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## **WEEKLY MEDIA REPORT**

### **November 20, 2008**

#### **White Supremacist Leader Denies Threatening Juror**

American National Socialist Worker's Party leader William "Bill" White of Roanoke, Virginia, pleaded not guilty last week to charges he threatened one of the jurors who convicted another racial activist of soliciting the murder of a federal judge. White is charged with threatening the foreman of the jury who in April 2004 convicted another white supremacist of soliciting an undercover FBI informant to murder a U.S. federal district judge. White's defense attorney told reporters his case would focus on White's right to express himself under the law.

Source: [AP](#)

#### **Man Pleads Guilty to Pro-Nazi, Anti-Semitic Vandalism**

Earlier this month, a man pled guilty to two counts of vandalism for repeatedly vandalizing a construction site near Arlington Cemetery and a portable toilet at the Iwo Jima Memorial by writing pro-Nazi, anti-Semitic terms. The successful investigation and prosecution has closed at least a dozen U.S. Park Police investigations of vandalism on National Park Service property in the District of Columbia and in Arlington, Virginia. As part of the sentencing, the man must stay out of national parks in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia for the next five years, except when driving on commuter roads or traveling by Metro.

Source: [NPS Digest](#)

#### **Al-Qa'ida Message Condemns Obama**

In an audio message posted to a militant website, al-Qa'ida deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri acknowledged President-elect Barack Obama's victory. Zawahiri stated Obama's plan to bolster the U.S. military presence in Afghanistan would fail and warned of failure if he followed Bush administration policies in the Middle East and Afghanistan. Zawahiri also criticized Obama, whose father was Muslim, for abandoning his Islamic roots, and implied Obama served white people.

Source: [BBC News](#)

#### **Al-Qa'ida's Budget Slips through the Cracks**

Seven years after the September 11 attacks, U.S. intelligence officials believe they have won many small victories against al-Qa'ida's ability to finance its operations, but they remain unable to put a concrete dollar figure on the impact. The director of the U.S.

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Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) reveals that surveillance has uncovered al-Qa'ida cells complaining about not receiving their stipends. As a result, the cell is unable to pay the salaries of people in the cell and unable to make the support payments to the families of terrorists living or dead. The intelligence is a tremendous indicator that homeland security officials have pressured the financial channel. OFAC's most recent report, issued in early October 2008, lists over \$11 million in blocked al-Qa'ida assets, predominantly financial instruments. That number is up from less than \$8 million the year before, mainly due to an increase in the number of people and organizations designated by Treasury as terrorists.

Source: [NBC News](#)

### **FBI Arrests Al-Qa'ida Blogger Promoting Salafi Ideology**

The FBI has arrested a Massachusetts resident for lying in an affidavit about his relationship with a man convicted of participating in terrorist activities. The man, who was on his way to a new job in Saudi Arabia at the time of his arrest, is part of a network of online jihadis in the U.S. and Europe who support al-Qa'ida and other jihadist causes.

Source: [Boston Globe](#) and [Weekly Standard](#)

### **Al-Qa'ida Buying Ambulances on eBay**

Dozens of ambulances, along with old police cars and fire engines past their sell-by date, are being acquired by al-Qa'ida operatives in the United Kingdom potentially to be used to mount suicide bomb attacks. So serious is the problem that counter terrorism officials have written to eBay, asking them to stop selling emergency service vehicles, equipment, and uniforms. eBay has insisted it can only halt the sales if a new law is passed by Parliament, which could take many months to enact. Ambulances may be able to access secure areas without inspection and could easily carry a half-ton of explosives.

Source: [Epoch Times](#)

### **Pilot Program Expands Fingerprint Database**

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is providing network links to jails in six counties in North Carolina and Texas to allow local authorities to better check fingerprints of criminal suspects against national law enforcement and immigrant databases. ICE operates the Secure Communities program in cooperation with the Homeland Security and Justice departments and hopes to expand it to county jails nationwide by spring 2009. Currently, law enforcement agencies submit fingerprints to the FBI's Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System of criminal records. In addition, local officers who have trained with ICE are able to check fingerprints against DHS' Automated Biometric Identification System for visitors and aliens. Under the program, local law enforcement agencies will be able to request fingerprints from both databases more broadly, and with a single request. ICE estimates that local police each year detain about 300,000 to 500,000 criminal aliens potentially eligible for deportation.

Source: [FCW](#)

### **Arrests Made in Gang Related Shooting**

Harrisonburg police arrested a Charlottesville teen last week in the gang-related shooting of a 19-year old male. Police said an argument escalated leading to the shooting on November 9, during an "open-door party" at an off-campus housing

complex near James Madison University. Authorities have arrested three men and have a warrant for another fugitive. Photos seized during arrests show groups of men toting guns and making hand gestures resembling the letter “C.” Three rifles, eight handguns, and bags of bandanas were also seized.

Source: [NewsVirginian](#)

### **Culpeper Considering Ordinance to Remove Gang Graffiti**

Culpeper's police chief and its planning engineer told the Town Council that they have had no success in getting a gas distributor to remove gang-related graffiti from a small brick building. The graffiti was identified by a former CIA operative as being consistent with tags used by the Gangster Disciples. The mayor of Culpeper announced the possibility of a town ordinance that would require business owners to clean up graffiti on their property.

Source: [Free Lance-Star](#)

### **Virginia Attorney General Unveils New Anti-Gang Video**

In a continuing effort to educate Virginians about the threat posed by gangs, Attorney General Bob McDonnell has introduced a powerful new video. The video will be used by law enforcement to educate communities, parents, and local leaders about gangs, and how to keep Virginia children away from them. The video is filled with interviews with gang members, parents, and members of law enforcement. It also features images of gang violence filmed or photographed in Virginia, and recovered during the course of law enforcement investigations.

Source: [WLSL](#)

### **Pagans and Mongols Forging Alliance**

Last year, the Mongols Outlaw Motorcycle Club, one of the country's most violent gangs, was looking for an East Coast partner to help them fight bikers in the Midwest, according to a Mongols indictment issued last week. The California-based Mongols approached the Pagans Outlaw Motorcycle Club, which had dominated the East Coast and recently helped drive the Hells Angels (the Mongols' archrivals) out of Philadelphia. The deadly combination of Mongols and Pagans could spell trouble for the area. The would-be partnership between two tough biker clubs was revealed in the 86-count racketeering indictment, which charged 79 Mongols and associates in several states with murder, hate crimes, and drug trafficking. According to the indictment, the Mongols' president talked in code to a confidant about creating an alliance with the Pagans during an August 2007 telephone call. The Mongols president talked to the Pagans about expanding his gang's authority on the East Coast. The Mongols already have chapters in New York, Maryland, Virginia, and Florida. To make an alliance enticing, the Mongols' president indicated that the gang maintained a supply of weapons- handguns, shotguns, assault rifles, and machine-guns- which were stolen, unregistered, or non-traceable. They also were involved in methamphetamine distribution, the indictment stated.

Source: [Philadelphia Daily News](#)