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**Homeland  
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*Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655*

December 30, 2020

**SENT BY ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Re: 2020-HQFO-01704

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated August 22, 2020, and received by this office on August 24, 2020. You are seeking a copy of the most recent 10 (ten) notification emails distributed by the NOC NDD (national operations center - NOC duty director).

A search of the Department of Homeland Security's, Office of Operations Coordination for documents responsive to your request produced a total of 15 pages. Of those pages, I have determined that 3 pages of the records are releasable in their entirety, twelve 12 pages are partially releasable pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), and (b)(7)(E), FOIA Exemptions 6, b7(C), and b7(E).

Enclosed are 15 pages with certain information withheld as described below:

**FOIA Exemption 6** exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

**FOIA Exemption 7(C)** protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This exemption takes particular note of the strong interests of individuals, whether they are suspects, witnesses, or investigators, in not being unwarrantably associated with alleged criminal activity. That interest extends to persons who are not only the subjects of the investigation, but those who may have their privacy invaded by having their identities and information about them revealed in connection with an investigation. Based upon the traditional recognition of strong privacy interest in law enforcement records, categorical withholding of information that identifies third parties in law enforcement records is ordinarily appropriate. As such, I have determined that the privacy interest in the identities of individuals in the records you have requested clearly outweigh any minimal public

interest in disclosure of the information. Please note that any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into this determination.

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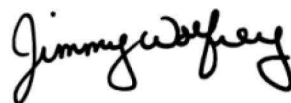
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If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to 2020-HQFO-01704. This office can be reached at [FOIA@HQ.DHS.GOV](mailto:FOIA@HQ.DHS.GOV) or call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Wolfrey  
Senior Director, FOIA Operations and Management  
(Acting)

Enclosure(s): Responsive Documents, 15 pages

**From:** NOC.NDD  
**To:** DHS.INTEL.CETC.WATCH  
**Cc:** NOC.NDD  
**Subject:** FW: BREAKING Gunfire and huge explosion heard at popular Elite Hotel at Liido Beach in Mogadishu, Somalia  
**Date:** Sunday, August 16, 2020 11:42:01 AM

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CETC,  
For your awarness.

(b)(6)

**Duty Director**  
**DHS Office of Operations Coordination**  
**National Operations Center**

(b)(6) (Duty Desk)

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**From:** Operations Center <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Sunday, August 16, 2020 11:40 AM

**To:** NOC.SWO.Restricted <(b)(6)>; DSS CMD CTR

<(b)(6)>; State OPS Center <(b)(6)>; DoS: State Operations Center <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** NOC.SWO.Restricted <(b)(6)>; NOC.NDD <(b)(6)>

**Subject:** RE: BREAKING Gunfire and huge explosion heard at popular Elite Hotel at Liido Beach in Mogadishu, Somalia

Post reported that COM accountability was done, with all personnel on compound. Post is not aware of any AMCITs affected.

Best,

(b)(6) | **Watch Officer**

State Department Operations Center

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**From:** NOC.SWO.Restricted <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Sunday, August 16, 2020 11:32 AM

**To:** DS Command Center <(b)(6)>; Operations Center

<(b)(6)>; SES-O <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** noc.swo.restricted <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

**Subject:** BREAKING Gunfire and huge explosion heard at popular Elite Hotel at Liido Beach in Mogadishu, Somalia

We're receiving open source reporting of gunfire and a huge explosion, possibly and VBIED, at the Elite Hotel at Liido Beach in Mogadishu, Somalia. It is also reported that there are heavy casualties, and a director of the Ministry of Information is reportedly among those killed.

Any further reporting? Any AMCITs?

Links:

<https://twitter.com/DalsanFM/status/1295001962530963456>  
<https://twitter.com/mdeeq16/status/1295016035700154368>  
<https://twitter.com/HassanIstiila/status/1295015834990125057>

Thank you.

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**Senior Watch Officer**  
**National Operations Center**  
**Office of Operations Coordination**  
**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

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**From:** NOC.NDD  
**Sent:** 2 Sep 2020 11:22:46 +0000  
**To:** OPS-Director  
**Cc:** DiFalco, Frank;Heinz, Todd;(b)(6) NOC-Director  
**Subject:** Los Angeles Question

Sir,

As I was able to understand your question during the 0700 you asked the nature of civil unrest in Los Angeles since yesterday.

On 1 September, a march that followed the same route as the march of 31 August. There was some vandalism along the way, but no serious acts of violence and no arrests. This is reflected in the national roll up, but we can seek more detail or additional information if you have more questions.

We're getting a reliable feed from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for her region and the other LEOs are being responsive as well.

**V/R**

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Duty Director  
National Operations Center  
Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** NOC.NDD  
**Sent:** 2 Sep 2020 16:57:37 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** NOC-Director;NOC.NDD;NOC.IMO;NOC.SWO.Restricted  
**Subject:** Recent Potentially Controversial Police Shootings

Sir,

In response to your question about incidents which could be a catalyst for violence –  
From the website <https://killedbycops.net/>

There are many more shootings listed, but their details are really controversial.

V/R

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**26 Aug 20**

Tucson police pursued an unnamed 17-year-old (race unknown) on foot after he sold drugs to an undercover officer. When he brandished a .45 pistol at them, officers shot and killed him. The teenager was also wanted for a string of violent crimes (NFI). [https://tucson.com/news/local/tucson-police-suspect-17-brandished-gun-at-officers-before-being-fatally-shot/article\\_43220e0e-c88c-5f21-af2d-c69e9a02ed1d.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/tucson-police-suspect-17-brandished-gun-at-officers-before-being-fatally-shot/article_43220e0e-c88c-5f21-af2d-c69e9a02ed1d.html) We have seen no national coverage of related protests. As an aside, the family asked the release of police body cam footage not be released.

**28 Aug 20**

A Maryland State Police trooper shot and killed a suspected intoxicated driver after being dragged more than 2,000 feet down I-95 when the man fled a traffic stop, State Police Supt. Col. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said Friday. The driver, was Julio Cesar Moran-Ruiz, <https://www.wusa9.com/article/news/local/maryland/howard-county-officer-involved-shooting-i-95-traffic-latest/65-03b29cbf-970e-403d-bb91-08a9b18dce2c> We haven't heard any outcry about this DC-local incident.

**29 Aug 20**

Michael Harris, a black man, was shot and killed by police in Daytona, FL. Police were attempting to arrest him when he fired at them, striking one, before being killed by their return fire.

<https://ebwiki.org/cases/michael-harris>

We have not seen national coverage of this event.

**30 Aug 20**

Jesse David Nava, Hispanic, was shot by officers in Anaheim, CA when he confronted them with a large knife. He later died at the hospital. <https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2020/08/30/police-knife-wielding-suspect-wounded-in-officer-involved-shooting-in-anaheim/>

**31 Aug 20**

San Juan Co., NM Sheriff's Department Deputies shot and killed an Hispanic robbery subject, Marco Benito in a violent exchange. <https://the-journal.com/articles/186330-officerinvolved-shooting-southwest-of-aztec-results-in-death-of-robbery-suspect>

**31 Aug 20**

In Los Angeles, deputies stopped Dijon Kezee, a black man, for a traffic violation of riding a bicycle (NFI) Deputies shot and killed them when he reportedly dropped a pistol during a confrontation. Kezee's death was the catalyst for the Monday and Tuesday protest marches in Los Angeles.

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/deputies-shoot-kill-man-during-fight-near-south-la/2421552/>

**From:** NOC.NDD  
**Sent:** 28 Aug 2020 16:26:43 +0000  
**To:** OPS-Director  
**Cc:** NOC-Director;NOC.SWO.Restricted  
**Subject:** Thursday Arrests in Kenosha, WI

FYSA, traditional media is reporting nine from out of state were arrested by Kenosha police yesterday (Thu, 27 Aug).

- The nine were among several vehicles that were spotted by police filling up multiple gas cans at a gas station in Kenosha before heading to protest.
- Police say they found helmets, gas masks, protective vests, illegal fireworks and what they believe are controlled substances.
- The nine were preparing for 'criminal activity related to the civil unrest', and this reporting indicates the group called Riot Kitchen out of Seattle said it was their crew in the van who was arrested.
- Riot Kitchen is a food truck from Seattle, and claims they were in Kenosha to feed people:

<https://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/kenosha-police-arrest-9-people-for-criminal-activity-related-to-the-civil-unrest-by-bringing-helmets-gas-masks>

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**From:** NOC.NDD  
**To:** DHS.INTEL.CETC.WATCH  
**Subject:** Two individuals were taken off a plane after suspicious objects were found in the plane that landed in Essex, UK  
**Date:** Sunday, August 30, 2020 4:38:00 PM

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**FYSA** - Two individuals were taken off a plane after suspicious objects were found in the plane that landed in Essex, UK. The plane was escorted by two Typhoon fighter jets until it landed

<https://twitter.com/TheSun/status/1300166790987870209>

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**From:** NOC.NDD  
**Sent:** 26 Aug 2020 09:08:28 +0000  
**To:** AS2KTC  
**Cc:** Tomney, Christopher; (b)(6) NOC.NDD  
**Subject:** Violent Protests - Kenosha, WI (0378-20)

Sir,

Protests in Kenosha turned violent quickly last night, resulting in a shooting that left one person dead and two others wounded. Initial reporting indicated the shooting may have stemmed from an altercation between rioters and local residents attempting to protect property from damage/destruction. When the local residents attempted to flee the area, VOs chased after him and attacked him after he tripped and fell to the ground. The local resident then fired at the attackers, killing one and injuring two others. Information is still vague surrounding what led to the altercation. The event is under investigation and by local law enforcement and more information has been requested from DHS.

**Reporting as of 0500 EDT:** Crowds of several hundred again defied the citywide curfew that began at 2100 EDT, gathering at the Civic Center Park across from the Kenosha County Courthouse. Just before 2200 EDT, people started rocking the temporary fence erected around the courthouse, attempting to knock it down as they threw fireworks and water bottles over it. (b)(7)(E)

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(b)(7)(E) Here is a summary of activity:

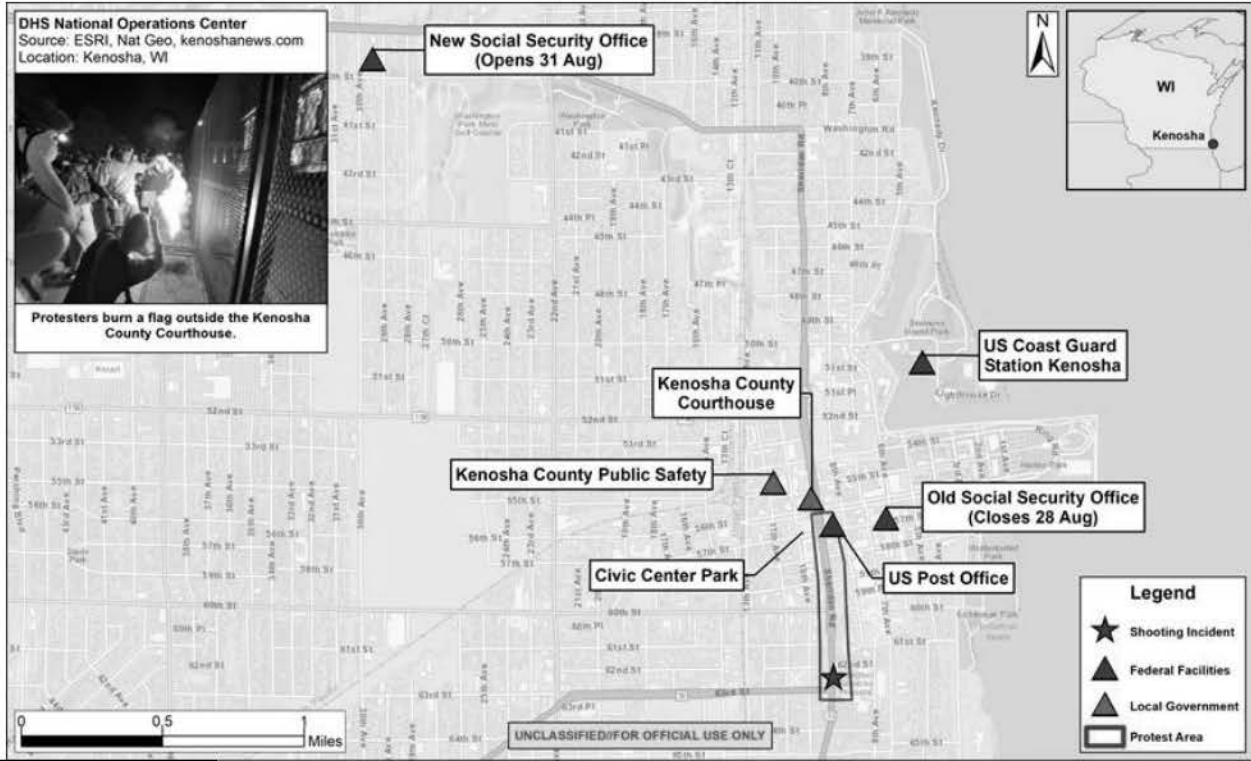
- Crowds blocked roads throughout the protest area.
- Looting and vandalism were again reported.
- Numerous small fires were set.
- The governor deployed 250 National Guard to Kenosha, all scheduled to be in place last night.
- In addition to the shooting detailed above, shots were heard in other areas associated with the protest

(b)(7)(E)

- There have been no reported injuries to law enforcement or National Guard personnel

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(b)(7)(E) Dependents were not evacuated.



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**From:** NOC.NDD  
**Sent:** 16 Aug 2020 22:39:44 +0000  
**To:** OPS-Director  
**Cc:** OPS Advisor;NOC-Director;NOC.SWO.Restricted;NOC.NDD;DHS.INTEL.CETC.WATCH  
**Subject:** Weekend Shootings

Sir,

There were three significant shooting events so far over this weekend, none of which has been related to protest events or terrorism. I'm providing these brief synopses of those events for your situational awareness.

**Philadelphia, PA Saturday 15 August.** MMC reported one or more shooters opened fire on a residential area gathering of about 300 people. As many as three persons were injured. None of the injured were LEOs. Authorities determined this event was gang-related.

**Cedar Park, TX Sunday 16 August.** The (b)(7)(E) confirmed (b)(7)(E) that this incident stemmed from a domestic dispute. The subject is currently barricaded in his home. Reporting indicates three LEOs have been shot. Their conditions are unknown. (b)(7)(E)

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**San Antonio, TX Sunday 16 August.** (b)(7)(E) reported to (b)(7)(E) two vendors at a flea market had a dispute and began an exchange of gunfire, reportedly expending approximately 100 rounds. Five persons, including one of the gunmen, were taken to hospital with potentially life-threatening injuries. One victim self-transported.

**V/R**

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Duty Director  
National Operations Center  
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**From:** NOC.NDD  
**Sent:** 28 Aug 2020 18:40:53 +0000  
**To:** NOC-LE-All  
**Cc:** NOC.NDD;NOC.SWO.Restricted  
**Subject:** (U//FOUO) Protest at DHS Facility in Atlanta This Weekend

NOC LEOs,

FYI, FPS reports that social media posts identify a “Defund the Police and Abolish ICE” protest directed at the FPS-protected facility located at 180 Ted Turner Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA this weekend. (b)(7)(E) As

reflected in the flyers below, the protest is scheduled for Saturday, August 30, 2020 from 1800 – 2200 EDT. The second flyer calls for protest activity on Sunday, August 30, 2020.

This is the same group of Violent Opportunists (VO’s) that launched the attack on this facility on July 25, 2020 resulting in approximately \$100K worth of damage. This group has consistently solicited other protest groups with similar ideology to engage in a subsequent attack on the facility.

This is for you information, but also a solicitation for an additional details you may be able to provide from your network.

Thanks,

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**Duty Director**  
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**Defund Police  
Abolish ICE  
We're Done Playing Nice**

A Collaborative Protest

**AT 8PM - 10PM**

Bring supplies, fireworks, instruments,  
umbrellas, leafblowers. Wear masks\*  
Most importantly, be prepared.

180 Ted Turner Dr SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

SATURDAY  
08.30.2020

*Freedom for all!*

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180 Ted Turner Dr SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Sunday  
08.30.2020

**From:** NOC.NDD  
**Sent:** 31 Aug 2020 14:52:22 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** NOC-Director;NOC.NDD  
**Subject:** ADDENDUM - Kenosha Civil Unrest Story Line

Sir,

Found some amplifying information for the evening of 23 August.

- On the evening of 23 August, after the shooting of a black male by police, violent protest broke out in downtown Kenosha. A large group of protesters marched on the Kenosha Police Department and the co-located Kenosha County Sheriff's Office. Dump trucks and municipal garbage trucks were parked across the roads leading to the police building and county courthouse. Several were set on fire and government buildings were broken into with unknown damage inside. There are media and video reports of a fire in the basement of the county courthouse. The Kenosha County Sheriff ordered a curfew until 0800 ET; however, police are unable to enforce it as they protect the police building. The fire department is not responding to the courthouse or truck fires due to the lack of police protection. Armed civilians are in the area.
- The police shooting which ignited protest activity in Kenosha occurred the evening of Sunday, 23 August.
- Early in the evening of 24 August, the Governor of Wisconsin announced he'd be deploying ~125 National Guardsmen to the city. They arrived sometime later on 24 August or very early on 25 August.
- Local officials declared a curfew from 2100 EDT to 0800 EDT for the night of 24-25 August.
- On the night of 24-25 August crowds defied the local curfew and confronted police and Wisconsin National Guard troops outside the local courthouse. Looting and vandalism were reported throughout the area, with numerous small businesses being broken into, and people were seen tearing down streetlights and smashing vehicle windows. Fires were set at several businesses and other locations in the downtown Kenosha area, including an auto/tire shop, a furniture store, a car dealership, a bank, and several other structures. A Wisconsin Department of Corrections building was completely engulfed in flames. Some of the fires were reportedly set near residential areas. (b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(E) Some people shot off fireworks near police and the courthouse. (b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(E)

- The Governor declared a state of emergency on the evening of 25 August.
- On the night of 25 – 26 August, An unlawful assembly was declared by police, as crowds assembled for a third night in row. (This implies 23, 24 and 25 August.) (b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(E) during a night of unrest in Kenosha. A crowd of hundreds of people met in Civic Center Park across from the Kenosha County Courthouse past the 8 p.m. local time curfew. People in the crowd started rocking the fence that was erected around the courthouse trying to knock it down as they threw fireworks and water bottles over it. (b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(E) Media reported shots rang out near a gas station at one point during the night. A senior official with the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department said that three people had been shot, and one was killed (update 0615 EDT – 2 killed). The sheriff's office was

investigating whether the shooting had resulted from a conflict between the larger crowd and a smaller group of men with weapons who said they were protecting businesses.

- Subsequent nights were calm in Kenosha.
- National Guard assets from Arizona, Alabama and Michigan arrived on or about 29 August.



**From:** NOC.NDD  
**Sent:** 28 Aug 2020 12:35:48 +0000  
**To:** OPS-Director  
**Cc:** (b)(6) NOC.NDD  
**Subject:** Fatal Shooting of DWI Driver on Interstate 96 - Elkridge, MD

Director Tomney,

Follow-up to my brief mention during the 0700 classified brief of an officer-involved fatal shooting on I-95 in Elkridge, MD, the following details the criminal incident:

- Around 0200 EDT this morning, a Maryland State Trooper tried to stop a suspected impaired driver after seeing a red Ford Escape weaving across multiple lanes of I-95.
- The driver, a Hispanic male, pulled over to the right shoulder.

(b)(7)(E)

- The trooper was then thrown from the car and into the center median. Another trooper found him not far from where the car eventually came to a stop.
- The trooper, a three-year veteran, suffered minor injuries and was taken to Shock Trauma for treatment.
- The driver, who has not yet been identified, had no identification on him and was pronounced dead at the scene.
- Troopers found multiple alcohol containers inside the vehicle and a machete under the driver's seat.
- Both troopers at the scene were placed on administrative leave while the investigation continues.
- I-95 remains closed between Routes 100 and 195 for investigation, with traffic being diverted to alternate routes.

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**Duty Director**  
**DHS Office of Operations Coordination**  
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