court settlement and was facing criminal contempt charges. He was later caught and served three years in federal prison on weapons charges in connection with plans to commit robberies and assassinate SPLC co-founder Morris Dees. As part of a plea deal, he testified against other Klan members in a 1988 sedition trial.



MAY 23, 2014 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS** | OUTCOME **7 KILLED ***

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 22** | **ISLA VISTA, CALIF.**



ELLIOT RODGER goes on a killing spree in Isla Vista, Calif., shortly after uploading a video to YouTube titled “Elliot Rodger’s Retribution” and E-mailing what was subsequently described as his manifesto, titled “My Twisted World,” to a number of people. In the video and manifesto, he lays out the reasons behind the killings: his frustration over not being able to find a girlfriend, his hatred of women, and his contempt for racial minorities and interracial couples. Rodger stabs to death three men in his apartment before driving to a nearby sorority house, where he kills two sorority members, and a delicatessen, where he shot to death another student. He then speeds through Isla Vista, shooting at pedestrians before exchanging gunfire with police. Rodger crashes his car and police find him dead with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Rodger had expressed his violent hatred for women earlier in several postings at a misogynistic website called PUAHate.



JUNE 1, 2014 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 35** | **WILLISTON, FLA.**



DUSTIN HAROLD HEATHMAN is arrested after firing more than 50 rounds at police officers outside his home. Following a search, police found neo-Nazi literature as well as a cache of guns and ammunition. Following his arrest, Heathman reportedly makes suicidal comments and expresses antigovernment views similar to those of a sovereign citizen. He is charged with 10 counts of attempted murder.

JUNE 6, 2014 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **1 KILLED ***

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 48** | **CUMMING, GA.**



Armed with multiple guns and explosives, **DENNIS MARX**, a man described by law enforcement as an antigovernment sovereign citizen, enters the Forsyth County Courthouse in suburban Atlanta and opens fire. Marx is reportedly wearing a bulletproof vest and a gas mask. As he approaches the building, he throws out homemade smoke grenades that briefly cover his approach with orange smoke. He shoots one officer in the leg before being killed by deputies in a hail of gunfire.

JUNE 8, 2014 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **GROUP** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS** | OUTCOME **5 KILLED ***

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 31; FEMALE, 22** | **LAS VEGAS**



JERAD MILLER and his wife, **AMANDA**, enter a pizza restaurant where two police officers are eating lunch. Jerad Miller fatally shoots officer Igor Soldo, 31. As his partner, Alyn Beck, 41, tries to react, Miller shoots him in the throat, then both Millers shoot Beck several times. The pair leave a swastika and a Gadsden flag on Beck’s body. The yellow flag, a symbol used by the antigovernment Patriot movement, features a coiled snake with the words “Don’t Tread On Me.” On Soldo’s body, they place a note: “This is the start of the revolution.” The couple leaves the restaurant and walks to a nearby Walmart store, where Amanda Miller





shoots and kills Joseph Wilcox, 31, before the Millers barricade themselves in the back of the store. Jerad is shot to death by police, and Amanda kills herself. The couple held strong antigovernment

views, with Jerad Miller’s Facebook page containing calls to impeach President Obama as well as statements about conspiracy theories popular among Patriot groups. Two months earlier, the couple was at the Cliven Bundy ranch in Nevada, where militias had gathered in an armed standoff with the federal Bureau of Land Management over a grazing fee dispute. The Millers saw law enforcement officers as “oppressors” and reportedly told a neighbor they planned to kill police.

JUNE 15, 2014 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **UNPLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARM** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 60** | **NEVADA CITY, CALIF.**



BRENT DOUGLAS COLE, a sovereign citizen camping out in the woods of northern California, opens fire on two law enforcement officers who were investigating vehicles that had been parked for a long time at a wooded campground near Nevada City. Cole had a history of run-ins with law enforcement, including several other weapons-related incidents, and an even longer history of interest in far-right conspiracies on the Internet. At one site, Cole described himself as a “sovereign American Citizen attempting to thwart the obvious conspiracy and subterfuges of powers inimical to the United States.” In October 2014, a federal grand jury returns a three-count indictment against Cole, charging him with assault on a federal officer with a deadly weapon that inflicted bodily injury and discharge of a firearm during a crime of violence.

JULY 10, 2014 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 47** | **TREMONTON, UTAH**



JOHN DAVID HUGGINS is arrested after police learn he was building a grenade-like bomb and discussing plans to kill police officers in Tremonton. In charging documents, the U.S. Attorney’s office says Huggins also had instructions for making bombs and had planned on blowing up bridges and other infrastructure to prevent any help from reaching his intended victims. Huggins has a long history on the antigovernment right, and records obtained by the SPLC show that he bought material in 1992 from the National Alliance, then the largest neo-Nazi organization in the United States. A trial is scheduled for early 2015.

AUG. 11, 2014 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 60** | **DALLAS, TEXAS**



DOUGLAS LEE LEGUIN, a sovereign citizen, reports a dumpster fire in a well-to-do neighborhood of Dallas and begins shooting at firefighters who respond. Hours before the attack, police say that Leguin left his house with his AK-47, ammunition and propane canisters. Later, it was learned that he also told operators he was “seceding from the nation” because he was upset with the current state of the government, and that he was heavily armed, CBS reported. Negotiators eventually persuade Leguin to surrender. According to police, Leguin had recently become depressed and spent hours watching Al-Jazeera, dreaming of starting his own country. No one was hurt in the gunfire. Leguin is charged with seven counts of aggravated assault.

SEPT. 12, 2014 | IDEOLOGY **ANTIGOVERNMENT**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS** | OUTCOME **1 KILLED**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 31** | **BLOOMING GROVE, PA.**



ERIC MATTHEW FREIN, an antigovernment survivalist and crack marksman, allegedly shoots and kills Pennsylvania State Police Cpl. Byron Dickson, 38, as he walks to his patrol car in front of a police barracks in rural northeastern Pennsylvania. Moments later, Frein allegedly shoots Trooper Alex T. Douglass, seriously wounding him. He then disappears into a wooded area and is not found for weeks despite a huge and intensive manhunt and being placed on the FBI's Top 10 Most Wanted List. On Oct. 30, however, he is captured without incident at an abandoned airport. In November, Frein is charged with two counts of terrorism after police say he told them he carried out the attack to "wake people up." A criminal complaint says Frein "wanted to make a change [in government] and [believed] that voting was insufficient to do so, because there was no one worth voting for." Frein is charged with murder and attempted murder.

NOV. 28, 2014 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES** | OUTCOME **1 KILLED***

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 49** | **AUSTIN, TEXAS**



LARRY STEVE MCQUILLIAMS goes on a shooting spree, firing at government buildings including the Mexican consulate and Austin police headquarters. He fires more than 100 rounds, injuring no one, but is then killed by a near-miraculous pistol shot fired by an officer standing 312 feet away. McQuilliams, who also brought propane cylinders with him in a van to firebomb buildings at the time he was killed, was a devotee of a doctrine known as the Phineas Priesthood, an ideology that calls violence divinely justified if used against race-mix-

ers, gay people, abortion proponents and others. "He is a homegrown American extremist," Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo said of McQuilliams later. "Hate in his heart was part of his problem. ... What keeps me up at night is these guys. The lone wolf"

JAN. 14, 2015 | IDEOLOGY **HATE**

INCIDENT TYPE **LONE WOLF** | INCIDENT DYNAMIC **PLANNED**

WEAPON **FIREARMS** | OUTCOME **NO FATALITIES**

PERPETRATOR **MALE, 20** | **GREEN TOWNSHIP, OHIO**



CHRISTOPHER LEE CORNELL is arrested and charged with attempting to kill a federal officer and with possession of a firearm with the intent to commit a violent crime. Cornell, who uses the name Raheel Mahrus Ubaydah, allegedly told an FBI informant that he had been in contact with terrorist groups overseas and was moving forward in planning an attack. "I just believe that we should wage jihad under our own orders and plan attacks on everything," Cornell reportedly said. Cornell also allegedly told the informant that he considered members of Congress to be enemies and that he intended to conduct an attack on the Capitol using bombs and firearms. Officials say plans for the attack were found on Cornell's computer. He was arrested after buying semiautomatic rifles and 600 rounds of ammunition. ▲