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ORGANIZED MAY 20, 1956
Fred W. Phelps, Pastor

FAX 9132739228

Westboro Baptist Church and Library

3701 West 12th • P.O. Box 1886 • TOPEKA, KANSAS 66604
Office: 913-273-0325 Library: 913/273-0338

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FAX TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET

DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 1993

TO FAX: #913-354-9458 (Chief Beavers, Topeka) [redacted] (Det. [redacted] NY)
[redacted] (Capt. [redacted] KCMO) #913-573-6226 (Chief Dailey, KCKS)

ATTN:

CHIEF GERALD BEAVERS
TOPEKA, KS POLICE DEPT.

DET. [redacted]
Nyny POLICE DEPT.

CAPT. [redacted]
KCMO POLICE DEPT.

CHIEF THOMAS DAILEY
KCKS POLICE DEPT.

MESSAGE: Gentlemen:

Herewith please find copies of 2 pages & envelope of a 16-page letter from one [redacted] containing death threats against "Rev. Phelps and your family and your supporters." The entire original letter is available if you want it. [redacted] says he is "gay" and "if God didn't want gays he wouldn't create them and he did create them, the Bible is full of shit, a scumbag Nazi wrote the Bible."

It appears [redacted] has seen promos of THE JANE WHITNEY SHOW featuring FRED PHELPS in a one-hour debate with fags which will air SEPT. 9 in all major media markets including Ch. 62 in KCMO; and [redacted] is filled with rage.

Since we regularly picket against the fag threat to our nation in Topeka, and will picket again soon in KCMO, KCKS and Nyny, we thought you should know of [redacted] recent 16-page terroristic threats.

If you need additional information please call. Thank you for your consideration.

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U.S. Department of Justice



Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

P.O. Box 47465
Wichita, Kansas 67201

October 1, 1993

Honorable Randall A. Rathbun
United States Attorney
District of Kansas
Wichita, Kansas 67202

ATTN: AUSA [redacted]

RE: [redacted]

Dear Mr. Rathbun:

Enclosed with this letter is a hand written letter from [redacted] to Fred Phelps, Topeka, Kansas. Contained in this letter are threats toward Fred Phelps.

Due to the fact that Mr. Phelps is actively demonstrating, giving interviews, and publicly speaking out regarding his provocative views, he is attracting large amounts of hate mail. As you well know, Mr. Phelps is also making liberal use of the facsimile machine to spread his message.

It would appear that Mr. Phelps is intentionally provoking these types of responses. Large amounts of money and investigative time can potentially be wasted investigating these threat letters. Historically, very few, if any, of these types of cases have been prosecuted in the District of Kansas. The FBI does have the responsibility to investigate and prevent potential violence against any person regardless of their religious or political views, however.

Therefore, with these facts in mind, we would ask that the U.S. Attorney's office for the District of Kansas consider issuing a blanket prosecutive decision regarding the receipt of these types of letters by Mr. Phelps. If the FBI becomes aware of any overt act being contemplated or taken by any person towards Fred Phelps, that case would be presented on an individual basis.

1-Addressee *New*
1-Kansas City (9B-KC-0)
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(2) [redacted]

*Fred Phelps-Victim
EXTORTION;
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Please advise as to your opinion in this matter.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

Supervisory Senior
Resident Agent

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Dear Fred
Phelps

You are a
SOB - Nazi SOB
Nazi Bitch
you deserve
to die
Jesus should
kill 10000.00

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if I had a gun
I would kill last
to you a life of
an to the SCRP
winning
if you have
a phone

a water keeps
flowing along
Gospel of
Hate is right
I wish you
and give a little
for SCRP
flowers
a friend



Rev Fred Phelps
Westboro Baptist Church
Toreka Kansas
3201 W 12
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/27/2005

To: Kansas City

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]

From: Criminal Investigative
Civil Rights Unit/Room 3975

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 44D-KS-NEW (Pending)
66F-HQ-A1343001-L 236

Title: UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS - SUBJECT;
REV. FRED W. PHELPS, WESTBORO
BAPTIST CHURCH - VICTIM
RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION
FORCE/AND OR VIOLENCE
OO: KANSAS CITY

Synopsis: Preliminary investigation is being requested by the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice (DOJ).

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are two copies of a DOJ request, dated 05/23/05, requesting preliminary investigation in captioned matter.

Details: As directed in Bureau Airtel to All SACS, dated 06/10/94, captioned "Liaison with Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice: Civil Rights Program," you are requested to complete appropriate investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 44D, Manual of Investigative Operations and Guidelines. Any questions or concern pertaining to this DOJ referral should be directed to the Civil Rights Unit, FBI Headquarters.

Kansas City Division is requested to open and assign this case utilizing the FD-610.

Insure that DOJ's file number (208-29-13) is included on the FD-204 of the final investigative report in the "Copy To" Section.

O+A to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 7-15-05

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To: Kansas City From: Criminal Investigative
Re: 44D-KC-NEW, 06/27/2005

This EC cannot be serialized and uploaded with text until Kansas City has opened a case and assigned a UCEN. The Civil Rights Unit is requesting Kansas City forward the case ID number via e-mail to the contact person or draftee of this EC without serializing it and HQ will upload and serialize this EC with text.

Kansas City Division is requested to submit DOJ's copy of the final investigative report to the attention of

[REDACTED]

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To: Kansas City From: Criminal Investigative
Re: 44D-KC-NEW, 06/22/2005

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

KANSAS CITY

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Rev. Fred W. Phelps, Pastor of the Westboro Baptist Church, who alleges that unknown individuals shot and damaged church property.

CC: 2 - Kansas City
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Federal Bureau of Investigation**

Copy to: Civil Rights Unit
SSA [redacted]

Report of: *AK* SSA [redacted]
Date: 02/01/2006

Office: Kansas City

Case ID #: 44D-KC-88593 *3*

Title: UNSUB(s)
REV. FRED W. PHELPS,
WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH
TOPEKA, KANSAS - VICTIM

Character: RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION - FORCE AND/OR VIOLENCE

Synopsis: Captioned case was initiated by the Kansas City Division on 07/15/2005 upon receipt of a letter from the Westboro Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas, signed by Pastor Fred Phelps. Captioned letter from Mr. Phelps, which was dated 02/23/2005 related the details of gunshots being fired at his church the night of 07/09/2004. This matter was referred to the Kansas City Division for further investigation. Numerous attempts were made to schedule an interview with Mr. Phelps, however Phelps placed numerous conditions on how the interview was to take place, to include his refusal to enter FBI space for such an interview, and his demand that the interview take place in the compound of Westboro Baptist Church. FBI Kansas City refused to comply with the demands of Mr. Phelps, and due to his lack of cooperation, is placing this matter in a pending inactive status.

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Westboro Baptist Church

(WBC Chronicles -- Since 1955)
 3701 S.W. 12th St. Topeka, Ks. 66604 785-273-0325 www.godhatesfags.com
Religious Opinion & Bible Commentary on Current Events

Monday, February 13, 2006

NEWS RELEASE

WBC wants a cartoon of the old fraud Mohammed.

To be authentic, Mohammed must be depicted in Arab garb, bug-eyed and salivating with lust-drool running down his chin for a three-year-old girl.

Wussy Bush touts Islam.

WBC Will Give International Distribution to Such a Cartoon to Expose Blasphemous Islam.

Last May, 2005, militant Muslims were raising Old Ned over the claim in *Newsweek* that American soldiers flushed the Koran down the toilet. WBC said: "We hope they did. They probably did. We hope they flush more. *Newsweek* should quit groveling. Wussy Bush says he wants the media to 'talk about policies and practices of the United States military which goes out of its way to treat the holy Qur'an with great care and respect.' See, *Kansas City Star*, 5/18/05, p. A12." Neither Mohammed nor his book deserve respect.

Mohammed was a Christ-rejecting, whoremongering pedophile – a fornicating old lech – who contrived a 300-page work of Satanic fiction, the Koran – like America's own kiddy porn fraud Joseph Smith wangled his equally hokey Book of Mormon.

"For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision; Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake." Titus 1:10-11.

Sodomite America has no moral authority to combat Islam.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

Attn: Intelligence Division

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FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

(RUC) (CI-9)

FRED BHELPS

(OO:WFO)
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All markings, notations and items of information
contained in this communication are classified "~~Secret~~" unless
otherwise noted.

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WFO indices reflect one FRED WALDRON PHELPS; IS-R; OO:KC dated 4/17/67. In this file PHELPS is described as a white male, born 11/13/29 at Meridan, Mississippi. PHELPS was felt by office of origin to be in need of psychiatric care as a result of persons interviewed claimed PHELPS to be irrational.

The above is furnished for the information of Miami Division. If investigation is conducted WFO would appreciate being advised of the result.

EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED IN THE
HANDLING OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY
(S) [REDACTED] AND SHOULD BE PROPERLY
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DATE 10-28-2014 F46M82K40

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (105-New) (RUC)

FRED FELTS
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ON 2/28/67, [REDACTED] a confidential informant who
has furnished reliable information in the past, learned that
FRED FELTS (phonetic) of Topeka, Kansas, [REDACTED]

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According to the informant, [REDACTED]

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The informant continued that [REDACTED]

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[redacted] advised FELTS was advised to [redacted]

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WFO indices contain no information identifiable to FELTS.

Kansas City is requested to attempt to further identify FELTS and handle in accordance with Manual of Instructions, Section 105K, and will assume .00. Since subject indicates a desire to emigrate from the U.S., and after identifying data is obtained, foregoing information should be furnished to local office of INS in form suitable for dissemination.

WFO is to be furnished info copies of all investigation conducted.

***In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.***

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FRED WALDRON PHELPS
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on February 28, 1967, that Fred Phelps, an attorney at Topeka, Kansas, [redacted]

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On March 13, 1967, [redacted] Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, advised their records reflected that Fred Waldron Phelps, a white male, born November 13, 1929, at Meridian, Mississippi, enrolled at Washburn at the beginning of the second semester of the 1960-61 school year. These records reflected that Phelps was a graduate of Meridian, Mississippi, High School and his father, Fred W. Phelps, was listed as residing at Porterville, Mississippi. The record further showed that Phelps was enrolled with advanced academic standing and indicated he had previously attended the following educational facilities:

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Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta,
Canada, 1948-49.

[redacted] stated the record indicated Phelps subsequently enrolled in the Law School at Washburn in the spring semester of 1962; and on June 3, 1962, received an AB Degree. He graduated from the Law School on January 31, 1964, and was an above average student. 105-4835

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FRED WALDRON PHELPS

On March 13, 1967, [redacted] Kansas Bar Association, Columbian Building, Topeka, stated that Fred Waldron Phelps, a Topeka attorney, has been reprimanded in the past by the Topeka Bar Association, and further stated disbarment procedures are presently pending against Phelps.

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[redacted] advised on March 14, 1967, that [redacted] Ethics Committee of the Topeka Bar Association for the past six months. Since assuming this position, [redacted] stated, there have been several hearings by the Attorney General of the State of Kansas against Phelps involving four specific complaints against him. He said the most recent was held during the past thirty days; and as a result, Phelps has been asked to surrender his license to practice law, or disbarment proceedings will be instituted.

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According to [redacted] the complaints mentioned were lodged by clients of Phelps regarding his ethical practices. In one instance where Phelps had represented a woman in a divorce proceeding, he subsequently testified in court on behalf of the husband in a child custody matter and divulged confidential information he had received from his client.

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[redacted] further said that the other complaints involved misuse of expense money by Phelps, but there have been no specific allegations of embezzlement of clients' funds.

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[redacted] said he has known Phelps for several years and in addition to practicing law he claims to be a minister. He said, in fact, he lives in a church building at 3701 West 12th Street, Topeka. He said Phelps is married and lives in this church building with his wife and twelve children and claims to hold services. In fact, [redacted] said Phelps has recently appealed the fact that the church property has been placed on the tax rolls as a residence on the grounds that it is a church facility and as such exempt from real estate taxes.

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[redacted] expressed the opinion that Phelps does not appear to be rational and may be in need of psychiatric

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FRED WALDRON PHELPS

care. He said he has in the past sued his own clients and there have been many more complaints against him which were not involved in the recent hearings.

According to [redacted] he has never felt from his own contacts with Phelps and has not heard anything from other individuals who know Phelps to indicate that Phelps has ever been active or affiliated with any organizations which are opposed to the best interests of the United States Government.

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On March 24, 1967, the address of 3701 West 12th Street, Topeka, was personally observed and it was found to be a church building with a sign on the property identifying it as Westboro Baptist Church, Fred W. Phelps, Minister.

On April 3, 1967, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Topeka, 505 Kansas Avenue, advised their records show that Fred W. Phelps, an attorney, has been on file since 1934. His residence address was shown as 3701 West 12th Street currently, and in 1934 he was listed as a minister of the East Side Baptist Church. She said his credit record is satisfactory with the exception of two disputed collection items, each less than \$20.00, which Phelps refused to pay.

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[redacted] Records and Identification Bureau, Topeka Police Department, advised on April 3, 1967, their records reflect no information regarding Fred Waldron Phelps.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-163191)

4/17/67

SAC, KANSAS CITY (105-2438)

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The title of this matter, previously carried as FRED FELTS (phonetic), is changed to reflect the full true name of the attorney at Topeka, Kansas.

Re WFO airtel to the Bureau 3/2/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum. Two copies of this letterhead memorandum are enclosed to Washington Field for information.

The confidential source mentioned in the letterhead memorandum is [redacted] Inasmuch as the letterhead memorandum has been disseminated to INS at Kansas City, Missouri, it is

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Inasmuch as indices of the Kansas City Office reflect no information regarding PHELPS and since PHELPS is regarded as being in need of psychiatric care, no further inquiry is being made into this matter. In the event PHELPS does in fact leave Topeka to travel abroad, the Bureau and INS at Kansas City will be advised.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 06/22/1999

To: Criminal Investigative

Attn: IRB, IRU 1

Attn: Hate Crimes Unit

Kansas City

Attn: Topeka RA

SSRA [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

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From: Ottawa

Contact: ALAT [REDACTED] (613) 238-1253

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 163A-OT-7828 (Pending)

Title: FRED PHELPS;
WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH-KANSAS
SCHEDULED PROTESTS IN OTTAWA - 06/28/1999;
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION -
GENERAL CRIMINAL MATTERS

Synopsis: Request for information on FRED PHELPS.

Details: On 6/22/99, the Regional Security Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa received a request from the [REDACTED] concerning any information the U.S. law enforcement community may have on FRED PHELPS. PHELPS has apparently applied to the city of Ottawa for a permit to conduct a non-violent demonstration on 06/28/1999. FRED PHELPS has registered for the permit as the pastor/representative of the Westboro Baptist Church.

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[REDACTED] has been notified, in general, as to the past practices of PHELPS and his followers. They are currently requesting any further detailed information concerning PHELPS' background, possible history of violence (for himself or his organization) and his criminal record. Legat Ottawa is aware of the numerous references to Phelps in ACS. However, due to sensitivity of potential ongoing investigations, Ottawa requests that Kansas City, the Division in which PHELPS and his organization are apparently based, provide a disseminable synopsis of PHELPS' activities.

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Any questions can be directed to ALAT [REDACTED]

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To: Criminal Investigative
Re: 163A-OT-7828, 06/22/1999

From: Ottawa

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

KANSAS CITY

AT TOPEKA, KANSAS

Please provide a disseminable report for the [redacted]
[redacted] concerning the background, possible
history of violence and criminal record for Fred Phelps and his
organization. The date of PHELPS' intended demonstration is
Monday, 06/28/1999.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/20/2001

To: Investigative Services
Kansas City

Attn: IOS, IOU-1
SSA [REDACTED]
Topeka RA
SSRA [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED]

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From: Ottawa

Contact: ALAT [REDACTED] 613-688-5384

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] nsh

✓ Case ID #: 163A-OT-7828-2 (Closed)

Title: FRED PHELPS;
WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH-KANSAS
SCHEDULED PROTESTS IN OTTAWA - 06/28/1999
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION -
GENERAL CRIMINAL MATTERS

Synopsis: Closing communication.

Reference: 163A-OT-7828 Serial 1

Details: For information of receiving offices, referenced communication requested information on captioned subject due to a scheduled protest. The information requested by [REDACTED] was provided verbally by Kansas City. This lead will be discontinued.

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To: Investigative Services From: Ottawa
Re: 163A-OT-7828, 02/20/2001

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

INFORMATION RESOURCES

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Read and clear.

Set Lead 2: (Adm)

KANSAS CITY

AT TOPEKA, KANSAS

Read and clear.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 11/12/2002

To: [redacted]
Ottawa
Kansas City

Attn: [redacted]
ALAT [redacted]
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Case ID #: 163A-OT-7828 (Pending)

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Title: FRED PHELPS;
Westboro Baptist Church;
Scheduled Protests in Burnaby, BC,
November 28, 2002;
FPC - Canada

Synopsis: [redacted]
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in advance of his scheduled 11/28/02 demonstration in Burnaby and
11/29/02 demonstration in Ottawa. Please respond to ALAT [REDACTED]
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Office of the Legal Attache
United States Embassy
Copenhagen, Denmark

26 August 2005

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Re: Reverend Fred Waldron Phelps, Sr.

Dear Sir,

This letter is in response to a request from your service for information on an American citizen identified as Fred Waldron Phelps, Sr.

Fred Waldron Phelps, Sr., a white male, date of birth 13 November 1929, Social Security Number 427-32-0157, is a disbarred attorney and a well-known anti-homosexual zealot. Phelps is the founder and current pastor of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) in Topeka, Kansas. The church's belief system is built around the core belief that, "God hates fags." The group is adamant that it is their holy mission in life to let everyone in the world know that nearly all tragedy in the world is somehow linked to homosexuals, whom they believe God hates above all other kinds of sinners, even murderers.

The church is located in the basement of Phelps' home, which sits in a large fenced compound occupied by nine of his thirteen children and their families. The church's congregation consists mainly of Phelps' 13 children, their spouses and children. Nine of the Phelps' children are attorneys who run the Phelps Chartered Law Firm, located at 1414 S. Topeka Boulevard, Topeka, Kansas.

The group frequently demonstrates against (and in some cases allegedly stalked) individuals, the majority of whom have never had any interaction with the group, but are instead singled out either for being homosexual, making a statement that endorses homosexuals, stating indifference to the homosexual cause, or in many cases, because demonstrating against that person would generate publicity for the group. Phelps and his followers have demonstrated almost on a daily basis in the Topeka, Kansas area for the past eight to ten years. They have also traveled to other locations to spread their doctrine on a national and international basis.

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Some other members of Phelps' family are as follows:

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The FBI has recorded numerous contacts with Phelps regarding allegations of religious discrimination, theft of intellectual property rights and allegations of threats (usually in the form of an email or posted on Phelps' web pages www.godhatesfags.com and/or www.godhatesamerica.com) against individuals deemed to be immoral. Although several investigations into Phelps have been initiated in various FBI divisions over the past ten years, none have resulted in prosecution. Phelps has been willing to be interviewed and does not deny his obvious anti-homosexual stance and activities. The FBI considers Phelps a radical extremist, and offers that caution should be used when addressing Phelps and his followers. Some of the family members, including Phelps, have criminal records to include battery, extortion, witness intimidation, harassment and other miscellaneous charges. While caution is urged, the FBI usually does not consider Phelps or his followers to be violent. In fact, it is the belief of some, that Fred Phelps is in declining health and could be suffering from mental dementia.

For the last fifteen years, Phelps and the WBC have spent a large portion of its time demonstrating against businesses and events they believed to endorse homosexuality. Phelps other recent activities include picketing synagogues because certain Jewish groups have been sympathetic with and condoned homosexual issues such as same sex marriage. WBC also uses their website to post pictures and negative statements of individuals that he deems to be homosexual or furthering the cause of homosexuals.

In 2005, Phelps and his followers changed their strategy and now almost exclusively picket the funerals of fallen servicemen killed in Iraq. This is done based on Phelps' belief that individuals from the military are being allowed to die by God as punishment for America's sins against God. He also believes that various servicemen have purposely tried to kill him by planting explosive devices on his property.

In 2004, Phelps and his church began demonstrating against all things "Swedish" in response to the prosecution of Swedish pastor Ake Green on hate-speech charges for comments Green made about homosexuals. Phelps nearly broke down during a sermon praising Green, and declaring that he was going to go to Sweden and force every citizen to look at a picture of "that poor gospel preacher." He declared Green a martyr and designed a granite monument to Green, announcing plans to erect copies of it throughout America. In response, Green called Phelps "appalling" and "extremely unpleasant", stressing that while Phelps proclaims hatred for homosexuals and condemns them to hell, Green wishes for homosexuals to one day renounce their homosexuality and hopes for them to enter Heaven. Infuriated, Phelps declared that Green was a traitor.

Fred Phelps' confrontations with Scandinavian leaders date back to an unfulfilled 2000 promise to demonstrate against the inauguration of the first Finnish female president, Tarja Halonen, and burn the Finnish flag on the steps of the parliament building. If Phelps follows through with his promise to protest in Sweden, it will be his first ever known trip to Europe.

Phelps is very aware of the law and manages to stay just within its boundaries, thus avoiding arrest and prosecution, while furthering his radical Christian cause. From various investigations, we know that Phelps normally has one of the lawyer family members as their spokesperson at protests - such as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is also a lawyer, but she works for the [REDACTED] and does not appear to travel as much.

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If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at

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Sincerely,

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Legal Attache

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Assistant Legal Attache

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Brief Bio of Pastor Fred Phelps

Fred Phelps was born Nov. 13, 1929, in Meridian, Mississippi. Graduated Meridian High at 16 with highest academic honors, American Legion Citizenship Award, track letter, Bausch-Lomb Science Award, Eagle Scout, Principal Appointment to West Point Military Academy. The summer following graduation, he had a profound religious experience, gave up West Point, enrolled instead for Bible/ministerial training at Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tennessee (later moving with them as they transitioned to Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina). Ordained by the Southern Baptists Sept. 8, 1947. Met his wife, **Margie M. Phelps**, in 1951 while preaching at the Arizona Bible Institute in Phoenix, Arizona. Their marriage May 15, 1952 has been blessed of God with 13 children, 52 grandchildren (to date) and one great-grandchild (to

date). Has served as Pastor of Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas, since Nov. 1955. WBC has conducted more than 22,000 picketing demonstrations across America and some foreign countries during the past 12 years -- aimed at showing Americans their transgression (Isa. 58:1) and causing America to know her abominations. Ezek. 16:2.

Fred Phelps is a Five-Point Calvinist who urges all people to carefully study and discern what are the signs of the times (Mat. 16:3) in the light of the Scriptures rightly divided (2 Tim. 2:15) and church history from Adam to now. For more biographical info, pictorial record including [stills](#) and [video footage](#), and to hear his sermons -- [Bread from Westboro Oven](#) -- please consult www.godhatesamerica.com/ghfmir, www.godhatesamerica.com, and www.fredthemovie.com.

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Love Crusades

The Lord willing, in addition to 6 daily pickets in Topeka (15 on Sunday):

- [Schedules for upcoming pickets](#)
- [Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack - 5:30 p.m., Sat. Aug. 27, Holiday Inn, 549 S. Rock Rd., Wichita](#)
- [Funeral of Army Sgt. Gary L. Reese Jr. - at 1 p.m., Saturday, August 27, National Guard Armory, 1935 Highway 12 S., Ashland City, Tenn.](#)
- [Funeral of Army Staff Sgt. Asbury F. Hawn II - at 2 p.m., Saturday, August 27, First United Methodist Fag Church, 300 Sam Hager St., Smyrna, Tenn.](#)
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- [Gay men fighting for custody of quadruplets, court records show - 8-11-2005](#)
- [Memorials come at relentless pace - 8-10-2005](#)
- [Slideshow of funeral picket - 8-10-2005](#)
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This week's "hate" speech: "But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains." Mark 13:14.

Memorials

[Matthew Shepard](#) has been in hell for 2511 days.

[Diane Whipple](#) has been in hell for 1674 days.

Deal with it! All else is trivial and unimportant. All the fag caterwauling, candlelight vigils, court orders, etc., can't buy these perverts one drop of water to cool their tongues.

Fags shamelessly use the deaths of fags to promote their sodomite agenda, but ignore cases when a fag is the murderer. See [The tragic story of 13-year-old Jesse Dirkhising](#). WBC held a memorial service for him at his [lonely grave](#), while media ignored his murder. (Also, 10-year-old [Jeffrey Curley](#); 16-year-old [Thomas Scott Allen](#)). WBC will continue to use their deaths as an occasion to preach the Gospel truth about their sin. See the following memorial monuments:

- [Jim Wheeler Monument](#)
- [Jesse Dirkhising Monument](#)
- [Matthew Shepard Monument](#)
- [America Is Doomed Monument](#)
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Carl XVI Gustaf

King of Sodomite Whores

You jackass Swedes just don't get it. Once you have laws to chill Bible preaching, we don't give a rat's tutu whatever else you do or say. You are drippings from the Devil's own penis - a veritable sperm bank for Satan's queers. *"To me belongeth vengeance and recompence...for the day of their calamity is at hand."* Deut. 32:35.



King Carl Gustaf threatens to sue WBC Pastor truth about him & his sodomites!

Yes. For a week now Swedish media have been reporting the threat, and WBC has thousands of vile, violent, feces-eating Swedes verifying the threat. For more details see the websites above AND the Swedish news website, The Local.

This popinjay King of sodomites, whores, zoophiles and molesters - this moral tii plumage of a peacock - lets his daughter's tits hang out at a Nobel gala while Pa Swedish jail for preaching the truth about fags.

Yet, this wussy King of Fags has the gonads to sit on his not-so-royal ass threaten preacher for telling his ugly family the truth about themselves.



**WBC to picket King Carl Gustaf In Stockholm on Labor Day.
Mon., Sept. 5, in religious protest & warning: "God is not
mocked!" God Hates Fags! & Fag-Enablers! Ergo, God hates
the King, his slutty family, and Sweden - in toto. Our
message to Stockholm & Sweden - as was Jonah's to
Nineveh - will be short: You are all irreversibly Hell-bound.**

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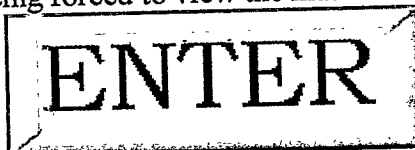
The site that you are about to enter contains Gospel truth on an important, hot-button issue. This Gospel truth includes, but is not limited to:

- **SODOMY IS AN ABOMINABLE SIN, WORTHY OF DEATH.**
 - "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them." *Leviticus 20:13.* "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." *Romans 1:32.*
 - See also *Leviticus 18:22, Genesis 19, Romans 1:18-32, I Corinthians 6:9-11, I Timothy 1:10, and Jude 7.*
- **GOD HATES ALL WORKERS OF INIQUITY.**
 - "The foolish shall not stand in thy sight, thou hatest all workers of iniquity." *Psalms 5:5.*
 - See also *Leviticus 20:23, Leviticus 26:30, Deuteronomy 32:19, Psalms 5:6, Psalms 11:5, Malachi 1:3, Matthew 7:23, and Romans 9:13.*
- **JESUS CHRIST DIED ONLY FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE.**
 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." *John 3:16.*
 - See also *John 13:1, John 17:9, Ephesians 5:25, etc.*
- **ONLY GOD'S ELECT HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO BELIEVE.**
 - "Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them." *John 12:39,40.*
 - See also *John 10:11,26, Matthew 11:25,26, Acts 13:48, Romans 9:19-24, etc.*
- **SODOMITES ARE PROUD OF THEIR SIN ("GAY PRIDE"), AND IN THAT PRIDEFUL STATE THEY CANNOT REPENT - YOU CANNOT REPENT OF SOMETHING YOU'RE PROUD OF.**
 - "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD." *Jeremiah 6:15.*
 - See also *Jeremiah 13:23, Romans 1:24-32, Ezekiel 16:49-50, etc.*

- **THE SODOMITES' ONLY HOPE IS TO HAVE THE UNAMBIGUOUS TRUTH PREACHED TO THEM, AND PERHAPS GOD WILL SOFTEN THEIR HEARTS AND GRANT THEM REPENTANCE TO DEPART FROM THEIR SIN AND NAME THE NAME OF CHRIST. NOT VERY LIKELY, THOUGH, SINCE GOD HAS GIVEN THEM UP.**
 - *"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." II Timothy 2:19. "Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness...unto vile affections...to a reprobate mind." Romans 1:24-28.*
 - See also II Timothy 2:24-26, Psalm 5:5, I Corinthians 6:9-11, Acts 17:30, Jude 22,23, etc.
- **THERE IS A HELL WHERE ALL IMPENITENT SINNERS WILL RESIDE FOR ALL ETERNITY. THAT INCLUDES SODOMITES (CALLED "DOGS").**
 - *"And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh." Isaiah 66:24. "For without are dogs..." Revelation 22:15.*
 - See also Mark 9:44, Luke 16:23, Revelation 20:15.

In summary, sodomites are wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly (Gen. 13:13), are violent and doom nations (Gen. 19:1-25; Jgs. 19), are abominable to God (Lev. 18:22), are worthy of death for their vile, depraved, unnatural sex practices (Lev. 20:13; Rom. 1:32), are called dogs because they are filthy, impudent and libidinous (Deut. 23:17,18; Mat. 7:6; Phil. 3:2), produce by their very presence in society a kind of mass intoxication from their wine made from grapes of gall from the vine of Sodom and the fields of Gomorrah which poisons society's mores with the poison of dragons and the cruel venom of asps (Deut. 32:32,33), declare their sin and shame on their countenance (Isa. 3:9), are shameless and unable to blush (Jer. 6:15), are workers of iniquity and hated by God (Psa. 5:5), are liars and murderers (Jn. 8:44), are filthy and lawless (2 Pet. 2:7,8), are natural brute beasts (2 Pet. 2:12), are dogs eating their own vomit and sows wallowing in their own feces (2 Pet. 2:22), will proliferate at the end of the world bringing final judgment on mankind (Lk. 17:28-30), have been finally given up by God to uncleanness dishonoring their own bodies among themselves, to vile affections, and to a reprobate mind such that they cannot think straight about anything (Rom. 1:23-28), have wholly given themselves over to fornication and gone after strange flesh (Jude 7), must be pulled as faggots from the fire (Jude 23), and have no hope of Heaven unless they repent (Rev. 22:15), which they can't do in their prideful state (Jer. 6:15). They need to hear this truth if they are to have any hope of penitence, faith in Jesus Christ and salvation (I Timothy 4:2-4).

If this Gospel truth offends you, then please hit the "Back" button on your browser. Otherwise, to find more information on this subject, information on the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas, and her picketing ministry, a Gospel memorial to Matthew Shepard, a tribute to Sweden's vile royal family and more religious commentary and opinion on current events, please hit the enter button below. In clicking the button below, you testify that you are entering this website because you want to, and are not in any way being forced to view the material contained therein.



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WARNING!!!

To God's Elect: Leave Sweden NOW!!!

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:4

Fags have a 3 point agenda: 1) decriminalize sodomy, 2) add fags to the protected classes as victims like blacks, and 3) criminalize Gospel preaching against fags. Sweden's doom is now irreversible!

With the arrest of Ake Green, Swedes have allowed the filthy sodomite agenda to be completely fulfilled. See our monument to Pastor Green here. Just because Green's conviction has been overturned, don't think that makes things right! The fact that the vast majority of the Swedish population either sat by silently while this rape of justice took place, or actually applauded it, solidifies the idea that Sweden is a land of the damned.

Just because Green preaches the doctrine of devils that "God loves everyone" doesn't make it right for Sweden to arrest him for also preaching that fags are an abomination (Lev. 18:22).

With this act, as well as the vitriolic response given to this preaching, Sweden has drawn to it the wrath and mocking of God!

"I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you" (Proverbs 1:26-27)

"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision" (Psalm 2:4).

King Carl Gustaf threatens to sue WBC Pastor - WBC to Picket King Carl Gustaf!

- See our commentary on the Swedish Royal family here!
- Sweden is a land of sodomy, bestiality, and incest. See more here!

THANK GOD FOR ALL DEAD SWEDES!!!

Read our recent flier on this matter here.

Listen to Pastor Phelps' sermon on the matter here.

- Unconfirmed numbers of Swedes are dead as a result of the tsunamis which ravaged Thailand and the other lush resorts of that region, and thousands more are unaccounted for, either still rotting in the tropical conditions or buried, as they deserve, as asses in mass graves (see Jeremiah 22:19). Scarcely a family in Sweden has been untouched by the devastation. Bible preachers say, THANK GOD for it all!

If you have something relevant to say (and cuss words are not relevant, you tolerant, loving, sodomite Swedes) contact us at info@godhatesamerica.com

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www.godhatesfags.com, godhatesamerica.com, iredthemovie.com, and, hatemongers.com)

Thank God for the tsunamis — and for **5,000 dead Swedes!!!**

God is laughing, mocking and taunting Swedes and Sweden, even as they mourn & weep over their dead!

"I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh." Prov. 1:26.

"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision." Psa. 2:4.

Yes! CNN now reports that one-fourth of the estimated 20,000 Swedes vacationing in southern Asia are now rotting in the sun or in unmarked mass graves. For which we rejoice, and to which we say, Amen! Praise the Lord! CNN also reports that scarcely a family in Sweden is untouched, and that all Sweden is in deep mourning. Thank God for his vengeance, and we pray for worse and more of it upon Sweden.

These Swedish bastards jailed Pastor Ake Green for preaching Bible truth about faggots! and there will never be forgiveness for Swedes or Sweden in time or eternity!



Pastor Ake Green



Swedish pastor sentenced to one month's jail for offending homosexuals

Stockholm (ENI). A Swedish court has sentenced a pastor belonging to the Pentecostal movement in Sweden, Ake Green, to a month in prison, under a law against incitement, after he was found guilty of having offended homosexuals in a sermon. Soren Andersson, the president of the Swedish federation for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights (RFSL), said on hearing the sentence that religious freedom could never be used as a reason to offend people. "Therefore," he told journalists, "I cannot regard the sentence as an act of interference with freedom of religion." During a sermon in 2003, Green described homosexuality as "abnormal, a horrible cancerous tumour in the body of society". [357 words, ENI-04-0403]

Beware of Sweden! — Land of the Sodomite damned!

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God Hates Fags

God Hates America

God Hates Canada

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To persuade WBC that Sweden is a land of wholesome family values - and not the faggot Hell-hole we say it is - some Swede sent us large color photos of the royal family. It won't work!

The King looks like an anal-copulator, & his grinning kids look slutty & gay!

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/16/2005

To: Kansas City
Omaha

Attn: Topeka RA
Attn: Sioux City RA
Attn: Des Moines RA

From: Kansas City
Squad 8/Wichita RA
Contact: SA [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: KC 44E-0 (Pending)

Title: Religious Discrimination - No Force
and/or Violence

Synopsis: To provide information on Fred Phelps.

Details: Captioned writer received a telephone call from SA [REDACTED] of the Des Moines RA, regarding Fred Phelps, Pastor of the Topeka Westborough Baptist Church. SA [REDACTED] received information from Lieutenant Colonel [REDACTED] of the Iowa National Guard, that Phelps was going to picket the funeral of a Military Specialist who was killed in the line of duty in Iraq. The funeral is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 2005 in Schleswig, Iowa, which is covered by the Sioux City RA. SA [REDACTED] was going to notified the Sioux City RA and local law enforcement in the Schleswig, Iowa area, about the upcoming picket by Phelps and congregation members. Phelps has stated that it is the fault of the serviceman for his death, because he was in a foreign country.

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Phelps has the following descriptive data:

DOB: 11/13/1929
SSAN: 427-32-0157
FBI #: 14494TA5

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

KANSAS CITY

AT TOPEKA, KANSAS

Read and clear.

Set Lead 2: (Info)

Case ID : KC 44-0

Serial : 2291

OMAHA

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Read and clear.

Set Lead 3: (Info)

OMAHA

AT SCHLESWIG, IOWA

Read and clear.

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/20/2003

To: Omaha
Kansas City

From: Omaha
7/Des Moines Resident Agency
Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 44-0 (Pending)

Title: CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS;
OMAHA DIVISION

Synopsis: To report complaint call received by Des Moines
Resident Agency.

Details: On 05/20/2003 [REDACTED] called the Des Moines
Resident Agency concerning the safety of [REDACTED]
resides at [REDACTED] phone
number is [REDACTED] date of birth is [REDACTED]
and her social security account number is [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] was made aware of an anti-homosexual website,
which profiles [REDACTED] through her grandson. The website is
www.godhatesfags.com. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is profiled on
this website. A picture of [REDACTED] and a picture of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is also posted on the website. [REDACTED] advised that the
the website lists the site is maintained by the Westboro Church
at 3701 SW 12th Street in Topeka, Kansas.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] has been targeted by the
website, because [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also advised that the website says many
horrible things about [REDACTED] implied that the website
threatens violence against [REDACTED]. When questioned about direct
threats to [REDACTED] safety, [REDACTED] was vague and started to
become emotional.

A review was conducted of ACS which reflected the
following:

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Westboro Baptist Church was founded in 1955 by Fred W.
Phelps, DOB 11/13/29, SSN 427-32-0157. Phelps is a disbarred
attorney and well known anti-homosexual zealot. The congregation
of WBC consists mainly of Phelps' 13 children, their spouses, and

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KC 44-0

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their children. Nine or ten of Phelps' children are attorneys who run the Phelps Chartered Law Firm, 1414 S. Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Kansas (913) 233-4162. Phelps and his followers have demonstrated almost on a daily basis in the Topeka area for the past 8 - 10 years. They have also traveled to other locations to spread their doctrine on a national and international basis. Phelps also runs a website www.godhatesfags.com where his views about homosexuality are displayed.

Other members of Phelps' family are as follows:

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Although several investigations have been initiated in various FBI divisions over the past 10 years, none have resulted in prosecution. Phelps has been willing to be interviewed and does not deny his obvious anti-homosexual stance and activities.

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

Read and clear.

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Westboro Baptist Church (Topeka)

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Westboro Baptist Church is a religious organization based in Topeka, Kansas, headed by minister Fred Phelps and notorious for its websites www.godhatesfags.com[1] (<http://www.godhatesfags.com/>) and www.godhatesamerica.com[2] (<http://www.godhatesamerica.com/>). The church's belief system is built around the core belief, "God hates fags." The group is adamant that it is their holy mission in life to let everyone in the world know that nearly all tragedy in the world is somehow linked to homosexuals, whom God hates above all other kinds of sinners, even murderers:

God hates fags' [...] is a profound theological statement, which the world needs to hear more than it needs oxygen, water and bread. — from www.godhatesfags.com.

The hierarchy of sin put forth by the church is:

- Insulting Westboro Baptist Church or any of its members (which the group equates with blasphemy of the Holy Ghost, listed in the Bible as the sole unforgivable sin)
- Homosexuality
- Sex outside of/before marriage and non-missionary position sex (the group has, on at least one occasion, branded all non-missionary sex as "kinky")
- Abortion
- Adultery

The church is located in the basement of Phelps' home, which sits in a large fenced compound occupied by nine of his thirteen children and their spouses.

The group frequently pickets (and in some cases are alleged to have stalked) people, the majority of whom have never had any interaction with the group, but are instead singled out either for being a homosexual, making a statement that endorses homosexuals, stating indifference to homosexuals, or in many cases, because picketing that person would generate publicity for the group. The group brands most of its opponents "fags," (often without regard to the person's actual sexual orientation), or failing that, "fag enablers."

While from 1991-2004 the group spent a large portion of its time almost exclusively picketing business and events they believed to endorse homosexuality, in 2005 they changed their strategy entirely and now almost exclusively picket the funerals of soldiers killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom. This is based around Fred Phelps' belief that the soldiers are being allowed to die by God as punishment for America's alleged sins against God.

Nearly every time that a massive tragedy or disaster strikes in which people are killed or wounded, Westboro Baptist Church quickly thereafter releases a statement that the tragedy was punishment from God and that its members are celebrating the deaths and injuries, which they believe are signs from God. Church members claim to achieve "divine enjoyment" hearing stories of pain and suffering befalling people that they consider sinful, and that their only regret when such incidents occur is that more allegedly sinful people hadn't suffered; they further claim that they pray for tragedy such as car accidents, plane crashes, natural disasters, and health problems to befall people so that they may ridicule them on their website and, hopefully, picket them.

In 2005 members of Westboro began compiling stories and poems (collectively titled WBC Epics) which they have written about their "adventures," as well as "Hate Letters" to their detractors.

The group has attracted controversy for welcoming both individual murders and large-scale disasters as divine

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retribution against homosexuals, atheist, witches, and their "enablers." The group has been recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt church for several years. In 2000 the group nearly lost its status, but was saved by a series of lawsuits it filed against the IRS citing religious persecution. As of 2000, the church began steadily losing its privileges (see below section "The Compound") and remains in constant risk of losing its tax-exempt status altogether.

Fred Phelps has worked with leaders of the racist and antisemitic Christian Identity movement, which believes that whites are God's "chosen people," and that Jews are, and have been for years, waging a war against the white race in an attempt to subvert their birthright (a sentiment that Phelps has echoed on several occasions). At least two members of Westboro adhere to the teachings of Identity.

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The compound

The Westboro Compound is made up of ten homes organized in a block on a city street. The house in the center of the compound belongs to Fred Phelps, and the basement serves as the church "meeting hall" (as he refers to it). The other nine houses were once occupied by non-congregants, who moved away either on their own or as a result of not wanting to live near Phelps. The houses are encircled by a specially designed, extra-thick ten-foot-tall security fence with picketed tops.

The homes share a communal backyard, in the center of which was an Olympic size swimming pool; Phelps obtained tax exemption on the cost of maintenance and water by performing baptisms there and writing it off as a baptismal font. Sometime after 2000, the pool was filled in, ostensibly because one of Phelps' grandchildren nearly drowned in it; because of tax problems that Westboro was experiencing around the time, however, many

Topeka residents believe that the pool was filled in because Phelps was about to lose tax exemption status on it.

The compound also houses a garage separate from the houses, which is used to house an extended cab/extended bed pickup truck used to transport picketers around Topeka. It can sit between 7-10 people and carries dozens of picket signs in the back; the truck is painted neon colors to resemble one of Westboro's picket signs and is emblazoned with the words "GOD HATES FAGS." Until 2000, Phelps had written off the cost of maintaining the garage and the vehicle's gas costs as church expenses; that year, the IRS ruled that Phelps was using the truck for political and personal purposes, not religious, and he lost tax exemption on the truck and garage.

The group

Congregation

Composition of the group

Research done by the *Topeka Capital Journal* in 1994 indicated that the church has roughly 100-200 congregants, 75-100 of whom are related to Phelps by blood or marriage (himself, his wife, nine of their children and their spouses, and as of 1994, fifty-two grandchildren and one great-grandchild, although the numbers have grown markedly since). Non-blood related congregants are those who followed Phelps after he was kicked out of his old congregation, Eastside Baptist Church, consisting of one family and a single man named George Stutzman.

The family which left Eastside to follow Phelps was/is headed by Charles William "Bill" Hockenbarger, a member of Christian Identity. Hockenbarger has been a friend of Phelps' since the two men were in their twenties. In 2002, one of Phelps' grandsons married one of the Hockenbarger granddaughters, with Phelps performing the ceremony. Karl Hockenbarger, the son of Bill Hockenbarger (and also an Identity member) works/worked for Washburn University and played a large role in getting Phelps' children accepted there.

Westboro also has a unique "de facto" member, Bart McQueary, a pornographer and admitted statutory rapist who has set up a similar street ministry in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. McQueary keeps in contact with Westboro and joins them in pickets around Kentucky.

Current and former members of the Westboro Baptist Church

See: Members of Westboro Baptist Church

Purpose

Phelps has stated many purposes:

"We don't picket to win people over, idiot. It's to harden people's hearts. Make them hate. Make them hate God even more than they already do."

"Our goal is to preach the Word of God to this crooked and perverse generation. By our words, some will repent. By our words, some will be condemned. Whether they hear, or whether they forbear, they will know a prophet has been among them... our goal is to glorify God by declaring His whole counsel to everyone... we hope that by our preaching some will be saved."

The members of Westboro Baptist Church explain their decision to use the word fag, a largely pejorative term for male homosexuals, in their FAQ:

We use the word "fag" as a contraction of the word "faggot" or "fagot." A "fag" is a firebrand. A "fag" is used for kindling — it fuels fire. "Fag" is a metaphor used in the Bible, for example, in Amos 4:11 (where it is translated "firebrand" in the KJV). Just as a "fag" fuels the fires of nature, so does a sodomite fuel the fires of God's wrath. We do not use the word "fag" in order to engage in childish name-calling. Rather, we use it because it is a metaphor chosen by the Holy Ghost to describe a group of people who BURN in their lust one toward another, and who FUEL God's wrath.

According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the etymology of *faggot* (in the sense of "male homosexual") is thus: Cigarettes, called *fags* in Britain to this day, were widely considered in 1860's and 1870's Britain to be feminine, as men stereotypically smoked pipes or cigars -- thus, men considered more feminine were called fags. Furthermore, the Online Etymological Dictionary (<http://www.etymonline.com/>) claims that *faggot*'s new meaning in English was reinforced by a Yiddish slang word for a male homosexual: *faygele*, which literally means "little bird" (cf. German *Vöglein*.)

Theology

The group claims to adhere largely to the philosophy of John Calvin and the principles of the acronym TULIP. However, mainstream Calvinist churches have claimed that Westboro's agenda, especially its welcoming of murders and its message of hate, is at variance with Calvinism.

Westboro also holds the unique belief that they are essentially stand-ins for God on earth, and that saying anything negative about them is equal to saying something negative about God, i.e. blasphemy, and therefore unforgivable; thus, they are elevated to a god-like status and believe themselves to hold power over salvation and condemnation (in fliers, members equate insulting WBC with blasphemy of the Holy Ghost, the single unforgivable sin). [3] (<http://www.godhatesamerica.com/ghfmir/sipeseisner.html>)

(This is similar in some aspects to several Word Faith teachers who claim that any opposition against them constitutes opposition against God Himself—for example, Trinity Broadcasting Network president Paul Crouch and Benny Hinn have spoken curses against their opponents. However, although Hinn once claimed that God would destroy all homosexuals in America, neither he nor Crouch nor any other well-known Word Faith teacher supports Phelps nor claims anything remotely similar to Westboro's teachings.)

The stated theology of WBC:

1. The Bible is the Word of God and to be taken literally.
2. Believing the Five-Points of Calvinism (TULIP) is essential for salvation.
3. Homosexuality is the worst of all sins and indicative of the final reprobation of an individual, and its acceptance by society prompts divine judgement. The homosexual is a reprobate given up by God and hence cannot be a member of God's elect, and cannot repent nor be saved. It should be noted that this interpretation is held by a very small minority of Christians.
4. The proclamation of the gospel involves condemning sin as strongly as the Bible does and this will result in persecution and rejection of the gospel by the unelect.
5. Hellfire is to be taken literally, and God's Elect will rejoice in being Christ's agents in executing the righteous judgement of hell on the wicked, which will comprise most of humanity.
6. God has absolute omnipotence to cause or prevent tragedy. As such, when disasters occur, such as the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster or the September 11, 2001 attacks, it is God's intentional punishment of the wicked. In the aforementioned cases, Phelps believes these are God's punishment for the United States' "permissive attitudes" concerning homosexuality, atheism, and witches.
7. The elect, being the chosen agents of God, answer only to God, and are above the laws of man which do not have basis in God's law. (It is this belief that has led to the arrests of Phelps and several WBC members; see below.)

8. Christmas, Easter, and all other theologically based holidays have basis in Paganism, and are therefore not to be celebrated by the elect.

Doomsday vision

Westboro holds a vision of the apocalypse which is unique to their theology: When the end of the world comes, all the souls of men and women will be brought into a celestial courtroom with God presiding as judge. Westboro envisions the souls of humanity (aside from themselves) as being reduced, in their own words, to "sobbing little girls knowing and getting what they deserve." God will then call forward his expert witnesses — the congregants of Westboro — to testify against the sins of all humanity and thereby be instrumental in getting the souls of all mankind, save for themselves, cast into Hell.

Similarities to the Christian Identity Movement

While not directly connected to the Christian Identity Movement, many of Phelps' sermons do reflect some of the principles which the followers of Christian Identity also hold:

- Westboro holds that they (the congregants of Westboro) and not Israelites are the "chosen people" and that Jews are "filthy" and "have no lamb." [4] (<http://www.godhatesfags.com/main/faq.html#Jews>) [5] (http://www.adl.org/special_reports/wbc/wbc_on_jews.asp)
- Phelps preaches that blacks were born of Ham, the son of Noah, as a punishment for ridiculing Noah, and that blacks are therefore the "servants of the servant" (meant to be subservient to God's people, ie Westboro). Book Excerpt (<http://blank.org/addict/chapter6.html>)
- The United States of America is the true Israel PDF (http://www.godhatesfags.com/fliers/jun2005/20050622_jed-michael-hayes.pdf)
- In their WBC Epics, Westboro members declare that they are the last line of defense against the true forces of evil in the world, and will be the sole survivors of Judgment Day; when that time comes, they will be recognized as God's Chosen and the rest of the world will be cast into Hell

It is also of note that in the 1980s, Phelps was a regular guest on Scriptures for America, a program of Christian Identity teachings, hosted by Peter J. Peters. Tapes of Phelps' appearances on the show, as well as tapes of his regular sermons, are sold in Christian Identity mail-order catalogues. [6] (<http://blank.org/addict/chapter6.html>)

In addition, Karl and Charles William Hockenbarger are actual members of the Christian Identity movement.

Activities and statements

The group carries out daily picketing in Topeka, and travels nationally to picket the funerals of homosexual victims of murder, gay-bashing or death related to AIDS, as well as other events related or appearing to be related to gay people. One of Phelps' followers estimated that the church spends \$250,000 a year travelling around the world to picket; the church has been relatively wealthy since a series of lawsuits against the city of Topeka for hindering their picketing netted them several million dollars. Otherwise, all of the church's money comes from the combined income of its congregants and money won in lawsuits against their "enemies."

Phelps, his supporters and members of his church ¹ attend said gatherings, as well as other gay-related events, with signs bearing anti-homosexual slogans. Fred Phelps has characterized the AIDS Memorial Quilt as "100,000 living fags slobberin' around 45,000 dead fags", and declared Elizabeth Taylor, a fundraiser for AIDS research, to be a "world-famous Jew whore" and a "filthy Jew whore". Other favorite anti-gay slogans of the Reverend Phelps include "God Hates Fags", "Homosexuality=Death", "Fags Die, God Laughs", "Matthew Shepard Rots In Hell", "AIDS: Kills Fags Dead", and "Ellen DeGeneres Is a Lesbian Slut". (The latter was carried at an "Equality Rocks" rock concert and fundraiser. At the event DeGeneres commented that she wasn't so offended by the slogan as the

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fact that they had drawn pock marks all over her face on the poster.)

Other slogans are:

- Fag Santa (carried at Christmas time)
- Thank God for 9-11
- Thank God for the Tsunami
- Menninger Therapy (complete with two stick figures mounting)
- Thank God for AIDS
- Fag Flag (with an American Flag)
- Repent or Perish
- Dyke Nuns and Fag Priests (carried outside Catholic churches)
- Dyke Sows Weed Here (complete with pictures of pigs in wedding dresses covered with feces; carried at lesbian weddings)

When Kevin Oldham, a gay musician, died of AIDS in 1993, Phelps sent a photo of Kevin to his parents. The photo contained the caption: "Kevin Oldham: Dead Fag."

The group came into the national spotlight in 1998, when they were featured on CNN for picketing the funeral of Matthew Shepard, a young gay man from Wyoming who was beaten to death by two young males. Though Phelps claimed that Shepard's murder was unjust, his overt activism against Shepard's sexual orientation, regardless of the mourning of Shepard's family and friends (he called Shepard's mother, Judy, a whore and a "mother from Hell" during the memorial service and told her she'd "soon be joining Matthew"), to some had the appearance of a tacit endorsement for Shepard's murder. Though murder is considered a sin by most Christians, Phelps' chosen methods of activism are considered by most other fundamentalist Christians to be equally morally reprehensible.

On Westboro's website, Phelps maintains a "Perpetual Gospel Memorial" to Shephard. There is a similar memorial to lesbian dog-attack victim Diane Whipple. Some direct quotes/images from the Shepard page:

- A photograph of Matthew Shepard's face with animated flames dancing across it. When the cursor is moved across his face, viewers with a sound card will hear screams and a high-pitched voice shrieking "For God's sake, listen to Phelps!"
- A counter which displays how many days Matthew Shepard has "Been in Hell".
- "WBC does not support the murder of Matthew Shepard: 'thou shalt not kill.' Unless his killers repent, they will receive the same sentence that Matthew Shepard received—eternal fire. However, the truth about Matthew Shepard needs to be known. He lived a Satanic lifestyle. He got himself killed trolling for anonymous homosexual sex in a bar at midnight."

The group has also picketed Billy Graham revivals, alleging that the conservative evangelist will burn in hell for failing to propagate the "God Hates Fags" doctrine. In October 2004, the group protested Graham's mass meetings, calling the 85-year-old preacher a "Hell-bound false prophet".

In a 1994 interview, WBC members Timothy and Jonathan Phelps (sons of Fred Phelps) admitted to beating their wives and children as a means of discipline and "keeping them in line." However, in press releases, WBC referred to Topeka mayor James McClinton as a "wife-beating tyrant." McClinton, who is black, was portrayed in the press release as a gorilla in a suit with a swastika armband.

In July 2005, the Westboro Baptist Church declared its intention to picket the memorial service of Cpl. Carrie French in Boise, Idaho. French, who was 19 years old, was a graduate of Caldwell High School and a varsity cheerleader. She was killed June 5 in the city of Kirkuk, Iraq, where she served as ammunition specialist with the 116th Brigade Combat Team's 145th Support Battalion. The death of Carrie French is seen by the Church as

divine punishment of the United States of America. Phelps was quoted as saying "Our attitude toward what's happening with the war is the Lord is punishing this evil nation for abandoning all moral imperatives that are worth a dime".

The Westboro Baptist Church declared its intention to picket the funerals of other soldiers as well, and did so in August 2005. A group from the church protested at the funeral of Spc. Edward Myers, a soldier from St. Joseph, Missouri who died in Iraq. Shirley Phelps-Roper told a television reporter, "Who would serve a nation that is godless and has flipped off, defiantly defied, defiantly flipped off, the Lord their God?" She then reiterated her belief that Myers was in burning in hell.

Criminal record

The arrest record for members of Westboro dates back to 1951, four years before the church's inception, when Fred Phelps was arrested for misdemeanor battery in Pasadena, California, for striking a police officer. It wasn't until 1987 that other members of Westboro faced criminal charges; the first series stemmed from disbarment hearings against Fred Phelps and his children in 1987, during which Fred Phelps and several of his children, Margie Phelps, Jon Phelps, Elizabeth Phelps, Shirley Phelps, and Fred Phelps Jr., were charged with extortion, witness intimidation, harassment, making false accusations, and filing frivolous lawsuits. Fred Phelps Sr. struck a plea bargain wherein he would resign from the bar and never practice law again, in exchange for charges against his children being dropped and their disbarment hearings brought to a close in lieu of brief suspensions. [7] (<http://www.blank.org/addict>)

Throughout the course of the 1990s and into the 2000s, Westboro members continue to be arrested, though the Topeka District Attorney often declines to pursue charges on the grounds that every time charges are pressed against Westboro, all of the members of Westboro file a class action lawsuit against the city, the police department, and the complainant.

On occasion, however, members have been convicted, albeit for minor offenses. Jonathan Baxter Phelps, whom Topekans consider to be the Phelps son most like his father, is the Westboro Member most often cited in complaints, aside from Fred Sr., and has been arrested the most, most often for assault; Topekan residents told the Topeka Capital Journal in 1993 during their research for the book "Addicted to Hate" that Jon Phelps regularly "shrieks" obscene comments to passers by at pickets, including threats of sexual assault to women. In 1993 he was taken into custody for an incident stemming from a local theatre group's production of *The Nutcracker*. Jon stood outside the theatre and asked passing children, "Did your daddy stick his prick up your ass last night?" while holding a sign reading "Fags: The Prick goes up the ass." [8] (<http://www.blank.org/addict>) He was later found guilty of misdemeanor assault and disorderly conduct.

In 1993, Charles F. Hockenbarger, Karl Hockenbarger, Timothy Phelps, Jonathan Phelps, Fred Phelps Sr., and Margie Phelps were brought up on a variety of criminal charges stemming from information gathered following a raid of Westboro. Several charges were later dropped; the trials that followed saw every member of Westboro Baptist Church over the age of fifteen testifying in the defense of their family and fellow congregants; over 100 defense witnesses were called in all. Timothy Phelps, Charles F. Hockenbarger, and Karl Hockenbarger were all found



Mugshot of Westboro Baptist Church member Jon Phelps, son of Fred Phelps; arrested in 1993 following a picket, during which he asked passing children, "Did your daddy stick his prick up your ass last night?"

not guilty. They promptly filed lawsuits against the city of Topeka, which were thrown out by an Appeal Court.

Jonathan Phelps was found guilty of witness intimidation and misdemeanor battery. Margie Phelps was found guilty of filing a false report. Fred Phelps Sr. was found guilty of disorderly conduct as defined by aggravated intimidation of a witness. All three filed lawsuits against the city and took their cases to appeals court, where their convictions were repeatedly upheld.

In 1995, Fred Phelps' eldest grandson, Benjamin Phelps, was convicted of assault and disorderly conduct after spitting a loogie into the face of a passerby during a picket and then laughing. The security cameras of a nearby business caught the incident on tape. [9]
(http://www.cjonline.com/indepth/phelps/stories/052497_phelps.shtml)

In the 2000s, Fred Phelps Jr. was convicted of misdemeanor assault for shouting an obscene phrase at a woman stopped at a red light during a picket. He was arrested in 2004 for possession of marijuana, but no charges were pressed.

Also in 2004, Margie Phelps and her son Jacob were arrested for trespassing, disorderly conduct, and failure to obey after disregarding a police officer's order that they were not allowed to enter a company's private property with chairs and stand on them with an upside down flag and a picket sign. [10]
(<http://www.rickross.com/reference/westboro/westboro21.html>)

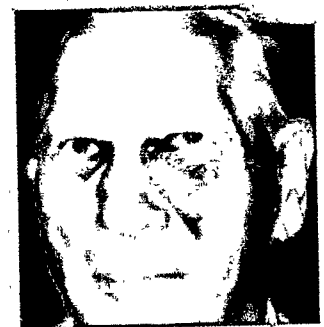


Fred Phelps' grandson Benjamin Phelps, convicted of assault and disorderly conduct in 1995. He was the person who informed his grandfather about the existence of the Internet and made the first "GodHatesFags" page

Violence against Westboro

Though the group has practiced violence in the past, numerous members having been arrested, tried, and convicted for crimes ranging from trespassing to assault, they themselves have been the victims of attacks:

- During a March 26th, 1993 protest at Topeka's Vintage Restaurant, a riot broke out and eight WBC members were hospitalized for various minor injuries; WBC now pickets the restaurant every day, as well as the places of business where employees went after leaving the Vintage in an attempt to escape Westboro. In addition, the congregants hold a memorial service every year on the 26th, commemorating what they refer to as "the Vintage Massacre."
- In 1994, a woman tried to run down protestors in Topeka after one of them screamed obscenities at her while she was parked at a stop light.
- In 2003, septuagenarian WBC member Charles Hockenbarger had his face crushed in a beating after standing on a street corner holding a sign reading "THANK GOD FOR SEPT. 11." Hockenbarger was recovering from open heart surgery at the time and ignoring the usual doctor's orders for bed rest. Westboro was quick to post photos of the aftermath of the attack on its homepage, claiming that the (as of yet unidentified) perpetrator was a homosexual and that the attack had been part of a murder conspiracy to kill Hockenbarger.
- During a protest at the 2005 inauguration of George W. Bush, WBC protestors were slapped and kicked and had their signs forcefully taken by other protestors.



Westboro congregant and Christian Identity member Charles William "Bill" Hockenbarger, after having his face crushed while picketing.

Claiming divine vengeance

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WBC views numerous murders, accidents, natural disasters, and terrorist attacks as being perpetrated by God on their behalf.

After businessman Nick Berg was executed in Iraq, WBC proclaimed that he had been killed as a sacrifice because of attacks against Fred Phelps and other WBC members.

The group also claimed that a helicopter crash in Iraq that killed 37 soldiers was caused by God to avenge WBC. [11] (<http://www.godhatesamerica.com/>)

In 1995 a bomb exploded at the WBC compound, outside the home of Shirley Phelps-Roper, a daughter of Fred Phelps. Though the Topeka Police Department concluded after an investigation that the explosion was linked to a serial bomber who had been setting off firebombs around Topeka, WBC claimed that all the other bombs set off had been a cover for the one at Phelps-Roper's home. In recent years, Westboro has begun to claim that the bomb was part of a plot by the American government to silence Westboro. Referring to the incident in a 2005 press release, the group stated:

We may be pardoned for seeing a direct correlation between the Improvised Explosive Devices killing American kids in Iraq and the IED that nearly killed a sleeping Westboro baby August 20th 1995.

Westboro now pickets the funerals of American soldiers killed with bombs, proclaiming them to have been killed and sent to hell as punishment for the bombing of Westboro. [12] (http://www.godhatesfags.com/fliers/jun2005/20050622_ied-michael-hayes.pdf)

Claiming divine retribution/Notable activities

September 11 and the Shuttle *Columbia*

After the September 11, 2001 attacks, Phelps' group went to New York City to protest the rescue efforts going on there, mocking victims as they were taken from the rubble, shouting obscenities at rescue workers, and demanding that those still alive be left to die. Phelps reasoned that God had caused the terrorist attacks as a punishment for tolerance of homosexuality, and that it was God's will that those who suffered in the attacks should die. Signs carried at the Ground Zero site included, "THANK GOD FOR SEPT. 11", "FDNY SIN (with a picture of stick-figures engaged in anal sex)", "NYPD FAGS (with a picture of stick-figures engaged in anal sex)", "YOUR PENTAGON IS SQUARE", and "TOWERS CRASH, GOD LAUGHS".

At the same time, Phelps also wrote several songs about the incident and recorded them with the Westboro Baptist Church Choir. The two most notable songs (which Phelps published on his own record label, named for the church) were "God Hates America" and "America the Burning," which are both sung as hymns mocking the dead and thanking God for killing WBC's enemies. The third song, "I Like to Watch," was told from the point of view of someone masturbating to footage of the WTC collapsing; the lyrics implied that the narrator is either a gay man or God Himself. The song quickly popped up on Ogrish.com as part of their series on the terrorist attacks; shortly thereafter, the song was yanked from WBC's homepage and has never been re-posted or referred to again.

Phelps's group also planned a protest at the funeral of David Charlebois, gay copilot of the plane that was crashed into The Pentagon as part of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Phelps's church has also produced flyers asserting that the seven astronauts who died in the Space Shuttle *Columbia* disaster are in Hell, and that they were killed first and foremost as a punishment for not using their position as astronauts to speak out against homosexuality. He also claimed that they had been killed to punish NASA and America for not speaking out against gays, God having chosen to destroy the shuttle because it was a

symbol of America's technological advancement. The final reason, Phelps claimed, was because one of the astronauts was from Israel, and that astronaut was killed as a sign to Israel to outlaw homosexuality and break ties with America. [13] (<http://www.godhatesamerica.com/>)

London Terrorist Attacks

On July 8, 2005, Westboro released a statement in celebration of the July 7 terrorist attacks on the public transport system of London, Great Britain, which claimed 55 deaths and some 700 casualties from around the world. The statement, aside from calling Queen Elizabeth II "Queen of Fags", Tony Blair an "Anti-Christ Fag" and Cherie Blair a "bitch barrister", also proclaimed:

Thank God for the bombing of London's subway today - July 7, 2005 - wherein dozens were killed and hundreds seriously injured. Wish it was many more. [14] (http://www.godhatesfags.com/featured/20050707_subway-bomb.html)

"God Hates Canada" and "God Hates Sweden"

"God Hates Canada" was launched by Phelps in response to Canada's passage of the controversial Bill C-250, which adds penalties to the Criminal Code of Canada for inciting the hatred of or encouraging the killing of people on the basis of sexual orientation. Phelps had previously targeted Canada, coming to Ottawa in 1999 to protest the Supreme Court of Canada's ruling in *M v. H*, which gave same-sex couples the same rights as opposite-sex common-law couples.

In 2004, Phelps and his church began picketing all things Swedish in response to the prosecution of Swedish pastor Åke Green on hate-speech charges for comments Green made about homosexuals, comments not nearly as provocative as Phelps' typical rhetoric. Phelps nearly broke down during a sermon praising Green, and declaring that he was going to go to Sweden and force every citizen to look at a picture of "that poor gospel preacher". He declared Green a "martyr" and designed a granite monument to Green, announcing plans to erect copies of it throughout America. In response, Green called Phelps "appalling" and "extremely unpleasant", stressing that while Phelps proclaims hatred for homosexuals and condemns them to hell, Green wishes for homosexuals to one day renounce their homosexuality and hopes for them to enter Heaven. Infuriated, Phelps declared that Green was a traitor.

On godhatesfags he also has a special page claiming that the Swedish king Carl XVI Gustaf "looks like a sodomite" and accuses him and his children of practicing incest.

According to Swedish media 20050818 Article in Swedish newspaper SvD (http://www.svd.se/dynamiskt/inrikes/did_10345509.asp) the Swedish royal family is going to take legal actions against the site GodHatesSweden.com (<http://godhatessweden.com/>).

Phelps announced plans to picket in Sweden in 2005; as of July 2005, these plans have gone unfulfilled. It would be the group's first picket in Europe.

Fred Phelps' confrontations with Scandinavian leaders date back to an unfulfilled 2000 promise to picket the inauguration of the first Finnish female president Tarja Halonen and burn the Finnish flag on the steps of the parliament building. [15] (<http://www.godhatescanada.com/>)

Indian Ocean earthquake

On December 29, 2004, shortly after the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake, Phelps's church published a flyer [16]

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(http://rawstory.rawprint.com/1204/westboro_tsunami_statement_1230.php) headlined "Thank God for Tsunami and 20,000 dead Swedes!!!", calling Sweden the "land of the sodomite damned" and saying "woe to faggot Sweden". More fliers were produced shortly after, welcoming reports of 5,000 Swedes (later reduced to 2,000) and 3,000 Americans killed in the tsunami. Another of the group's fliers expressed hope "that God will send a massive tsunami to totally devastate the North American continent". The group had also threatened to picket Swedish survivors at various locations on the island of Phuket.

Phelps responded gleefully to reports of orphaned children being kidnapped following the disaster, saying: "Better for them to be sold into lives of sex than to be taught that it's OK to be gay."

Child molestation stance

On April 9th, 2005, Phelps preached about convicted child molester and alleged murderer John Couey in his weekly sermon, using Couey as a counterpoint to gay and lesbian adoption:

"I'd sooner let John Couey, C-O-U-E-Y, who raped and buried alive little Jessica, I'd sooner let him adopt kids, than turn them over to the fags and dykes! That clear enough for ya?" Audio file of Sermon (http://www.godhatesamerica.com/sound/ghfsermons/Sermon_20050410.mp3)

Other prejudices

Although not as pronounced as their views on homosexuality, the Westboro Baptist Church also espouses racism and attributes membership to certain groups — such as the Catholic Church or Islam — as akin to devil worship.

See: Racial and Political Stances of Westboro Baptist Church

Responses

Responses include the creation of a opposing website, GodLovesFags.com (<http://godlovesfags.com/>) a pro-gay-rights website, launched by Kris Haight on March 1, 1999. The site focuses on the debate surrounding religion and homosexuality, and especially homosexuality and Christianity.

On August 18, 1999, an anonymous hacker transferred ownership of the domain www.godhatesfags.com to Kris Haight. Apparently, this was done by forging an email message from Phelps. Haight promptly redirected all traffic to godlovesfags.com. After much media attention, Phelps threatened to sue and the domain name was returned on August 21.

Counter protests are generally organized to provide an opposing viewpoint at sites that Westboro pickets. In some cases counter protestors have lined up and turned their backs on the Westboro pickets, or encircled them in a ring, explaining that they want to symbolically shield the community from the hate.

Criticism

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) describes the Westboro Baptist Church as "virulently homophobic", whose anti-gay rhetoric they say is often a cover for anti-semitism and anti-catholicism. The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), an anti-hate group, has added the Westboro Baptist Church to its list of watched groups. Many conservative and fundamentalist Christians including Jerry Falwell have denounced Phelps' remarks as hateful and un-Christian. Falwell is often credited with referring to Phelps as "a first-class nut".

Parodies

The God Hates Fags website has achieved sufficient fame to have been parodied with at least three independent domain names. God Hates Figs (<http://www.godhatesfigs.com/>), God Hates Globes (<http://www.godhatesglobes.com/>) and God Hates Shrimp (<http://www.godhatesshrimp.com/>).

External links

- Westboro Baptist Church FAQ at godhatesfags.com (<http://www.godhatesfags.com/main/faq.html>)
- *Addicted to Hate* (<http://www.baptistwatch.org/content/expose1.html>) - a mostly neutral biography of Fred Phelps, founder of Westboro Baptist Church, written by reporters for the Topeka Capital Journal. The book became public domain after being submitted as an exhibit in a court case.
- *Topeka Capital-Journal on Fred Phelps and Westboro Church* (http://cjonline.com/webindepth/phelps/stories/080394_phelps22.shtml)
- God Hates WBC.com (<http://www.godhateswbc.com/>)
- MP3 interview with Westboro Church spokesperson Shirley Phelps-Roper (<http://www.cousincreep.com/westboro/westboro.mp3>) - Interview of Westboro Church spokesperson Shirley Phelps-Roper (who is misidentified on source website as "Patty Roper") with Roland Davis from KERN Newstalk 1410 Bakersfield in relation to the picketing at the military funeral of Army Private 1st Class Ramon Villatoro Jr. in August 2005.
- Protests at funerals (<http://apnews.myway.com/article/20050828/D8C8JGIG0.html>)

Further reading

Chuck Oxley, "Phelps plans to Protest Soldier's Funeral", Casper State Tribune, 15 June 2005

In 2000, Topeka filmmaker Steve Drain, along with his family, joined the group after he made a movie about Phelps called "Fred: The Movie," which was later re-edited and re-released as a director's cut entitled "Hatemonsters." The neutrality of the movie is disputed, as it apparently takes great pains to paint Phelps in a positive light and contains extended, sympathetic interviews with many of his children, while keeping the viewpoints of those opposed to Westboro limited to three-to-four second soundbites from people who critics allege come off as uneducated and chosen for their ignorance of current events. On his website, Drain calls Phelps "a champion of the 1st Amendment, spending over fifty years as a Gospel preacher and thirty as a civil rights attorney. He is perhaps the most misunderstood man in the world." The movie has been banned in several countries for its violation of hate-crime laws.

Retrieved from "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Westboro_Baptist_Church_%28Topeka%29"

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[redacted] (CH) (FBI)
From: [redacted] (KC) (FBI)
To: [redacted] (CyD) (FBI)
Cc: LG_COPENHAGEN
Subject: Westboro Baptist Church
Attachments:

Sent: Fri 8/26/2005 4:35 PM

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[redacted] here are the websites and info re the Phelps clan ---
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Westboro_Baptist_Church_\(Topeka\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Westboro_Baptist_Church_(Topeka)) The information on this site seems to be pretty good, in particular giving background on the members. From the reports we have had they normally have one of the family members that is a lawyer as their spokesperson - the lawyers I know about are [redacted]

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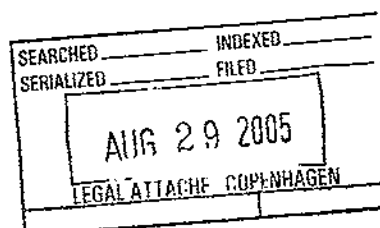
another [redacted] is also a lawyer, but she works for the [redacted] and does not appear to travel as much. As I said, we aren't sure how many members they bring to each protest. We only see them around here - where they are larger in number with more of the older members.

On the wikipedia website note the members portion, it gives you a pretty good rundown regarding the members/family. As I said earlier, their own website both www.godhatesfags.com and www.godhatesamerica.com give their press releases, their fliers and then photos of their most recent protests. I looked at the photos again, there never appears to be more than about 10 or 12 people in the pictures of the protest. They appear to normally have a flag which some kid will drag around and then they will hold upside down (they claim they are flying it as a distress signal - since America is doomed).

Let me know if you have any other questions. Just for the record I talked to HQ recently - [redacted] the UC of Civil Rights and he authorized that I can close the Civil Rights investigation we were ordered to open by DOJ with them as a victim. He also asked that we do a bulletin, since we are now receiving quite a few phone calls, so we will be getting that out sometime soon, but probably not before their trip. Since other groups list them as a hate group, we are kosher on that. Good luck. [redacted]

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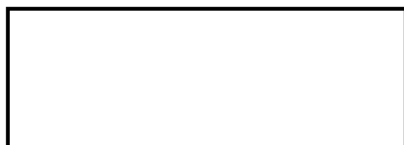
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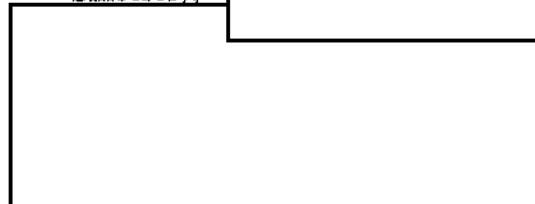
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Comments:

Attached is a response regarding Fred Phelps, who is well-known to the FBI. All information attached to this document is UNCLASSIFIED. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Legal Attache

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/19/2006

To: Copenhagen

From: Copenhagen

Contact: A/ALAT [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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(U) **Title:** ~~(S)~~ PHELPS, FRED, WALDRON
REVEREND FRED WALDRON PHELPS, SR
WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH
FPC - SWEDEN

(U) **Synopsis:** ~~(S)~~ Request captioned case be closed.

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~~(S)~~ **Derived From :** G-3
Declassify On: 09/19/2031

(U) **Details:** ~~(S)~~ Writer conducted a review of captioned case on 9/19/2006 which revealed the [REDACTED] requested information on captioned subject. A formal response in the form of a letter was furnished on 8/26/2005.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ As there is no further investigative action deemed necessary, it is determined captioned case should be closed.

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From: Portland

Squad [REDACTED]

Contact: TFA [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 266N-PD-⁵⁰³⁵⁵~~new~~ (Pending) ⁻¹

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Title: UNSUB(S);
REV. RANDY GREEN;
CHURCH OF THE HAMMER;
AOT-DT WHITE SUPREMACIST EXTREMISTS

Synopsis: [REDACTED]

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Reference: 266N-PD-C47014 Serial 234

Details: On 12/20/05 Writer was assigned to conduct a threat assessment based on a complaint from [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] who lives at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] wrote into the FBI Portland Division e-mail his concerns regarding a group who call themselves the "Church of the Hammer" who are purportedly under the leadership of Reverend Randy Green. Writer followed up by interviewing [REDACTED] over the telephone.

[REDACTED] reported that the Church of the Hammer is an extremely right wing Christian group that adheres to a middle ages Catholic text called the "Malleus Malificarum" (The Witch's Hammer). [REDACTED] reports that this text was a guide to Inquisitors on how to identify witches and other minions of Satan and how to best dispose of them. [REDACTED] also reports that as a part of this church's theology is a hatred for goths, homosexuals, followers of other religions, and they regard mentally retarded people as demons in disguise. [REDACTED] reported

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Reverend Green was supposedly ordained as a minister by Reverend Fred Phelps of the Westboro Baptist Church in Kansas.

[redacted] reported that the Church of the Hammer was originally located somewhere in Colorado, but 8 to 10 years ago they were forced to relocate out of state due to some assaults and an arson by Church members. The Church purportedly moved to the Salem, Massachusetts area. [redacted] stated that Church members have intentionally tried to avoid public attention while they await a sign from God to begin killing God's enemies. Among those enemies would be those among the above list. [redacted] reported the leader of the Church, Reverend Randy Green, was recently arrested for assaulting a goth youth while street preaching. [redacted] expressed concern that Green's incarceration and release may be the "sign from God" the group has been waiting for. [redacted] reported he believed the group had weapons and was worried they would be "another Waco". //

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[redacted] reported he has come to know what he knows because he has engaged in an on-line debate with one of the Church members, known as "Rachel." [redacted] said he has been trying to get Rachel to leave the Church and convince her that it is possible to be gothic and not be a follower of Satan. [redacted] said Rachel is a moderator of a Yahoo Group called "Godhatesgoths" and was moderator of a former group called "Parents Against Goths."

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[redacted] provided the Writer with e-mailed copies of some of the "chat" posted to the Yahoo Group. Among these postings several statements are made that lead the Writer to be concerned about past criminal activity in Colorado and potential future criminal activity against their labeled enemies of God. Among the concerning statements are:

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"That's why they left Colorado and came to Mass, one of our followers was charged with arson and we feared a backlash."

(After writing about the "filthy whore goths and the fallen angel they worship) "We will fight the devil head-on with any means at our disposal. Remember the Bible and the Malleus Maleficarum gives us clear orders to destroy the children of satan, and the enemies of God. Wiccans, retard, satanists, goths, athiests and jews are all our enemy. We are at war here. And we will not stop until your kind burn."

(Rachel writing about her return to the Church while Rev. Green is in jail, writing about their past) "Randy never do anythin for himself, lik those club burnings or that girl he go to poison molgoliods in that care home." (sic)

To: [redacted] Attn: [redacted] From: Portland
Re: 266N-PD, 01/19/2006

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(From a posting from the now closed Yahoo Group Parents Against Goths) "Gods (sic) clear commandments to Kill people he deems to be impure-" This statement is followed by several headings which are then followed by Biblical passages that support the headings. Those headings include:

"Kill People Who Don't Listen to Priests"

"Kill Witches"

"Kill Homosexuals"

"Kill Fortunetellers"

"Death of Hitting Dad"

"Death for Cursing Parents"

"Death for Adultery"

"Death for Fornication"

"Death to Followers of Other Religions"

"Kill Nonbelievers"

"Kill False Prophets"

"Kill the Entire Town if One Person Worships Another God"

"Kill Women Who Are Not Virgins On their Wedding Night"

"Death for Blasphemy"

"Infidels and Gays Should Die"

"Kill People for Working on the Sabbath"

Writer attempted to verify some of the events alluded to in the postings, specifically the club arson, child poisonings, Rev. Green's arrest for assault, and evidence of a move from Colorado to Massachusetts. Writer conducted extensive computer searches on the Internet, Lexis, and ACS and found no evidence to identify the existence or whereabouts of the Church, identities of Church members or the validity of the reported events. Writer contacted Denver Colorado Police and Jefferson County (Colorado) Sheriff's Detectives to try to confirm the Colorado events. Writer contacted Boston and Salem (Mass.) Police Detectives Units and found no record of Rev. Green or his arrest. Writer contacted the Massachusetts State Police Criminal Information Section and could not locate evidence of Rev. Green or his arrest. Writer learned that there are many jurisdictions in that area that maintain independent data bases that Writer may have not been able to access. Additionally, the Salem, Mass. area is close in proximity to other states and Rev. Green could have been arrested outside of Massachusetts. Writer contacted the Southern Poverty Law Center Security Division and found they had no record of the Church or Reverend Green.

Writer anticipated that given the extensive searches he had already conducted, given the limited information provided by [redacted] and the postings, it is still possible for the Church and

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Re: 266N-PD, 01/19/2006

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Rev. Green to exist. Therefore, Writer looked into a blog of one of the Yahoo Group members and found postings by Rev. Green referring to more specific information regarding "Rachel" to include allegations that she had been once charged with assault on a homosexual and charged with calling in a bomb threat to an abortion clinic. Additionally, in that blog posting, Green refers to a former member being charged with arson of a "heavy metal" rock club in 1998. Writer will attempt to follow up those events through open sources and law enforcement contacts.

Writer believes that in order to gather enough information about the Church of the Hammer, Rev. Randy Green, its members, and the potential for the threat of future crimes as well as evidence of past crimes against people the Church deems enemies of God, Writer will need to take further investigative steps that go beyond the scope of a threat assessment. Writer believes adequate information could be gathered by investigative means that will have little intrusion into the Church and its members in order to determine if a full field investigation is warranted. Writer has taken steps to initiate collection of postings to the "Godhatesgoths" bulletin board under a covert Internet identity in order to gather more information. During such gathering of postings, it is possible Writer may be required to engage in on-line dialogue either through postings, e-mail, or real-time instant messaging.

Writer believes that given the seriousness of the crimes alluded to that Church members may have committed in Colorado and the potential for criminal activity in the future based on statements of Biblical support for murder of the enemies of God, [redacted]

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Re: 266N-PD, 01/19/2006

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To: SAC, Portland

From: TFA [redacted] (266N-PD-^{50355 / JEP}~~647014~~-ELA) (P)For FBI Field Office use only
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Rev. Randy Green

Contact: TFA [redacted]

Phone: [redacted]

Squad: Squad [redacted]

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12. Synopsis of Case: (Attach additional page if necessary)

Church of the Hammer is purportedly a group of people who espouse hatred for various groups including but not limited to goths, witches, homosexuals, people of other religions, sexually promiscuous people, and others who do not share their view of Christianity. It was reported that this group has possibly already committed arson to "clubs" of an unknown variety and intentionally poisoned mentally retarded children in Colorado before relocating to Massachusetts. It was reported that this group has arms and is waiting for a sign from God to begin killing those whom he hates. Writer has attempted to positively identify the location of this group and its purported leader, Rev. Randy Green, through [redacted] and other law enforcement agencies. However,

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Field Approval: Squad Supervisor [redacted]

13. CDC (If Applicable)

Signature [redacted]

14. SAC/ASAC

Signature [redacted]

1.18.06 FBIHQ Approval

15. Unit Chief (If Sensitive Circumstances Exist)

Signature [redacted]

Date: [redacted]

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Re: 266N-PD-C47014-ELA, 01/18/2006

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this group has not garnered attention and Writer has been unable to confirm the allegations regarding this group. The Church of the Hammer maintains a Yahoo Group called "godhatesgoths." Writer believes that the best way to gather intelligence for [REDACTED] and possible criminal investigation should allegations turn out to be valid regarding Church of the Hammer is to view their Yahoo Group postings that are available on the Internet. However, a Yahoo screen identity (UC) is required to join the Yahoo Group and approval via private e-mail from the Group moderator (rachelsprayers) is required. Writer does not believe the moderator turns anyone away as the complainant in this case has openly opposed Church of the Hammer doctrine and has regularly engaged in debate as well as has urged the moderator to leave the Church. The complainant has not been kicked out of the group despite such opposition. Writer anticipates that most of the intelligence gathered will be from viewing postings that are open to the whole group membership, however, some person to person e-mailing may take place in the course of viewing bulletin board postings. Because of this possibility, Writer requests approval for consensual monitoring authority of the Writer's accessing "Godhatesgoths" Yahoo Group.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 02/03/2006

On 01/05/2006 Writer interviewed [redacted] over the telephone. [redacted] identified himself by DOB [redacted] SSN [redacted] and stated he lived at [redacted] with a telephone number of [redacted]. Writer informed [redacted] of the purpose of the interview and [redacted] provided the following information.

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[redacted] stated he made a report to the FBI regarding the Church of the Hammer because he was afraid of seriousness of Church members' statements and he feared it might turn out to be "another Waco." [redacted] said he began engaging in on-line debate in a Yahoo chat group about 4 months earlier. He described himself as a "Christian Goth" and wanted to check out the chat in the Yahoo group. He said the Church of the Hammer had a prior chat group called "Parents Against Goths" but Yahoo allegedly shut that group down after a posting by a Church member in which several Biblical passages were cited that support the killing of many different classes of people (witches, members of other churches, gays, fornicators, etc.). [redacted] said the current Yahoo group is called "Godhatesgoths" of which he is an active member. [redacted] has said that his participation has been for the purpose of dissuading Church members of their beliefs that goths are satanic and he has actively encouraged the moderator, "Rachel", to leave the Church.

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[redacted] said he has learned of the Church's history by communicating with former members. He said the group originated in Colorado about 20 years ago. He said the Church's leader is "Reverend Randy Green" who received his ordination from Reverend Fred Phelps (of the Westboro Baptist Church, an openly anti-gay group from Topeka, Kansas). [redacted] said that the Church left Colorado after some members burned some bars and assaulted retarded people. Daniels explained that the Church regarded mentally retarded people as "demons in disguise". [redacted] said the Church moved to the Salem, Massachusetts area about 8 to 10 years ago.

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[redacted] said the Church reveres a medieval text called the "Maleus Malificarum" which translated to English means "The Witch's Hammer". [redacted] said this text guided the medieval Catholic Church in its witch hunts and describes how to spot servants of Satan and how to destroy them. He said their intent in the move to Salem was to start a witch hunt again. He said they

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claim members in every state and have 200 members in Salem. He said they are trying to set up a website and publish a book. He said the goal of the Church is to convert or kill non-believers.

[REDACTED] said during his time engaging in the on-line debate, his personal e-mail has been hacked. He said his personal e-mail address that he uses in the Yahoo group [REDACTED] was hacked. He said friends reported seeing his profile actively on-line during time periods he wasn't using the Internet. He also said his e-mail was used to send "hate mail" to others. He said he doesn't know who hacked his e-mail, but he said it started after he began debating Church members on-line. He said his screen name in the Yahoo group is [REDACTED]

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Writer asked [REDACTED] what he knew about the current Church members. [REDACTED] said the current group moderator is "Rachel Sprayers". He said she was supposedly raped by a Church member, was told to marry her rapists, left the Church, returned to the Church, and is currently living in their "compound" in Massachusetts.

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[REDACTED] said the Reverend Randy Green is currently in jail for an assault on a goth teenager. The assault allegedly occurred while Green was street preaching. [REDACTED] didn't know where Green was incarcerated, but thought he would be able to find documentation on-line of a news article. [REDACTED] later reported he was unable to find the article as the anti-abortion site it was quoted on was "shut down" when he went back to find it.)

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[REDACTED] also identified another board moderator as "Colin."

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[REDACTED] said he believes the Church is waiting for a sign from God to move en masse and is concerned that Reverend Green's release from jail may be that sign. He said that they consider Green to be a "prophet." He said the Church is planning on moving on goth clubs, group homes for retarded people, civil rights organizations (he explained that the Church believes black people are witches in disguise) and possibly on gay people/organizations. He said Church members have stated on their Yahoo group board that they have weapons. When Writer asked him what kind of weapons they supposedly have and he said, "guns."

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[REDACTED] said he is still actively engaged in the "Godhatesgoths" group. Writer asked him if there were other people

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in the group that were anti-Church of the Hammer's position. He said there were about 5 other people who shared his opinions, but he could only remember the name of one of them, "Becka."

Writer requested that forward via e-mail other group postings that may be relevant to this inquiry and shed light on group membership identities, philosophies, plans, threats, past crimes, or location confirmation.

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Portland, Oregon
April 20, 2006

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Church of the Hammer

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On 01/19/2006 [redacted]

[redacted] person(s) who are sponsors of a Yahoo! group and who are purportedly part of a religious group referred to as the Church of the Hammer. Information was given to the Writer by [redacted] who encountered this group on the Internet. [redacted] informed Writer that the group had originated in Colorado, but had moved to Massachusetts about 9 years ago after church members were involved in criminal activity. [redacted] informed writer that members of church had discussed waiting for a sign from God to begin attacking enemies of God. Among these enemies are Goths, homosexuals, members of other religions, witches, and retarded people. [redacted] reported that the church adheres to a medieval text called the Malleus Malificarum, which translates into "The Witch's Hammer". This text instructs the faithful on how to identify minions of Satan and how to best dispose of them. [redacted] reported that he had seen Internet chat that indicated that the group had a cache of weapons and he was afraid the group would hurt people. He reported that the church's leader whom he knew as Reverend Randy Green was currently incarcerated for assaulting a Gothic youth while street preaching. He feared that Rev. Green's release from jail might be the sign from God the group was waiting for.

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[redacted] only source of information on which he was reporting was from his observations of and participation in an online chat group sponsored by Church of the Hammer members in Yahoo! He has no firsthand knowledge of the identities or whereabouts of the Church of the Hammer members.

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Writer began to research the Yahoo! group and the groups members. The current Yahoo! group is titled "godhatesgoths". It apparently took the place of a former group that was shut down by Yahoo! after there was reported threats contained in the group chat. The former group was called "parentsagainstgoths". Writer has engaged in covert group membership for the purposes of identifying Church of the Hammer members and determine if a valid threat exists. Writer has also attempted to identify group members through open sources such as [redacted]

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Internet, [] law enforcement databases, and private organizations such as Southern Poverty Law Center and the National Abortion Rights center. During the investigation, Writer has identified three main screen personas in the group that appear to be members of the Church of the Hammer. Based on reading past messages contained in the group as well as information posted on an Internet blog site run by a group member (but not purported church member), Writer has learned the following information about the church members which to date, other than for what is written in the posts, cannot be independently confirmed without further identifying information.

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Reverend Randy Green is the purported spiritual leader of the group. He was allegedly ordained 20 years ago by Reverend Fred Phelps of the Westboro Baptist Church in Whichita, Kansas. Rev. Phelps is best known for his website "Godhatesfags.com" and his strong anti-homosexual and anti-abortion views and protests. Reverend Green established the Church of the Hammer somewhere in Colorado. About 8 or 9 years ago he was forced to move the group to Massachusetts after a church member committed arson on a gothic night club. Another church member allegedly poisoned some retarded children in a group home, but was not investigated as no deaths occurred. Reverend Green allegedly moved the group to Massachusetts to be near Salem, invoking the connection to witch hunting. Reverend Green allegedly was arrested around October 2005 while street preaching for assaulting a gothic teenager. Reverend Green has acted as the Yahoo! group moderator in the past. Based on a posting to separate blog, Reverend Green stated he lived in Southwick, MA. According to a recent posting by Rev. Colin Todd, Reverend Green will be released from jail soon and is going to publish a book on the evils of goths.

Reverend Colin Todd is the current moderator of the Yahoo! group. He has stated that he resides in Massachusetts and at some time in his life has resided in Europe. He came to Reverend Green's church after being stabbed by a gothic person.

Rachel LNU (a.k.a. Jenn LNU) is a former moderator of the group. She has engaged in active debate with group members who purport themselves to be Christian Goths over the theology of the church. She has posted messages to a blog site run by one of the Christian Goths who is a group member. During a time frame in 2005, Rachel was purportedly on the run from the church after having been raped by a church member and having attempts made for her to marry the rapist. In that time frame, Rachel mentioned in a blog posting that she had once been a member of Westboro Baptist church (and makes reference to Fred Phelps), that she had

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assaulted gays at the behest of Rev. Phelps, that she had been convicted in 2001 for making a bomb threat to an abortion clinic and for stalking a woman. She made statements that Rev. Phelps abandoned her after her arrest and Reverend Green supported her. Rachel mentioned that Rev. Green has a cache of weapons at their "compound" (a word also used at Westboro Baptist to describe the group of homes owned by core church members). Rachel claimed that there are church members throughout the United States conducting surveillance on potential targets. Rachel also mentioned the arsons at the Gothic night clubs in Colorado and poisoning of retarded children in the group home. During her time away from the church, Rachel signed her postings using the name "Jenn" and noted to the blog host that she was using her real name since she was away from the church. Rachel returned to the Yahoo! group and the church some time later. Rachel mentioned in several postings that she has an infant daughter named Eve that was the result of her rape.

Writer is continuing to attempt to confirm the identities of Reverend Randy Green, Colin Todd, and Rachel LNU to determine if the Church of the Hammer exists as purported, whether any of the criminal activities mentioned have actually occurred, and whether there appears to be any current threats of future criminal activity. Once identities are obtained, Writer will forward the case information to the appropriate field office/jurisdiction.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 04/24/2006

To: Portland

From: Portland

Squad ☐

Contact: TFA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

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Title: UNSUB(S);
REV. RANDY GREEN;
CHURCH OF THE HAMMER

Synopsis: LHM produced and forwarded to AUSA's office.

Enclosure(s): Copy of LHM

Details: On 04/20/2006 Writer produced a LHM outlining details of this case for AUSA ☐. Writer forwarded the LHM to ☐ via fax along with a request for a grand jury subpoena for ☐

The purpose of the subpoena request is to

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/27/2006

To: Portland

Attn: Evidence Control Center

From: Portland

Squad ☐

Contact: TFA ☐

Approved By: ☐

Drafted By: ☐

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Title: UNSUB(S);
REV. RANDY GREEN;
CHURCH OF THE HAMMER;
AOT-DT WHITE SUPREMACIST EXTREMISTS

Synopsis: To document late submission of general evidence.

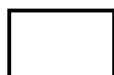
Details: The item of evidence listed in this case under number 1B1 was submitted beyond the 10 calendar day regulation. The item was received by Writer from the Grand Jury. The item remained in the sealed envelope until placed into the evidence room. The item remained from the time/date of collection to the time placed into the evidence room in Writer's desk which is located inside a secured workspace. Writer did not get the evidence placed into the evidence room within the 10 days of receipt due to the demands of another ongoing investigation which took Writer's attention and time.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/13/2007

To: [redacted]

Portland

Attn: [redacted]

SSA [redacted]

From: Portland

Squad [redacted]

Contact: TFA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 266N-PD-50355-7 (Pending)

Title: CHURCH OF THE HAMMER;
REV. RANDY GREEN;
UNSUB(S);
AOT-DT WHITE SUPREMACIST EXTREMISTS

Synopsis: To outline investigation and request closure of this investigation due to lack of evidence of criminal activity and evidence suggestive that the suspect(s) in this case are fictitious.

Details: Writer was originally assigned to conduct a [redacted] based on a complaint by [redacted] DOB [redacted] who encountered a group that caused [redacted] to become concerned.

[redacted] reported to Writer that there was a Yahoo! chat group called "Godhatesgoths". That group was purportedly founded by members of a church that he referred to as "The Church of the Hammer." The basic premise of the church was a fundamentalist Christian theology supplemented by the "Malleus Malificarum" (Latin for "Witch's Hammer") a mideval Catholic text designed to seek out and identify witches and other minions of Satan.

[redacted] said the Church of the Hammer (COH) thought that "goths" (people who ascribe to pop-culture gothic style) are modern day minions of Satan. COH also considers homosexuals, witches/wicca, pagans, handicapped people, mentally retarded people, fornicators, non-whites, and non-Christians to all be predestined for hell. COH purportedly actively called for the "death" of those within the above listed categories.

[redacted] reported to Writer that the COH was led by Reverend Randy Green. COH was purportedly located in Massachusetts, but had originated in Colorado. Rev. Green was ordained by Fred Phelps of the Westboro Baptist Church in Kansas,



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but split away from Westboro. While COH was active in Colorado one of the COH members allegedly set fire to a "goth" night club and was arrested and convicted for arson. Additionally, another COH member worked in a group home for retarded children and poisoned the children. However there were no fatalities and the worker was not discovered. The COH purportedly left Colorado around 1998 to avoid being associated with the two listed crimes.

Writer examined the postings of "Godhatesgoths" using a fictitious Yahoo! profile. Writer also was able to examine the information put forth by the purported COH members who acted at various times as moderators for the chat group. By examining the group postings as well as a blog of a regular poster (non-COH), Writer learned the following details about the church members (the details are revealed through postings, however it is unknown to the veracity of the information):

Reverend Randy Green: Vietnam veteran, ordained under Pastor Fred Phelps of Westboro Baptist Church, expelled from his pastorate of a Baptist church for using a "Catholic" book (Malleus Malificarum), arrested in the fall of 2005 and jailed for almost a year for assaulting a gothic youth who approached him while he was street preaching. Has a "compound" in Massachusetts where they are stockpiling weapons and explosives. This compound was searched by Massachusetts State Police at one time.

Rachel LNU, a.k.a. "Jenn": Purportedly started out under Pastor Fred Phelps at Westboro Baptist. At the behest of Phelps, Rachel allegedly assaulted two homosexuals. When investigated for the assault, Phelps disavowed Rachel and she attached herself to Rev. Green. Rachel claimed to have been convicted of making a bomb threat to an abortion clinic around 2001. Rachel claimed to have been raped by a COH member and have been forced by Rev. Green to marry her rapist. She claimed to have had a baby from the rape.

Rev. Colin Todd: Claims to be a former goth from Europe. He claimed to have been stabbed and almost died. This experience led him to Rev. Green to help him get away from gothic lifestyle. He was in control of COH while Rev. Green was "incarcerated".

Ruthy Clark: Purported COH member whose postings usually consist of misspelled racial epithets, threats, and curse words. No biographical data gleaned.

Writer attempted through postings to the chat group to elicit help from Rev. Green. The plea for help was constructed

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in a request for means of direct contact in order to obtain identifying information (church address, phone number, etc.). Writer's attempts at soliciting such information was unsuccessful.

Writer could not locate via open sources (Internet, media, Lexis Nexis, etc.) any information to substantiate the existence of Rev. Green or the church. Among the other means Writer took to verify the existence and identity of COH and its members:

Contacted Boston Police, Salem (MA) Police, Southwick (MA) Police and Massachusetts State Police to check on Rev. Green's assault charge and incarceration (even looking for assaults against minors and not using Green's name) and search of COH compound. Negative results.

Contacted Denver Police and Denver Fire Department to ascertain whether there was an arson at a night club as described. No arsons or "poisoning" of group home were identified.

Contacted members of Topeka and Wichita Kansas Police Departments who have had long standing experience with Westboro Baptist Church. Neither department could confirm any of the biographical information gleaned from the web postings.

Contacted [redacted] to check for a female convicted of making a bomb threat to an abortion clinic between 1999 and 2002. Negative results.

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Contacted the National Abortion Federation to check for a female who made bomb threat to an abortion clinic between 1999 and 2002. Negative results.

After Rev. Green was "released" from prison, he began making postings to the chat group again. He wrote about establishing a web site in the near future for his church that would focus on anti-goth issues. He also claimed to be writing a book as well.

Writer obtained Grand Jury subpoena [redacted]

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Writer continued to monitor the chat group for further information regarding the identities of COH members or further evidence that COH members were planning anything illegal. While COH members continued virulent ranting against goths and other groups, there were not any overt threats made against any persons. The "death" and other means of retribution mentioned by COH members were mostly of a spiritual nature, assuring those goths who challenged Rev. Green on the site that they would go to hell.

On 03-14-2007 Writer went to ~~Godhatesgoths.com~~, the web site produced by "Rev. Green". On that site under the "About Us" page, there is a disclaimer in very small print that reads:

"DISCLAIMER: the Gohatesgoths website, Parents Against Goth Movement and Gods Hammer Baptist Church are complete works of fiction. It is a satire/parody. . .Nor do we state that we agree in anyway with any of the content or views or beliefs within these articles, or with the fictional views of the fictional character Rev RG Green, or any of his fictional followers or fictional members of his fictional Church. This site is meant to be viewed as black humor, parody and satire on very real people and organisations (sic) out there, who DO think goth and metal is the devil's music. For more information on people who really are speaking out against rock and goth music please view our resources section. . ."

Based on the fact that Writer could not verify any of the biographical data provided within the narrative text of the chat room postings coupled with the recent establishment of the Godhatesgoths.com site, Writer does not believe a threat exists from the COH, that COH purported members are not real individuals and Writer believes based on the evidence that this is the work of an individual in the United Kingdom.

Based on the above information, Writer requests this case be closed.

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Re: 266N-PD-50355, 03/13/2007

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LEAD(s) :

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/06/2007

To: Portland

Attn: Evidence Technicians

From: Portland

Squad ☐

Contact: TFA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: 266N-PD-50355 (Closed)

Title: REV. RANDY GREEN;
UNSUB(S);
CHURCH OF THE HAMMER;
WHITE SUPREMACY;
AOT-DT

Synopsis: To direct disposition of evidence for closed case.

Details: This captioned case was closed after the investigation revealed that the threat posed by the Church of the Hammer did not exist as the Church, Rev. Green, and all purported church members were an Internet fictional creation.

One item of evidence was collected and listed as item "1B1" in this case. It is ☐ This item was obtained via Grand Jury subpoena and is no longer needed. Writer requests Portland Evidence Technicians to destroy this item in accordance with FBI policy.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/18/2007

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From: Portland

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Title: REV. RANDY GREEN;
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Synopsis: Advise of disposal of evidence item.

Reference: 266N-PD-50355 Serial 8

Details: On 06/18/2007, ECT [REDACTED] handled the evidence disposition as requested in referenced serial.

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Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure☐ Yes☒ No

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PORTLAND FBI

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hereby authorize _____ and

_____, ^{N/A} ~~Special Agents~~ of theFederal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to ~~place a~~ RECORD☐ Body Recorder☒ COMPUTER/MODEM ^{ACTIVITY} ~~on my person~~ for the purpose of recording any conversations/COMMUNICATIONS☐ Transmitterwith "GODHATESGOTHS" YAHOO GROUP MEMBERS

(Name of Subject(s))

and others as yet unknown which I may have on or about 1-18-06 and

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continuing thereafter until such time as either I revoke my permission or the FBI terminates the investigation.

^{N/A}
 I have given this written permission to the ~~above named~~ ^{N/A} ~~Special Agents~~ voluntarily and without threats or promises of any kind. I understand that I must be a party to any conversation in order to record that conversation. I therefore agree not to leave the recording equipment unattended or take any other action which is likely to result in the recording of conversations to which I am not a party.

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"GOD HATES GOTH" GROUP STILL ACTIVE

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REV. RANDY GREEN - ORDAINED BY
"GODHATESTAGS.COM"

← REV. FRED PHELPS - GAY PROTESTOR

SOME MEMBERS BURNED BARS &
ASSAULTED RETARDS - DEMONS IN DISGUISE

MOVED TO SALEM, MASS. 8-10 YRS AGO

COH. REVERERS "MALEUS MALIFICARUM"

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WITCHES HUNT

BRANCHES IN EVERY STATE

200 MEMBERS IN SALEM

CURRENTLY TRYING TO SET UP

WEBSITE & PUBLISH

GOAL IS TO CONVERT OR KILL
NON-BELIEVERS

PERSONAL E-MAIL BEEN HACKED, IN PART

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PEOPLE BEEN POSING AS WE
USING THEIR E-MAIL TO SEND
HATE MAIL UNK. SUSP. IN
HACKING.

↳ STARTED IN DEBATING ORG,

CURRENT MEMBERS:

RACHAEL SPRAYERS - CURRENT GROUP
MODERATOR

SHE WAS RAPED BY COH MEMBER

↳ TOLD TO MARRY MEMBER

LEFT, CAME BACK & IS LIVING
IN COMPOUND IN MASS.

→ GREEN IS IN TAIL FOR ASSAULT
MINOR / STREET PREACHER
MONTH AGO PRIOR TO BOARDS
BEING SHUT DOWN.

→ "COLIN" OTHER BOARD MODERATOR

THEY ARE WAITING FOR SIGN TO MOVE
EN MASSE.

COH, PLANS ON MOVING ON
BOTH CLUBS, RETARD HOMES,
CIVIL RIGHTS ORGS (BLACKS ARE
WHICHES IN DISGUISE) POSS. GAYS
COH HAS STAYED ON THEIR BOARD
THEY HAVE WEAPONS "GUNS"

→ CURRENTLY WI IS STILL URGING
RACHEL TO LEAVE GROUP.

WI SEES THIS AS A "WACO"
SITUATION

SIGN" FROM GOD? → POINTS TO RANDY
GREEN AS PROPHET.

WI IN GROUP. IS [REDACTED] AN GROUPS.

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5 OTHER "FRIENDLIES" ACTIVE IN
GROUP: "BECKA" ONLY ONE CAN
REMEMBER.

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GREEN, RANDY.
CHURCH OF THE HAMMER

Date Property Acquired: Source from which Property Acquired:

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Anticipated Disposition: Acquired By: Case Agent:

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Description of Property:

Date Entered

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Barcode: E03852753 Location: ECR

07/18/2006

Case Number: 266N-PD-50355
Owning Office: PORTLAND

Chain of Custody FD-192

Case ID . : 266N-PD-50355

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Barcode . : E03850753

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Printed Name:

Signature:

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Reason:..Collected..... Date/Time: 06-27-06 / 0930 AM

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Printed Name:

Signature:

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Printed Name:

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WEAPONS CHECKED & CLEARED BY FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR

Printed Name:..... Signature:..... Date:.....

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Description of Property:

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Barcode: E02386169

Location: ELSUR

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases UNSUB; MAKING THREATS AGAINST FRED PHELPS, WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH AND ITS MEMBERS, TOPEKA, KANSAS	Character of case FACE ☐ Protect Source LT. [REDACTED] TOPEKA PD
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Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 3/12/96 Time 10:30AM
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Address of subject	Complainant's address and telephone number TOPEKA, KANSAS PHONE [REDACTED]
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Race	Sex ☒ Male ☐ Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	Social Security Number
Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint
On today's date, LT. [REDACTED] Topeka PD, Phone [REDACTED] called the FBI regarding an unsub male who made three threatening calls to the Mayors Office, Police Chiefs Secretary, and Capital Journal Newspaper. The caller stated he had hired "LOS HOMBRES" and 30 other people and gangs who were going to take care of the FRED PHELPS Family and the Westboro Baptist Church and members, "once and for all" and it would be a worse situation than "Waco".

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FRED PHELPS and members of the Westboro Baptist Church are well known figures in Topeka for picketing especially gay establishments including some churches in the area.

LT. [REDACTED] stated the reason he was notifying the FBI is he feels he is dealing with an explosive situation and these are hate crimes.

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On 3/11/96, [REDACTED] called the office regarding the threats made against her family and church and wanted to know what the FBI was going to do about this situation. She wanted a call back and her phone numbers are (home) [REDACTED] and (work) [REDACTED]

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Submit FD-618 w/I 5 workdays
Report to be submitted w/I 21 days - 21
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LT. [] also stated they opened up three files on this and if the FBI wanted copies of these three files they could send someone to the Law Enforcement Center, Records Division, 320 S. Kansas, Topeka, Kansas. These three case file numbers are 7739-96, 7741-96, 7743-96.

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Acting Supervisory Special Agent [] advised on today's date.

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ORGANIZED MAY 20, 1956
Fred W. Phelps, Pastor

Westboro Baptist Church and Library

3701 West 12th • P.O. Box 1886 • TOPEKA, KANSAS 66604
Office: 913/273-0325 Library: 913/273-0338

March 12, 1996

Mayor Harry L. "Butch" Felker
City Hall

Topeka, Kansas

FAX 295.3850 and Hand-Delivered 3/12/96

TPD Chief Forrest D. Forster

Police Headquarters

Topeka, Kansas

FAX 368.9458 and Hand-Delivered 3/12/96

Gentlemen:

According to TPD Lt. [REDACTED] A Hispanic male made terroristic threats against our church members by telephone on March 11, 1996, to the Police Department, the Mayor's Office and The Topeka Capital-Journal's office. We verified this by calling the Mayor's Office and the Capital-Journal office. The threats were as follows: That they were sick and tired of this city not doing anything about Phelps; that they had hired about 30 people in the aggregate known as Los Hombres to take care of the problem; that there is going to be another Waco; that the SRS better take custody of the children of our church, because otherwise some children also will be killed.

Notwithstanding these latest threats, Lt. [REDACTED] insisted there will be no resumption of police presence and protection at our pickets. When we attempted to telephone Chief Forster, we were told he was in a meeting. We were told that Mayor Felker was out of town. By this letter, I am requesting that each of you turn prompt attention to this matter.

We advised Lt. [REDACTED] that two Hispanic males named [REDACTED] had recently made terrorist threats against us outside Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, and that we have duly filed police reports about those threats and about assaults and batteries committed against us by Hispanic males outside said church in recent days. We have video footage of these crimes against us by Hispanic males, and we have made same available to the police department. To our knowledge, nothing has been done about these crimes against us. And; it appears, even now, you are failing, refusing and neglecting to investigate and prosecute these latest terroristic threats.

CAVEAT: You two gentlemen, by not enforcing the law on our behalf, and by refusing to give us police protection, are encouraging more violent crimes against us, including these latest murder threats against our church members and their children. We routinely advise

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Mssrs. Felker and Forster
 March 12, 1996
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you of the times and locations of our pickets, so you have no excuse for not knowing where we are at all times during the week. Our taxes help pay the \$15 million in annual salaries and perks to the 300 oath-bound officers, (each of whom is sworn to serve and protect us); together with the \$20 million annual police department budget and the additional millions in capital outlays and improvements. It is not because you do not have more than sufficient manpower and equipment and resources to adequately protect us. It is rather because you and each of you are corruptly yielding to perverse political pressure. In a word, you two gentlemen are cowards and traitors.

CAVEAT: You and each of you are herewith further advised, that if harm comes to any of our people – our lives, limbs or property – in addition to holding the city responsible, we intend to hold each of you personally and individually responsible, morally and legally. Nothing but a slavish and servile pandering to irrational, lynchmob hysteria of the mindless masses, whipped up to a foam and a froth by a rabidly pro-homosexual media, accounts for your cowardly conduct herein. A certain amount of crass demagoguery may be tolerable in some instances. But this is not one of them! Where human life and limb are at risk, demagoguery has no place! You two gentlemen should govern yourselves accordingly.

We also alert and advise Catholic Church officials in Topeka, Kansas City, Washington, D.C., and Rome, that if they are intentionally harboring and/or encouraging the [redacted] or others who have committed violence against us and/or are threatening violence against us, we will hold all culpable actors before, during or after the fact of harm to any of us, both morally and legally responsible. These are not the Dark Ages, (we trust), when Catholics violently persecuted Baptists to the death, with the connivance of corrupt governments.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Pastor Fred Phelps

cc: Kansas Attorney General Carla Stovall, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, the Topeka, Kansas City and Washington, D.C. offices of the FBI, other public officials, Catholic Church officials including [redacted] of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, [redacted] of Kansas City [redacted] of Washington, D.C., and media outlets, both religious (Kansas Roman Catholic "Leaven", et al.) and secular.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 Attn: Criminal Investigative Division
 Civil Rights Unit

FROM: SAC, Kansas City

Date: March 18, 1996

1. Title: (use additional page if necessary)

UNSUB;
 MAKING THREATS AGAINST
 FRED PHELPS - PASTOR,
 WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH;
 TOPEKA, KANSAS
 CIVIL RIGHTS (E)
 4/9/96

BUDED:

RE:

2. Office of Origin File No: 44E-KC-76248 (include alpha)

3. Auxiliary Office File No: _____ (initial submission only)

4. ☒ initial submission _____ Supplemental submission

5. Matter Type: (check more than one if applicable)

A. Brutality ☐ No Brutality
☐ Law Enforcement ☐ Law Enforcement
☐ Non-Law Enforcement ☒ Non-Law Enforcement

B. Violence
☐ Racial ☐ Religious ☐ Other

C. ISS Matters
☐ Migrant Victim ☐ Other

D. Known/Suspected Extremist Group
☐ Klan ☐ Other _____

Use to describe above (check all applicable)

☐ Arson ☐ Injury ☐ Property damage
☐ Death ☐ No Injury ☐ Cross burning

6. Date of incident 3/12/96 7. Date of complaint 3/12/96

8. Synopsis of case: On March 12, 1996, an unknown male, believed to be Hispanic, made three threatening telephone calls to the Mayor's office, Police Department, and the local newspaper. The caller stated he had hired "Los Hombres" and thirty other people and gangs who were going to take care of Fred Phelps family and the Westboro Baptist Church members, once and for all.

It is noted that Phelps and his church members are very vocal and out-spoken in their dislike of the gay community.

9. Significant case: ☐ Yes ☒ No (if yes, provide reason) _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/02/1996

To: FBIHQ-HQ

From: Kansas City

TRA

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] eisg

Case ID #: 44E-KC-76248 (Pending)

Title: UNSUBS;
THREATS AGAINST FRED PHELPS-PASTOR,
WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH;
TOPEKA, KANSAS,
03/11/1996;
CIVIL RIGHTS (E)

Synopsis: Submission of report on captioned matter to the Bureau is overdue.

Details: As of 04/28/1996, report on captioned matter is being corrected and retyped in Kansas City Division. Report will be submitted to FBIHQ as soon as completed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE Kansas City	OFFICE OF ORIGIN Kansas City	DATE 4/19/96	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/20/96 - 4/6/96
TITLE OF CASE "CHANGED UNSUB; THREATS AGAINST FRED PHELPS - PASTOR, WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH; TOPEKA, KANSAS, CIVIL RIGHTS (E) 3/11/96		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY: JSL
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS (E)	

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Title marked "changed" to reflect date of threat as 3/11/96."

REFERENCE: FD-610 dated 3/18/96.

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APPROVED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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DISPATCHED CITIES ON VIEW	NAME OF AGENCY Topeka Police Dept	CASE NUMBER 7741-96
DATE OFFENSE STARTED MM DD CC YY 03 11 1996	TIME HR MM 13 20	DATE OFFENSE ENDED MM DD CC YY 03 11 1996
TIME HR MM 13 25	DATE OF REPORT MM DD CC YY 03 12 1996	
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE DATE MM DD CC YY	EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE A. ☐ DEATH OF OFFENDER D. ☐ VICTIM REFUSES TO TESTIFY	B. ☐ PROSECUTION DENIED E. ☐ JUVENILE - NO CUSTODY C. ☐ EXTRADITION DENIED N. ☒ NOT APPLICABLE

INCIDENT	REPORT AREA 441	TIME REPORTED 0800	TIME ARRIVED 0805	TIME CLEARED 1033
	CHAPTER 21	SECTION 3419	SUB 1	SUB 2
	DESCRIPTION Terroristic Threat			
	PREMISE # OF PREM. DATE / TIME CAMPUS CODE METHOD OF ENTRY 99 F ☐ FORCE N ☒ NO FORCE			
OFFENSE # 1	TYPE OF THEFT M. ☐ COIN MACHINE B. ☐ FROM BUILDING A. ☐ M V PARTS & ACCESSORIES L. ☐ SHOPLIFTING P. ☐ POCKET-PICKING S. ☐ PURSE SNATCHING			
	E. ☐ EMBEZZLEMENT T. ☐ POSS. STOLEN PROPERTY V. ☐ MOTOR VEHICLE F. ☐ THEFT FROM M V Q. ☐ ALL OTHER N. ☒ NOT APPLICABLE			
	TYPE OF FORCE / WEAPON 11. ☐ FIREARM ☐ AUTO 12. ☐ HANDGUN ☐ AUTO 13. ☐ RIFLE ☐ AUTO 14. ☐ SHOTGUN ☐ AUTO 15. ☐ OTHER FIREARM ☐ AUTO			
	20. ☐ KNIFE / CUT INSTR. 30. ☐ BLUNT OBJECT 35. ☐ MOTOR VEHICLE 40. ☐ PERSONAL WEAPON 50. ☐ POISON 60. ☐ EXPLOSIVE			
OFFENSE #	TYPE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY (SELECT UP TO 3) B. ☐ BUYING / RECEIVING C. ☐ CULT / MANU / PUBL D. ☐ DIST / SELLING E. ☐ EXPLOITING CHILDREN			
	Q. ☐ OPER / PROMOTE / ASSIST P. ☐ POSSESS / CONCEALING T. ☐ TRANS / TRANSMIT / IMPORT U. ☐ USING / CONSUMING			
	LOCAL CODE			
	SELECT UP TO THREE			

VICTIM # 1	TYPE OF VICTIM I. ☐ INDIVIDUAL S. ☐ SOCIETY / PUBLIC R. ☒ RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION O. ☐ OTHER B. ☐ BUSINESS F. ☐ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION G. ☐ GOVERNMENT U. ☐ UNKNOWN		VICTIM OF OFFENSE NUMBER (CIRCLE) ① 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10																	
	NAME: LAST Phelps FIRST Fred MIDDLE																			
	ADDRESS: STREET 3701 SW 12TH CITY Topeka STATE KS ZIP 66604																			
	TELEPHONE NUMBER (HOME) 273-0325																			
VICTIM # 2	DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER		D L STATE		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		EMPLOYER / SCHOOL Pastor													
	TELEPHONE NUMBER (WORK / SCHOOL)		ADDRESS: STREET		CITY		STATE		ZIP											
	CIRCUM AGG ASLT / BATTERY (MAX 2)		VICTIMS RELATIONSHIP TO CORRESPONDING SUSPECT NUMBER (INDICATE ALL SUSPECTS) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.		TYPE OF INJURY (MAX 5) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.															

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	NAME: LAST Phelps FIRST Fred MIDDLE		ADDRESS: STREET 3701 SW 12TH CITY Topeka STATE KS ZIP 66604	
	TELEPHONE NUMBER (HOME) 273-0325			
	DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER			
	EMPLOYER / SCHOOL Pastor			
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS Same		TELEPHONE NUMBER (WORK / SCHOOL) 66604	

TYPE PROPERTY LOSS	1 = NONE	2 = BURNED	3 = COUNTERFEITED / FORGERY	4 = DESTROYED / DAMAGED / VANDALIZED	5 = RECOVERED	6 = SEIZED	7 = STOLEN	8 = UNKNOWN
TYPE LOSS	PROPERTY / DRUG CODE	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	FRACTION	TYPE DRUG MEASURE	VALUE	DATE RECOVERED	

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AGENCY OR NUMBER		CASE NUMBER 7741-96		MM 03	DD 12	CC 1996	YY 1996	PAGE 2 OF 2 b7E
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METHOD OF OPERATION	INSTRUMENT USED FOR ENTRY				POINT OF ENTRY		POINT OF EXIT		PREMISE NEIGHBORHOOD	
	1. ☐ KEY	2. ☐ PRY TOOL	3. ☐ SAW / DRILL	4. ☐ HAMMER	5. ☐ BOLT CUTTER	6. ☐ CHOPPING TOOL	1. ☐ FRONT	2. ☐ REAR	3. ☐ SIDE	4. ☐ ROOF
SUSPECT #	SAFE ENTERED				INCIDENT ACTIVITY					
	1. ☐ YES	2. ☐ NO	3. ☐ ATTEMPTED	4. ☐ REMOVED	5. ☐ PEELED	6. ☐ EXPLODED	7. ☐ COMBINATION KNOWN	8. ☒ NOT APPLICABLE	9. ☐ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHILDREN PRESENT	10. ☐ DRIVE BY SHOOTING

NAME: LAST		FIRST		MIDDLE		STATE		ZIP	
ADDRESS: STREET		CITY		STATE		ZIP			
TELEPHONE NUMBER (HOME)	RACE	SEX M	ETHNICITY	RES. / N-RES.	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR
EMPLOYER / SCHOOL	ADDRESS		TELEPHONE NUMBER (WORK / SCHOOL)						
MONIKERS / ALIAS									
ADDITIONAL SUSPECT DESCRIPTORS									
SUSPECT VEHICLE: MAKE									
YEAR									
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COLOR									
VEHICLE STYLE									
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VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER									
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NAME: LAST		FIRST		MIDDLE		STATE		ZIP	
ADDRESS: STREET		CITY		STATE		ZIP			
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EVIDENCE INFORMATION		☐ NONE	☐ SUBMITTED	☐ RETAINED BY VICTIM	☐ RETAINED BY OFFICER	☐ RETAINED BY INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY	☐ TRANSFER TO OTHER AGENCY
☐ OTHER							
EVIDENCE OBTAINED		☐ LATENT PRINTS	☐ WEAPONS / TOOLS	☐ SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT	☐ STAINS	☐ SEMEN	☐ DRUGS
		☐ OTHER PRINTS	☐ PHOTOS	☐ HAIR	☐ BLOOD	☐ DOCUMENTS	☐ ALCOHOL
☐ OTHER							
EVIDENCE COLLECTOR				LOCATION STORED			
DESCRIBE BRIEFLY HOW OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED							
= Unknown suspect called and advised the were going to take out the Phelps							

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Narrative Report

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CASE NO. 1139-96 7741-96 / 7743-96	VICTIM Fred Phelps & Westboro Baptist Church	OFFENSE Terroristic Threat	DATE OF OFFENSE 03-11-96
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NARRATIVE

On 03-12-96 at 0800 Rlo was dispatched to the LEC to speak with Lt. [redacted] ref a report that needed to be taken.

The report was terroristic threat against Fred Phelps and the Westboro Baptist Church Congregation. [redacted] from the Mayor office received a phone call on 03-11-96 at 1325 hrs from a what sounded like a Hispanic gentleman, that identified himself as representing the Hispanic Community, that wanted to speak with the Mayor, when [redacted] advised the subject calling that the Mayor was out of town until Wednesday, he began to tell her that they were tired of the City not doing anything about Fred Phelps, and that they were going to do something about him. The subject calling then began to tell [redacted] that they have hired Los Hombres to take care of the problem, and that the City should get SRS to get the children out, or some of them would be killed! And if the City chose to do nothing so be it.

The caller also said he would notify the paper and the Chief of Police. Also there was a letter from [redacted] address to Chief Forster on 03-11-96, that stated on 03-11-96 at 1334 hrs she received a anonymous call from what sounded like a Mexican/Hispanic male that wanted to "dump" a message for the Chief. The caller didn't want to speak with the chief, he just wanted to speak his piece, As soon as he mentioned Phelps' I suggested that he needed to speak with Lt. [redacted] The Caller refused and rushed into his statements.

REPORTING OFFICER

DATE

TYPED BY

DATE

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B. SO/PO

C. JUVENILE
D. CO. ATTY.

E. KBI
F. KHP

G. OTHER

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Narrative Report

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CASE NO. 1739-96 77411-96 / 7743-96	VICTIM Fred Phelps Westboro Baptist Church	OFFENSE Terroristic Threat	DATE OF OFFENSE 03-11-96
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The caller stated that the community has had it with the Phelps'. And the City had better get the SRS to get the kids out of there or else the kids will be killed too. There is going to be another Waco here! Also along with the two other letter was a letter from the office of [redacted]

[redacted] The letter read on 1320 hrs on 03-11-96 an unknown subject called and left a message, that stated, The Hispanic Community is fed up and sick of the filth and insults from Fred Phelps' and his bunch. They've called the Mayor and will call the Police to warn them to have SRS to get the Phelps' children out of the way because there's going to be another Waco! They've got 30 people together and will gather all gangs and anyone else who wants to join them and they'll take care of this situation once and for all.

Note: also on 03-02-96 a report was made Case # I-6765-96, were [redacted] was having problem with a Hispanic male.

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REPORTING OFFICER	DATE	TYPED BY	DATE	REVIEWED BY	DATE	COPIES TO:
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CITY OF TOPEKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

CASE#
7739-96



TO: CHIEF FORSTER
SUBJECT: ANONYMOUS CALLER RE: PHELPS

FROM: [REDACTED]
DATE: March 11, 1996

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This date at 1334 hours I received a call from unknown person who wanted to "dump" a message for the Chief. He sounded Mexican/Hispanic. He did not want to talk to the Chief he wanted to speak his piece. As soon as he mentioned the Phelps' I suggested that he needed to talk to Lt. [REDACTED] so he could do something for him. He refused and rushed into his statements.

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He said that the community has had it with the Phelps'. We had better get the SRS to get the kids out of there or else the kids will be killed too. There is going to be another Waco here.

Right after I started this memo [REDACTED] from the Mayor's Office called. She had received a call from him about 1325 hours. He told her they had hired the Loss Ombros to take the Phelps' out and we better get the children out or they go too. After [REDACTED] called, I got another call from [REDACTED] office who had received the same threat.

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Chief Forster

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OFFENDER SUSPECTED OF USING (SELECT UP TO 3) A. ☐ ALCOHOL C. ☐ COMPUTER EQUIP. D. ☐ DRUGS / NARCOTICS N. ☒ NOT APPLICABLE					
TYPE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY (SELECT UP TO 3) B. ☐ BUYING / RECEIVING C. ☐ CULT / MANU / PUBL D. ☐ DIST / SELLING E. ☐ EXPLOIT. CHILDREN O. ☐ OPER / PROMOTE / ASSIST P. ☐ POSSESS/CONCEAL T. ☐ TRANS / TRANSMIT / IMPORT U. ☐ USING / CONSUMING					
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NAME: LAST FIRST MIDDLE Westboro Baptist Church										
ADDRESS: STREET CITY STATE ZIP 3701 SW 12TH Topeka KS 66604										
TELEPHONE NUMBER (HOME) 273-0325	RACE	SEX	ETHNICITY	RES. / N-RES.	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH (MMDDCCYY)	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	EYES
DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER	D L STATE	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		EMPLOYER / SCHOOL						
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TYPE PROPERTY LOSS	1 = NONE	2 = BURNED	3 = COUNTERFEITED / FORGERY	4 = DESTROYED / DAMAGED / VANDALIZED	5 = RECOVERED	6 = SEIZED	7 = STOLEN	8 = UNKNOWN
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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

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CASE # 7739-96

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***** TOPEKA, KANSAS 66603 *****

*** NCIC AGENCY IDENT. NO. [REDACTED] *

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268: STATUS: 2 Inactive 270: DISP ARREST: 0 None
279: VICTIM'S NAME (Firm if Bus.): PHELPS, FRED
280: OFFENSE: TERR. THREAT
281: DATE: 3/11/96
282: NARRATIVE:

On 3/13/96 I, Det. [REDACTED] was assigned three cases involving an unknown male, with a hispanic accent, calling the police department, the Capital Journal and the Mayor's office. The unknown male caller left messages involving threats directed at the Phelps's.

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On 3/18/96 I made contact with [REDACTED] She said that a [REDACTED] have been vocal at the church in Oakland in the past.

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On 3/19/96 I spoke with [REDACTED] over the telephone. Both are in their late 50's or early 60's. I did not note a obvious spanish accent in their voice.

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I advised them about the threats that were made towards the Phelps. Both advised they would not do something of this manner and did not know who might have. They did say that they have had conversations with the picketers at the church and did not appreciate their presence.

Due to the lack of suspect information on these cases, they will be considered closed until such time that new information is obtained..

REPORTING OFFICERS: [REDACTED]
TYPED BY:

BAS / 03/19/96

DATE: 03/19/96
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March 11, 1996
1:20 p.m.

Case # 7744-96

Male caller to office left this message:

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The Hispanic community is fed up and sick of the filth and insults from Fred Phelps and his bunch. They've called the mayor and will call the police to warn them to have SRS get the Phelps' children out of the way because there's going to be another Waco. They've got 30 people together and will gather all the gangs and anyone else who wants to join them and they'll take care of this situation once and for all.

Narrative Report

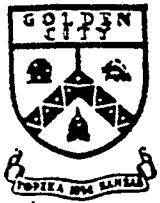
CASE NO. 7739-94 7741-94 7743-93	VICTIM PHELPS, FRED	OFFENSE TERRORISTIC THREAT	DATE OF OFFENSE 3-11-94
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NARRATIVE

ON 3-12-96 I TALKED WITH [REDACTED] SHE
ADVISED ME THAT THE PHELPS GROUP HAS HAD PAST
ENCOUNTERS WITH HISPANIC MALES WHO MAY BE INVOLVED
WITH THESE THREATS. TWO OF THE ~~SUSPECT~~ POSSIBLE SUSPECTS
WOULD BE LISTED IN CASE # 5069-95 (ALSO A VIDEO
IN PROPERTY) & CASE # 6775-96 (A VIDEO AVAILABLE
FROM THE PHELPS). A THIRD POSSIBLE SUSPECT WAS
ENCOUNTERED ON 3-10-96 AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
CHURCH. THIS SUBJECT WAS A HISP. M 40'S DRIVING
A [REDACTED] & HE WAS DISPLAYING
MUCH ANGER TOWARD THEM.

REPORTING OFFICER LT [REDACTED]	DATE 3-12-96	TYPED BY	DATE	REVIEWED BY	DATE	COPIES TO: A. DET B. SO/PO	C. JUVENILE D. CO. ATTY.	E. KBI F. KHP	G. OTHER FBI
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Memorandum



TO: Mayor Felker
FROM:
SUBJECT: Threatening Call
DATE: March 11, 1996

CASE# 7743-9b

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A Hispanic gentleman called about 1:25 pm. He identified himself as representing the Hispanic community. He ask to speak to the Mayor, when I said the Mayor was out of town until Wednesday, he then begin to tell me why he was calling. He said they were tired of the City not doing anything about Fred Phelps and they were going to do something about him. They had hired Los Hombres to take care of the problem. The city should get SRS to get the Children out, or some of them would be killed. If we chose to do nothing, so be it. He also said he would notify the paper and the Chief of Police.

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SAFE ENTERED					INCIDENT ACTIVITY				
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NAME: LAST		FIRST		MIDDLE	
ADDRESS: STREET		CITY		STATE	
TELEPHONE NUMBER (HOME)		RACE	SEX M	ETHNICITY	RES. / N-RES.
EMPLOYER / SCHOOL		ADDRESS		TELEPHONE NUMBER (WORK / SCHOOL)	
MONIKERS / ALIAS					
ADDITIONAL SUSPECT DESCRIPTORS					
SUSPECT VEHICLE: MAKE YEAR MODEL COLOR VEHICLE STYLE					
LICENSE NUMBER		YEAR	STATE	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	
OTHER					

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SUSPECT VEHICLE: MAKE YEAR MODEL COLOR VEHICLE STYLE					
LICENSE NUMBER		YEAR	STATE	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	
OTHER					

EVIDENCE INFORMATION		☐ NONE ☐ SUBMITTED ☐ RETAINED BY VICTIM ☐ RETAINED BY OFFICER ☐ RETAINED BY INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY ☐ TRANSFER TO OTHER AGENCY	
EVIDENCE OBTAINED		☐ LATENT PRINTS ☐ WEAPONS / TOOLS ☐ SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT ☐ STAINS ☐ SEMEN ☐ DRUGS ☐ OTHER PRINTS ☐ PHOTOS ☐ HAIR ☐ BLOOD ☐ DOCUMENTS ☐ ALCOHOL	
EVIDENCE COLLECTOR		LOCATION STORED	

DESCRIBE BRIEFLY HOW OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED

Unknown suspect called and advised they were going to take out the Phelps

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Copy to:

Report of:
Date:SA [REDACTED]
April 19, 1996

Office: Kansas City

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Bureau File #:

44E-KC-76248

Title:

"CHANGED", UNSUB;
THREATS AGAINST FRED PHELPS - PASTOR,
WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH;
TOPEKA, KANSAS,
CIVIL RIGHTS (E), 3/11/96

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

On 3/11/96, three individuals received anonymous telephone calls threatening Fred Phelps. The three people were [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The caller sounded Hispanic, male, and stated the Hispanic community is "fed up and sick of the filth and insults from Fred Phelps and tell Kansas Social Rehabilitation Services (SRS) to get the Phelps' children out of the way because there is going to be another Waco." The [REDACTED] stated the caller claimed he had hired "Los Hombros" to take Phelps out. Contact with intelligence source in Topeka, Kansas reveals no Hispanic gangs including "Los Hombros." Fred Phelps is Pastor of Westboro Baptist Church and actively pickets and demonstrates his anti-homosexual beliefs utilizing obscene signs and shirts. Members of his group have been charged with disorderly conduct and assault. One member has been convicted. It should be noted the caller did not threaten church property or religious activity.

DETAILS:

Predication:

Investigation was instituted upon receipt of a telephonic complaint from Lieutenant [REDACTED] Topeka Police Department, Topeka, Kansas, on 3/12/96 regarding the threats.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Topeka, Kansas:

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On April 6, 1996, a review of articles printed at the Topeka Capital Journal revealed numerous references to Fred Phelps from which this synopsis was created:

Fred Phelps is a disbarred attorney who is pastor of the Westboro Baptist Church. Phelps has numerous adult children and followers who are extremely anti-homosexual and actively "picket" their views in Topeka, Kansas, utilizing obscene signs and shirts. They also picket gay funerals and parades. They often invite physical confrontation with citizens and are often in court for assault, battery, and other state charges. They also utilize fax machines and the U.S. Mail to advocate their views. Words such as the following are used on their signs and letters: Sodomite, Bitch, Whore, and Prostitute. In addition, depictions of people engaged in homosexual activity are depicted on the signs.

On April 6, 1996, SA [redacted] Supervisor, Gang Task Force, advised Topeka, Kansas has no "Los Hombros" gang. Elder stated Topeka has numerous black gang members, white gang members, and does have Hispanic drug dealers. However, the Hispanic individuals are importing narcotics from Mexico and are loosely organized for the receipt and sale of cocaine and marijuana. He knows of no homicides organized by any Hispanic gang.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/19/96

Investigative Analyst (IA) [] searched the records of the Topeka Police Department and obtained reports 7739-96, 7741-96, and 7743-96 regarding this incident. It is noted all three reports are identical.

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b7cInvestigation on 3/20/96 at Topeka, KansasFile # 44E-KC-76248by IA [] jsl Date dictated 3/20/96b6
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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

To: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attn: Criminal Investigative Division
Civil Rights Unit

From: SAC, Kansas City (WRA/TRA) (C)

Date: 6/26/96

1. Title: (use additional page if necessary)

UNSUB;
MAKING THREATS AGAINST FRED PHELPS, PASTOR,
WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA, KANSAS;
FACE-RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AT PLACE OF WORSHIP (CR);
3/12/96

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2. Office of Origin File No: 286D-KC- (include alpha)

3. Initial submission X Supplemental submission

4. Matter Type: (check more than one if applicable)

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| ☐ Non-Law Enforcement | ☐ Non-Law Enforcement |
| B. Violence | |
| ☐ Racial | ☐ Religious |
| ☐ Other | ☐ Other |
| C. ISS Matters | |
| ☐ Migrant Victim | ☐ Other |
| D. Known/Suspected Extremist Group | |
| ☐ Klan | ☐ Other |
| E. FACE Act | |
| ☐ Reproductive Health Care Facility | |
| ☐ Religious Place of Worship | |
| ☐ Other | |
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| ☐ Death | ☐ No Injury |
| | ☐ Property Damage |
| | ☐ Cross Burning |

5. Date of Incident 3/12/96

6. Date of Complaint 3/12/96

7. Synopsis of Case: On 3/12/96, an unknown male, believed to be Hispanic, made three threatening telephone calls to the mayor's office, the police department, and the local newspaper. The caller stated he had hired "Los Hombres" and 30 other people, and gangs, who were going to take care of Fred Phelps' family and the Westboro Baptist Church members, once and for all

It is noted that Phelps and his church members are very vocal and out-spoken in their dislike of the gay community.

8. Significant Case: ☐ Yes ☒ No (if yes, provide reason)

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Remarks/Administrative This FD-610 is being submitted to change the classification of this matter from 44E-KC-76248 to 286D-KC-

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 04/05/2001

To: [redacted]

Attn: [redacted]

SSA [redacted]

All Field Offices

From: Milwaukee

Squad [redacted] MRA

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 300A-MW-40665 (Pending)

Title: FRED WALDRON PHELPS, aka
Pastor Fred W. Phelps;
Westboro Baptist Church,
Topeka, Kansas;
Protest at Madison and Milwaukee, WI,
6/8-10/2001;

Synopsis: Phelps and members of Westboro Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas, intend to return to Madison, Wisconsin, 6/8-10/2001, to burn Wisconsin state flag at State Capitol and to march in the Milwaukee PrideFest parade with anti-homosexual banners. Receiving offices requested to canvas logical sources and provide positive information to Milwaukee.

Administrative: Captioned case is being opened as a repository for intelligence gathered concerning possible violence at Westboro Baptist Church protests in Wisconsin, 6/8-10/2001.

Details: On 4/1-2/2001, captioned subject along with ten members of his Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) traveled to Madison, Wisconsin where they held protests outside a number of churches, the Madison Fire Department, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the State Capitol building and the Madison Board of Education. The protests were against the acceptance of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) population in Madison and the establishment of a Gay Students Advocate at the Madison Board of Education. Protesters were all members of Phelps' extended family, to include his wife, children and grandchildren.

The protests initially drew little attention, however by the end of the second day the WBC group was significantly

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outnumbered by vocal members of the LGBT community and their supporters. Aside from shouting and gesturing by anti-WBC demonstrators there were no incidents resulting from the protests.

On 4/4/2001, Phelps sent a facsimile message to Madison Mayor Sue Bauman in which he thanked her for providing police protection for his group. He then advised that he would also need "adequate police presence and protection" on 6/9/2001 when he plans to return to Madison to burn the Wisconsin state flag at a noon ceremony at the capitol flagpole. He advised that the burning of the flag would symbolize "the holocaust of Sodom, the insatiable burning of fag lust for perverted sex, and the everlasting burning of the fires of Hell."

In addition to the flag burning, the WBC group intends to picket the events of, and to march and sing Gospel hymns in, the PrideFest Parade in Milwaukee, starting at 8:00 p.m. on 6/8/2001. At these events they will carry banners with what might be considered strong anti-homosexual content.

A review of indices through ACS has determined that Phelps and the WBC have a long history of confrontational protest. During the recent presidential campaign, Phelps sent facsimile messages to [REDACTED] which resulted in a request for Secret Service protection.

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Although the WBC, itself, has no known history of violence, the nature and type of protest in which they involve themselves often elicits a visceral response from the targets of their protest and violent confrontation cannot be ruled out. Milwaukee has therefore opened a case regarding the upcoming events in Wisconsin for intelligence purposes.

Receiving offices are requested to canvas logical sources concerning possible violent response to proposed WBC activities in Wisconsin and report positive information only to Milwaukee Division.

Descriptive Data:

Main Subject

Name -

Last:

PHELPS

First:

FRED

Middle:

WALDRON

Race:

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Sex:

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DOB:

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Re: 300A-MW-, 04/05/2001

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Canvas logical sources concerning possible violent response to proposed WBC activities in Wisconsin and report positive information only to Milwaukee Division.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 04/23/2001

To: ✓ Milwaukee

Attn: Squad [redacted] MRA
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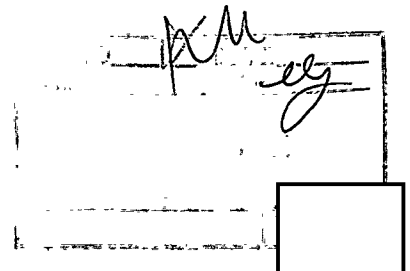
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Title: FRED WALDRON PHELPS, aka
Pastor Fred W. Phelps;
Westboro Baptist Church,
Topeka, Kansas;
Protest at Madison and Milwaukee, Wi.
6/8-10/2001

Synopsis: Detroit is familiar with source, but there is no information of any planned violence.

Details: On 04/19/2001, a reliable Detroit informant advised that source is familiar with subject. Source stated that subject and his children and grandchildren travel around the country protesting against homosexuals. Subject was recently in Michigan, believed to have protested at the University of Michigan (UM). Source opined that subject was a "screwball". Source did not have any information that subject was violent or planned violent activities.

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To: Philadelphia

From: Philadelphia

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Title: FRED WALDRON PHELPS, aka
Pastor Fred W. Phelps;
WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH,
TOPEKA, KANSAS;
Protest at Madison and Milwaukee, WI.
6/8-10/2001

Synopsis: To cover lead as set out by Milwaukee.

Reference: 300A-MW-40665 Serial 1

Details: A canvas of logical sources concerning possible violent response to Westboro Baptist Church activities in Wisconsin, June 8-10, 2001, met with negative results.

In view of the above, this lead is being covered administratively.

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Date: 07/03/2001

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Squad [REDACTED] MRA

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 300A-MW-40665 (Closed)

Title: FRED WALDRON PHELPS, aka
Pastor Fred W. Phelps;
Westboro Baptist Church,
Topeka, Kansas;
Protest at Madison and Milwaukee, WI,
6/8-10/2001;

Synopsis: Protests by Phelps and his group occurred without incident. No further investigation being conducted and this case is closed.

Reference: 300A-MW-40665 Serial 1

Details: Investigation in this case was predicated upon receipt of information indicating that captioned subject and members of his family and congregation intended to burn a Wisconsin state flag at the State Capitol in Madison to symbolize the "holocaust of Sodom, the insatiable burning of fag lust for perverted sex, and the everlasting burning of the fires of Hell." Phelps had previously protested in Madison and, although his group did not engage in acts of violence, the protests by the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community escalated throughout the day causing concern in law enforcement circles that the flag burning might result in some form of violent counter-protest.

On 6/9/2001, Phelps appeared at the State Capitol where he was advised that state law prohibited open burning of any materials. He therefore left and returned with a scorched state flag which he had partially burned elsewhere. Due to the fact that the weekly "Farmers Market" was in progress on the sidewalks surrounding the capitol building, it was necessary for Phelps to set up his protest in a secluded area where construction equipment was stored. His protests went largely unnoticed. It

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is not known if Phelps attempted to march in the "Pridefest" parade in Milwaukee, however that event also occurred without incident.

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted in this matter and this case is closed.

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To: Philadelphia

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Case ID #: 300A-PH-94181

Title: MAINTENANCE OF ORIGINAL FIELD OFFICE
PENDING FILES IN ALLENTOWN RESIDENT
AGENCY

Synopsis: Maintenance of original pending files in the Allentown Resident Agency (ARA).

Details: MAOP Part II, Section 2-4.3.1. The retention of the above file in the Allentown Resident Agency will be necessary to effectively conduct this investigation. The above file will be retained in a secure manner.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/05/2002

To: [redacted]

Attn: [redacted]

Philadelphia

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IRS [redacted]

Attn: ASAC [redacted]

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Case ID #: 300A-PH-94181 (Pending)

Title: FRED WALDON PHELPS, aka
Pastor Fred W. Phelps;
WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH,
TOPEKA, KANSAS;
12/06-08/2002;
CT PREPAREDNESS-SPECIAL EVENT

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Synopsis: Phelps and members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) intend to hold anti-homosexual protests at various churches and universities in the Allentown and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (PA), areas from 12/06-08/2002.

Enclosure: Enclosed for [redacted] is a copy of the E-Mails between [redacted] and [redacted]

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Details: On 12/06-08/2002, Fred Waldon Phelps and members of his "church," the WBC, Topeka, Kansas, plan on picketing the following locations:

12/6/2002	2:00pm-3:00pm	Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
12/6/2002	4:30pm-5:30pm	Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA
12/7/2002	4:30pm-5:00pm	Cathedral Church of the Nativity Bethlehem, PA 200A PH-94181-1

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12/7/2002	5:15pm-6:00pm	Salem Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, PA
12/7/2002	7:30pm-8:00pm	Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
12/8/2002	7:30am-8:00am	Bethlehem Trinity Church, Bethlehem, PA
12/8/2002	8:15am-8:45am	First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem, PA
12/8/2002	8:25am-9:00am	UCC Church of the Manger, Bethlehem, PA
12/8/2002	8:50am-9:15am	Wesley United Methodist Church, Bethlehem, PA
12/8/2002	10:00am-10:30am	St. Simon & Jude Catholic Church Bethlehem, PA

Phelps and his group, made up primarily of family members, have a long history of confrontational protests. Although the WBC, itself, has no known history of violence, the nature and type of protest in which they involve themselves often elicits a visceral response from the targets of their protest and violent confrontation cannot be ruled out. Therefore, the Philadelphia Division, Allentown Resident Agency (ARA), has opened a case regarding the upcoming events in the Allentown-Bethlehem areas for intelligence purposes and are coordinating with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), Allentown Police Department and Bethlehem Police Department.

E-Mails between [REDACTED] of the Nationalist Socialist Movement (NSM), a white supremacist/anti-homosexual/anti-government group, indicates that the NSM has offered to "assist" with the picket by providing uniformed "stormtroopers." The WBC has in the E-Mails, adamantly declined any assistance from the NSM. It is unknown at this time if the NSM plans to attend the events listed above.

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Descriptive data regarding Fred Waldon Phelps:

Name-	
Last:	Phelps
First:	Fred
Middle:	Waldon
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	11/13/1929

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FRED WALDRON PHELPS, SR.
WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Pursuant to a request from Task Force Officer (TFO) [REDACTED] Lehigh Valley Violent Crimes Task Force (LVVCTF), the following summary was prepared for inclusion in law enforcement preparations for planned demonstrations in the Lehigh Valley in December, 2002.

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Based on information provided by the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), Allentown Police Department (APD) and Bethlehem Police Department (BPD), Fred Waldron Phelps, Sr. and the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) are traveling to the Lehigh Valley Area during the weekend of December 6-8, 2002 to conduct protests at various locations.

Background Information

Fred Waldron Phelps, Sr., Date of Birth (DOB) November 13, 1929, Social Security Account Number (SSAN) 427-32-0157, and members of his family, including children and grandchildren are members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC). Phelps, members of his family and the congregation have participated in various protests condemning the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Phelps and members of WBC have participated in several protests in Topeka, Kansas and have been known to travel the country in support of their cause.

Activities of Phelps and WBC

Based on review of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) files, Phelps has been involved in various protests across the country. The following events were attended by Phelps and the WBC:

- ◆ In April 2000, Phelps and the WBC conducted a demonstration at the Equality Rocks Concert/Millennium March on Washington.
- ◆ In January 2001, Phelps and the WBC picketed the Colorado State University (CSU) protesting the CSU being pro-gay from their point of view. The WBC also protested the Matthew Sheppard funeral in Wyoming.
- ◆ In June 2001, Phelps and the WBC attended the Milwaukee Pridefest in Milwaukee and Madison,

Wisconsin. At this time, Phelps and the WBC expressed their intention to burn the state flag to symbolize the "holocaust of Sodom, the insatiable burning of fag lust for perverted sex and the everlasting burning of the fires of Hell." Phelps and the WBC were advised that state law prohibits open burning of the flag. The event occurred without incident or any acts of violence taking place.

Phelps has been accused of being the sender of threatening e-mails as well as being the recipient of threatening e-mails. No evidence of prosecutorial action being taken against Phelps or other individuals with regard to these e-mailed threats was noted.

Phelps has been known to associate with an individual by the name of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Phelps is a frequent guest on [REDACTED]

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Criminal History

Criminal History checks were conducted on Phelps and several members of his family. The following information was obtained:

Fred Waldron Phelps, Sr., DOB November 13, 1929, FBI Number 14494TA5:

2/23/93 - 2 counts of Criminal Defamation; these charges were dismissed by the state of Topeka due to federal court ruling on July 7, 1993.

3/24/93 - Criminal Defamation; these charges were dismissed by the state of Topeka due to federal court ruling on July 7, 1993.

4/21/93 - Criminal Defamation; no disposition noted.

6/15/93 - Criminal Defamation; these charges were dismissed by the State of Topeka due to federal court ruling on July 19, 1993.

6/22/93 - Disorderly Conduct and Aggravated Intimidation of a Witness; no disposition noted.

3/9/95 - Battery, Assault and Disorderly Conduct; no disposition noted.

11/14/95 - Disorderly Conduct; no disposition noted.

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provided negative results.

Copies of Criminal History printouts are attached
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Conclusion

Fred Waldron Phelps, Sr. is known to be very vocal at his demonstrations. He is a disbarred attorney who is quite aware of his rights and limitations from a legal standpoint. At their demonstrations, the WBC is known to carry a video camera in which they film any and all persons attempting to interfere with their demonstrations.

There is no indication that Phelps or the WBC is violent or that they plan any violent activities.

Fred Waldron Phelps, Sr.

ACS - See Attached

NCIC - FBI #14494TA5

Charges - From March 1993 to June 1993 (8 counts of Criminal
Defamation) June 1993 (Disorderly Conduct and Witness
Intimidation)

March 1995 - Battery, Assault and Disorderly Conduct

November 1995 - Disorderly Conduct



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02/09/2001

The following investigation was conducted in Fort Collins, Colorado:

Source, who is not in a position to testify, provided the following information:

Source advises that January, 2001, was a busy month, more so than in previous years. Source reports that two (2) events of significance happened at Colorado State University (CSU) during January. Members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) from Kansas showed up and picketed CSU on the student plaza. They were protesting CSU being pro gay from their point of view. The group has the "God Hats Fags" website and protested at Matthew Sheppard's funeral in Wyoming. Sheppard was the gay student at the University of Wyoming that was beaten and left for dead hanging on a fence. WBC leader Fred Phelps is a friend of supremacist [redacted]

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[redacted] Phelps is a frequent guest on [redacted] with Phelps using [redacted] material when traveling.

The second event was materials from the National Alliance (NA) were passed under office doors in one of the larger buildings on the CSU campus. Stickers were posted on several water fountains and other areas as well. This is in keeping with this supremacy group's "College Outreach". NA's leader, William Pierce, wrote the book Turner Diaries that many violent supremacists use including Timothy McVeigh and members of The Order.

There have been several reports lately of abuses and underage marriages in Polygamy groups, mostly located in Utah. A bill submitted to the Utah legislature has a proposed sentence of 5 years in prison for facilitating a marriage with underage children.

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Four men ran into a Catholic church in St. Lucia, hacked with machetes and doused people with kerosene and set people ablaze. The local police spokesman thought that this was religiously motivated and the four were members of a cult group. Which cult, if any, is not known for sure, but two now held in custody call themselves Rastafarians. [redacted]

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One 72 year old nun was killed, and 13 others injured.

Many are wondering why the Unification Church, also known as Moonies, are buying up land that is classified as low value in countries such as Paraguay and Brazil. There are now concerns by government officials and now a movement to stop the Moonie takeover is underway. When members of the organization were asked why these particular lands, no straight answer was given. At the same time, Christian Evangelicals attending the January 19, 2001, Inaugural Prayer luncheon for Unity and Renewal did not realize the event was sponsored by the Moon organization. The Bush family has had ties to the Moon organization for some time.

May 29, 2001

Pastor Fred W. Phelps
Westboro Baptist Church
3701 SW 12th Street
Topeka, Kansas 66604

Dear Pastor Phelps:

I am writing in response to your correspondence addressed to Chief W. Ronald Olin of the Lawrence, Kansas Police Department. The copy designated for FBI Headquarters has been brought to my attention.

In order for the FBI to initiate an investigation of any allegation we receive, specific facts must be set forth to demonstrate that a violation of federal law within our investigative jurisdiction has occurred. After reviewing your correspondence, there appears to be insufficient details and facts to demonstrate such a violation or to support the initiation of an FBI investigation. However, I am forwarding a copy of your correspondence to our Kansas City Office. If you have specific details to support your allegations, you should mail them directly to our Kansas City Office, located at 1300 Summit, Kansas City, Missouri 64105-1362; telephone (816) 221-6100.

Sincerely yours,


Chief, Color of Law Unit
Criminal Investigative Division

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1 - Kansas City - Enclosure(s)
For information.

NOTE: ACS (UNI) restricted to the KC Office references
Pastor Phelps for file 282-0.

DLL:dll (3)

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/20/2001

To: Houston

From: Houston

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Contact: SA ☐

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Approved By: ☐

Drafted By: ☐

Case ID #: ☐ (Pending)

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Title: FRED WALDRON PHELPS, aka
Pastor Fred W. Phelps;
Westboro Baptist Church,
Topeka, Kansas;
Protest at Madison and Milwaukee, WI,
6/8-10/2001;

Synopsis: To advise of negative information developed in
captioned matter.

Details: No positive information was developed by Houston
reference captioned matter. Given the fact that his matter has
occurred, Houston considers this lead assigned under 266A-MP-
58910 covered.

Precedence: DEADLINE 10/29/2001 Date: 10/02/2001

To: Criminal Investigative Attn: Hate Crimes Unit

From: Kansas City

Topeka RA

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 44E-KC-84414

Title: Fred Phelps-Subject;

[REDACTED]
Religious Discrimination,
No Force and/or Violence;
OO:KC

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Reference: FBIHQ EC dated August 30, 2001.

Synopsis: Initial submission.

Details:

Date of Incident: Summer 2000 Time of Incident: :
Date of Complaint: 04/16/2000

Incident Street No.: Unknown
Street Name: Apt #:
City: Topeka
State: KS Zip:

1. INCIDENT:
A. Community Area: Metropolitan
B. Violence: No
C. Death: No
D. Injury: No
E. Correctional Facility:
Facility Type:
Same as Incident Address:

Facility Street No.:
Street Name:
City:
State: Zip:

2. MODUS OPERANDI:
Threatening E-Mails

3. OTHER AGENCY INVESTIGATING:

Case ID : 44E-KC-84414

Serial : 1

4. SYNOPSIS: During the Summer 2000, allegedly a Jewish Topekan named [redacted] sent Fred Phelps an e-mail asking him to stop picketing [redacted] synagogue because "you are scaring my children." The reply from fphelps44@yahoo.com reads: "Shut up you Christ Hating Jew, I wish Hitler had finished the job. You and your children had better watch your back when you get out of temple, this is not a threat but a promise."

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5. SIGNIFICANT CASE: No

6. REMARKS/ADMINISTRATIVE:

10/22/01

Fred Waldron Phelps, Sr., 3701 SW 12th, (785)273-0325, was furnished the official and personal identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview.

Phelps was interviewed in the presence of:



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The exchange of e-mails provided by [redacted] were read to the group.

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Fred Phelps stated he agrees that the last statement regarding "watch your back" is a threat. Phelps continued that he does not know how to send an e-mail. In addition, the replies are not language that he uses. He claims he would never make the comment regarding Hitler.

Phelps went on to say, with the assistance of [redacted] [redacted] that their church's website is www.godhatesfags.com and fphelps44@yahoo.com is someone else who is impersonating them and causing problems.

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The entire group then agreed they did not send these e-mails.

Fred Phelps stated they picketed the synagogue because this Jewish group has been sympathetic with and condoned homosexual issued such as same sex marriage.

In addition, Phelps stated his church picketed [redacted] [redacted] when he came to Kansas State, Manhattan, Kansas, to speak. [redacted] is a homosexual and does not like them.

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Phelps stated he would like the FBI to track down and prosecute the person who sent these e-mails to [redacted] Phelps stated he feels he has been damaged due to the actions of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

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Phelps then pointed to the windows facing the street in his office on the second story of the church. There were four holes in an outer window but none penetrated an inner glass. The lower screen and window was penetrated with one hole. It appears to have been made by a pellet gun. An exam of the area did not reveal pellets/rounds.

Phelps stated if these holes had been made in a Jewish or black church, there would be dozens of FBI agents investigating.

Phelps then furnished the following documents:

A. E-mail dated May 21, 2001, from <fphehelps44@yahoo.com> to <webmaster@godhatesamerica.com>. The AOL identification number 64.12.104.26 would identify the sender (fphehelps) in AOL records. The FBI might be able to identify the sender. This may or may not be the same sender(fphehelps) as one year ago.

If retrieves the header from the May 2000 e-mail, the original AOL number can be retrieved.

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B. Message on godhatesfags reference who is fphehelps and explanation that is not Fred Phelps.

C. Letter from Fred Phelps to Topeka Police Department regarding the breakage of the church windows.

D. Reward posted by Westboro Baptist Church regarding the window breakage.

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/30/2002

To: Criminal Investigative

Attn: Civil Rights Unit/Room 3043
SSA [REDACTED]

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From: Kansas City

Squad [REDACTED] Topeka Resident Agency

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 44E-KC-84414 (Closed)
[REDACTED] (Pending)

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Title: CHANGED

UNSUB;

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Religious Discrimination-
No Force and/or Violence.

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Synopsis: Additional investigation requested by DOJ completed.

Previous Title: Title marked "Changed" to reflect UNSUB. Title previously carried as "Fred Waldron Phelps, Sr., aka Fred Phelps-Subject.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for FBIHQ are 2 updated reports for FBIHQ and 2 updated reports for DOJ, Civil Rights Division.

Details: On May 21, 2002, Yahoo could not find any subscriber information on fphelps44@yahoo.com, and as such no further investigation is anticipated in KC.

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Request the enclosed two reports be provided to DOJ, Civil Rights Division.

Read and clear.

Case ID : 44E-KC-84414

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450 Golden Gate Avenue
Post Office Box 36015

[redacted] San Francisco, California 94102

June 12, 1997
Honorable Michael J. Yamaguchi
United States Attorney
Northern District of California
P.O. Box 36055
450 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

At: [redacted]
Assistant U.S. Attorney

Re: [redacted]

PASTOR FRED PHELPS AND THE WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH,
3701 WEST 12TH, TOPEKA, KANSAS 66604 - VICTIMS;
JULY 5, 1996; BOMB THREAT; EID;
OO:SAN FRANCISCO.

Dear Sir:

This letter is to confirm several conversations between Special Agent (SA) [redacted]
[redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Assistant,
United States Attorney (AUSA)
[redacted] in reference to a case in which [redacted] sent a threat via the
Internet e-mail system to Pastor Fred Phelps on July 5, 1996. [redacted]
[redacted] per a Federal Grand Jury subpoena. [redacted] was
interviewed with the assistance of U.S. Secret Service Special Agent [redacted] in
reference to the message she sent to Phelps. [redacted] admitted to sending the message and advised
she would not send any further threats to Phelps. At the time of the interview [redacted] appeared to
pose no threat or danger to anyone.

On August 21, 1996, AUSA [redacted] was provided a follow-up of the interview.
AUSA [redacted] recommended this case remain open pending any further threats made by [redacted]
after which time, the case would be closed and prosecution declined if no further threats were
made.

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On October 17, 1996, Phelps was contacted by the FBI Kansas City Division. He was advised that the individual who made the threat on the Internet had been interviewed and the matter had been resolved. The FBI has not received any further information regarding threats to Phelps and/or the Westboro Baptist Church.

Due to the fact that [] has made no further threats to Phelps, it is the recommendation of the FBI that the captioned case be closed. Unless otherwise advised by the U.S. Attorney's Office, the San Francisco FBI Office considers this case closed. Thank you for your assistance.

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Sincerely,

Robert E. Walsh
Special Agent In Charge

By:

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Supervisory Special Agent

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The following descriptive data was obtained through an investigation by [REDACTED] on October 4, 2001.

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Description

Name:	Fred Waldron Phelps, Sr.
Alias:	Fred Phelps
DOB:	11/13/1929
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
SSAN:	427-32-0157
FBI#:	14494TA5
Height:	6'3"
Weight:	195 pounds
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Red
POB:	Mississippi
Occupation:	Attorney, Pastor Westboro Baptist Church 3701 SW 12th Topeka, Kansas

The following pages list his arrest record.

Case ID :

Serial : 13

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On August 13, 1996, SA [redacted] served a Federal Grand Jury Subpoena issued August 13, 1996, by United States Attorney MICHAEL J. YAMAGUCHI, Northern District of California. The subpoena was served via fax to [redacted]
[redacted]

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The subpoena requested [redacted]
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Attached herewith and considered a part of this report is a copy of the above mentioned subpoena.

Case ID : [redacted]

Serial : 3

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[redacted] born [redacted]
[redacted] telephone number [redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed at her residence by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and SA [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and SA W. [redacted] of the U.S. Secret Service. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents by a show of credentials and of the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] answered the door after several knocks and the ringing of the doorbell. She quickly moved outside the apartment and closed the door behind her. Upon being informed the agents were present to question her regarding threats on the Internet, [redacted] immediately stated she had not sent any threatening e-mails. When asked if she knew PASTOR FRED PHELPS, she stated she was familiar with him and his opinions. Although [redacted] initially denied sending threatening e-mail to PHELPS, she soon admitted to sending the e-mail stating she had received threats herself from an associate of PHELPS (NFI). She could not provide copies of the threats she allegedly received.

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[redacted] did not want to talk to the interviewing agents inside her apartment stating she felt uncomfortable having strangers in her place, but offered to speak with the agents at another location. While walking to another location, [redacted] inquired as to whether the interviewing agents had been sitting in a car up the street watching her apartment, at which time the interviewing agents stated they had not. The interview was then moved to the apartment complex parking lot next to where her car was located.

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[redacted] stated she was surprised FBI agents were interviewing her, stating she thought there were more serious situations to be investigated. At that time [redacted] was informed again as to the nature of the interview.

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When questioned about the reference to an "AK47" and "poison gas" in the e-mail letter sent to PHELPS, [redacted] stated it is not her style to be a violent person and was "just blowing off steam" when she made the threats. She does not like PHELPS and is angered by what he says, but she cannot specifically remember what initiated her threat to PHELPS. She added she is affected by his comments because [redacted]

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[redacted] saw PHELPS in San Francisco at a gay funeral which he was picketing with anti-gay signs. He was surrounded by police and attempting to shield himself from things being thrown at him by the people in the crowd. He was taken away by police in a van for his safety. This was the only personal encounter she has had with PHELPS, and she did not know of any other visits by PHELPS to California.

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Case ID : [redacted]

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She advised she had not sent any e-mail letters to PHELPS in the past couple of weeks because she was so busy with other activities in her life, particularly getting ready for school. [redacted] stated she will be going to school to study art and journalism to complete a Bachelor's Degree and then a Master's Degree.

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[redacted] stated she is the only one who uses her computer and knows her access code. She said she will not even allow her brother to use her computer because he does not help pay for the expense of Internet use, adding he would be the more likely one to send threatening e-mail. She also stated she has three different accounts she uses for the Internet. She spends a lot of time on the Internet searching web sites and reading the information PHELPS puts on the Internet regarding gays and lesbians. She is no longer employed and "must have something to do."

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[redacted] admitted to owning two guns, a .25 caliber Beretta and a 9mm Smith and Wesson, which she once used for recreational target shooting. She does not shoot as much anymore because her philosophies have changed (NFI). She used to own an AK47 (one of the weapons she mentioned in her threat to PHELPS), but she sold it to a friend sometime in 1984-85.

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When asked about any further knowledge of weapons and/or bomb materials, she stated she was familiar with some of the terminology from her previous employment at [redacted]

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She also knows that information about how to build a bomb can be obtained from the Internet, although she expressed no real interest in gaining that information.

[redacted] advised she is a Democrat but she follows the other political parties to learn their views. She stated she had been watching the Republican National Convention and had an interest in hearing what they had to say.

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She advised she had no plans to visit the convention in San Diego and was not planning to go out of town until after Labor Day at which time she is going on vacation. She said "Act Up", a gay activist group, had reserved several rooms in San Diego for the convention but she offered no further information.

[redacted] advised she has attended some of the "Act Up" activities but not the more "radical" events.

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[redacted] volunteered in an apparent gratuitous manner that her nervousness and "weird" behavior during the interview was due to the medication (unidentified) she is taking.

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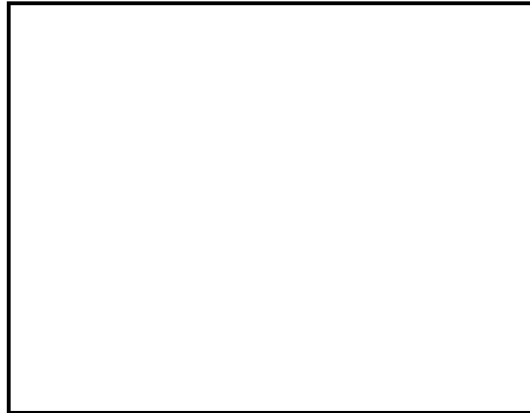
[redacted] said she did not realize sending the e-mail threats to PHELPS would bring the FBI to question her and she would not make anymore threats to PHELPS or the members of his congregation.

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The following is a description of [redacted]

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Weapons:

.25 cal Beretta/9mm Smith and
Wesson

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FM FBI SAN FRANCISCO (SQ 6)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/PRIORITY/

FBI SAN DIEGO/PRIORITY/

FBI KANSAS CITY/PRIORITY/

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CITE: //3790//

PASS: FBIHQ FOR NAS-3E AND SIOC; SSA [REDACTED] AT SAN DIEGO CP.

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SUBJECT: REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION (RNC); AUGUST 12 - 16, 1996; SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA; SPECIAL EVENTS MANAGEMENT (SEM); DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM. [REDACTED] (P)
CHANGED. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PASTOR FRED PHELPS AND THE WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH AND LIBRARY, 3701 WEST 12TH, TOPEKA, KANSAS 66604 - VICTIM; JULY 5, 1996; BOMB THREAT; EID; OO: SAN FRANCISCO. [REDACTED] (P)

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REFERENCE SAN DIEGO AND KANSAS CITY TELETYPES TO THE BUREAU AND RESPECTIVE OFFICES DATED AUGUST 13, 1996, CAPTIONED REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

SAN FRANCISCO NOTES SECOND TITLE IS MARKED "CHANGED" TO SHOW NAME OF SUBJECT AS [REDACTED]. TITLE PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AT SAN FRANCISCO AS UNSUB; PASTOR FRED PHELPS - VICTIM; BOMB THREAT; OO: SF.

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THE BOMB THREAT INVESTIGATION WAS OPENED ON JULY 8, 1996, IN SAN FRANCISCO UPON RECEIPT OF A COPY OF A LETTER WRITTEN BY PASTOR FRED PHELPS TO PRESIDENT CLINTON AND OTHERS REPORTING HE HAD RECEIVED AN E-MAIL BOMB THREAT ON THE INTERNET ON JULY 5, 1996. WHICH ORIGINATED FROM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. IN THE THREAT, [REDACTED] STATED "IF REV FRED OR ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THAT VIPER DEN SHOW UP IN SF AGAIN, YOU WILL LEAVE IN BODY BAGS. I GUARANTEE IT...IT MIGHT BE A TRUCKBOMB, AN ASSAULT WEAPON ATTACK, OR MY FAVORITE, POISON GAS."

PHELPS IS A PUBLICLY KNOWN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS PROMINENT IN ANTI-GAY ACTIVITY.

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PHELPS SENT LETTERS DATED JULY 6, 1996, REFERENCING THE E-MAIL THREAT TO THE FOLLOWING: PRESIDENT CLINTON, WITH COPIES TO ATTORNEY GENERAL JANET RENO, TREASURY SECRETARY ROBERT RUBIN, SENATOR SHEILA FRAHM, AND REPRESENTATIVE SAM BROWNBACK;

[REDACTED] IN THESE LETTERS, PHELPS REQUESTED THAT "PROMPT AND DILIGENT" INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO THIS MATTER.

SAN FRANCISCO OBTAINED A FEDERAL GRAND JURY SUBPOENA DIRECTING [REDACTED]

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A CHECK OF CALIFORNIA DMV RECORDS DETERMINED ONE [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED] HAS CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER [REDACTED] AND RESIDES AT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IS DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED] HEIGHT [REDACTED] WEIGHT [REDACTED] LBS., EYES [REDACTED] HAIR [REDACTED].

A CHECK OF COMPUTERIZED CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS FAILED TO LOCATE ANY RECORD REGARDING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]. A CHECK OF RECORDS AT THE FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS CONDUCTED FOR THE ABOVE ADDRESS AND FOR [REDACTED] WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

[REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED ON AUGUST 13, 1996 AT HER RESIDENCE REGARDING THE E-MAIL THREATS SENT TO PHELPS. THE INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED BY SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE.

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[REDACTED] ANSWERED THE DOOR AFTER SEVERAL KNOCKS AND THE RINGING OF THE DOORBELL. SHE QUICKLY MOVED OUTSIDE THE APARTMENT AND CLOSED THE DOOR BEHIND HER. SHE DID NOT WANT TO TALK TO THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS INSIDE HER APARTMENT STATING SHE FELT UNCOMFORTABLE HAVING STRANGERS IN HER PLACE. THE INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED IN THE PARKING LOT NEAR HER CAR.

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[REDACTED] FIRST DENIED MAKING THE THREATS TO PHELPS ON THE INTERNET, BUT SOON THEREAFTER ADMITTED TO MAKING THE THREATS BECAUSE SHE HAD RECEIVED THREATS FROM AN ASSOCIATE OF PHELPS (NFI). SHE COULD NOT PROVIDE COPIES OF THE THREATS SHE ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED. SHE STATED IT IS NOT HER STYLE TO BE A VIOLENT PERSON AND SHE WAS "JUST BLOWING OFF STEAM" WHEN SHE MADE THE THREATS.

[REDACTED] STATED SHE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO USES HER COMPUTER AND KNOWS HER ACCESS CODE. SHE ALSO STATED SHE HAS THREE DIFFERENT ACCOUNTS SHE USES FOR THE INTERNET. SHE SPENDS A LOT OF TIME ON THE INTERNET SEARCHING WEB SITES AND READING THE INFORMATION THAT FRED PHELPS PUTS ON THE INTERNET REGARDING GAYS AND LESBIANS. SHE DOES NOT LIKE PHELPS AND IS ANGERED BY WHAT HE SAYS, BUT SHE CANNOT SPECIFICALLY REMEMBER WHAT INITIATED HER THREAT TO PHELPS. SHE ADDED SHE IS AFFECTED BY HIS COMMENTS BECAUSE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SAW PHELPS IN SAN FRANCISCO DURING A GAY FUNERAL AT WHICH HE WAS PICKETING WITH ANTI-GAY SIGNS. HE WAS SURROUNDED

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BY POLICE AND THE PEOPLE IN THE CROWD WERE THROWING THINGS AT HIM SO HE HAD TO BE TAKEN AWAY IN A VAN. THIS WAS THE ONLY IN-PERSON ENCOUNTER SHE HAS HAD WITH PHELPS AND SHE DOES NOT KNOW OF ANY OTHER VISITS BY PHELPS TO CALIFORNIA.

[REDACTED] ADMITTED TO OWNING TWO GUNS, A .25 CALIBER BERETTA AND A 9MM, SHE USES FOR RECREATIONAL TARGET SHOOTING. SHE DOES NOT SHOOT AS MUCH ANYMORE BECAUSE HER PHILOSOPHIES HAVE CHANGED (NFI). SHE USED TO OWN AN AK47 (ONE OF THE WEAPONS SHE MENTIONED IN HER THREAT TO PHELPS), BUT SHE SOLD IT TO A FRIEND SOMETIME IN 1984-85.

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WHEN ASKED ABOUT ANY FURTHER KNOWLEDGE OF WEAPONS AND/OR BOMB MATERIALS, SHE STATED SHE WAS FAMILIAR WITH SOME OF THE CHEMICAL/TECHNICAL TERMINOLOGY FROM HER PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT AT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SHE ALSO OBTAINS INFORMATION FROM THE INTERNET.

[REDACTED] ADVISED SHE IS A DEMOCRAT BUT SHE FOLLOWS THE OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES TO LEARN THEIR VIEWS. SHE STATED SHE HAS BEEN WATCHING THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION AND SHE HAS AN INTEREST IN HEARING WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY.

SHE ADVISED SHE HAS NO PLANS TO VISIT THE CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO AND IS NOT PLANNING TO GO OUT OF TOWN UNTIL AFTER LABOR DAY AT WHICH TIME SHE IS GOING ON VACATION. SHE WAS AWARE THAT "ACT UP", A GAY ACTIVIST GROUP, HAD RESERVED SEVERAL ROOMS IN SAN DIEGO FOR THE CONVENTION BUT SHE OFFERED NO FURTHER INFORMATION. [REDACTED] ADVISED SHE HAS ATTENDED ACT UP ACTIVITIES BUT NOT THE MORE "RADICAL" EVENTS.

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[REDACTED] VOLUNTEERED IN AN APPARENT GRATUITOUS MANNER THAT HER NERVOUSNESS AND "WEIRD" BEHAVIOR WAS DUE TO THE MEDICATION (UNIDENTIFIED) SHE IS TAKING.

ON AUGUST 14, 1996, CONTACT WITH AUSA [REDACTED] DETERMINED HE WAS NOT INCLINED TO PROSECUTE [REDACTED] FOR THE THREAT BUT HE PREFERRED THIS MATTER NOT BE CLOSED AT THIS TIME. HE VOICED THE CONCERN THAT IN AS MUCH AS [REDACTED] POSSESSES WEAPONS, HAS A STRONG DISLIKE FOR PHELPS, AND SHOULD PHELPS RETURN TO THE BAY AREA, HE WOULD NOT WANT HER TO BE OVERLOOKED AS A SECURITY CONCERN. [REDACTED] REQUESTED THIS MATTER REMAIN PENDING FOR 60 DAYS AND BE REEVALUATED AT THAT TIME.

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IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, SAN FRANCISCO CONSIDERS THE THREAT BY [REDACTED] TO BE RESOLVED AT THIS TIME AND UNLESS THERE ARE ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS OF THREATS BY HER, SAN FRANCISCO WILL ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE THIS MATTER IN 60 DAYS, UACB.

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LEADS:

KANSAS CITY AT TOPEKA, KANSAS: CONTACT SGT. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 913-233-8200, EXT. [REDACTED] OF THE SHAWNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND OBTAIN POLICE RECORDS, IF AVAILABLE, FOR THE INCIDENTS INVOLVING E-MAIL THREATS TO FRED PHELPS AND SEND THEM TO SAN FRANCISCO SO THEY MAY BE PROVIDED TO THE AUSA. KANSAS CITY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO HAVE THE SHAWNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONTACT FBI KANSAS CITY IF ANY FURTHER THREATS ARE MADE AND FURNISH SAME TO SAN FRANCISCO.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/07/1996

To: FBI Headquarters
Kansas City

Attn: Topeka, Kansas RA

From: San Francisco

Squad [redacted]

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drawn By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (Pending)

Title: [redacted]

PASTOR FRED PHELPS AND THE WESTBORO
BAPTIST CHURCH, 3701 WEST 12TH,
TOPEKA, KANSAS 66604 - VICTIMS;
JULY 5, 1996; BOMB THREAT; EID;
OO:SAN FRANCISCO.

Synopsis: Contact FRED PHELPS to advise him the threats against
him and his church have been resolved.

Administrative: Reference telcal on 10/04/96 between SA [redacted]
[redacted] Topeka, Kansas RA and SA [redacted] San Francisco,
regarding FRED PHELPS' intent to picket Pacific Bell and
Southwest Bell in San Francisco on 10/31/96. Also reference San
Francisco's teletype, dated 08/16/96, to the Bureau, San Diego,
and Kansas City, regarding PHELPS' visit to the Republican
National Convention.

Enclosures: Enclosed for the Topeka, Kansas RA is a copy of the
letter sent by FRED PHELPS to [redacted] Pacific Bell,
and a copy of the FD-302 of the interview with [redacted]
[redacted]

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Details: For the information of receiving offices, FRED PHELPS and the Westboro Baptist Church received a threat via the Internet on 07/05/96 from an e-mail address listed as [redacted]

[redacted] There have been several references to PHELPS on the Internet as he maintains an e-mail address for his church. PHELPS is a notorious anti-gay activist who visited the Republican National Convention in San Diego in August.

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On 08/13/96, a Federal Grand Jury Subpoena was issued to [redacted]

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On 08/13/96, [redacted] was interviewed at the above address by the FBI and the Secret Service jointly, in reference to the threat made to PHELPS. [redacted] admitted being the sender of the threat and advised the interviewing agents she was angry at PHELPS for the comments he makes about gays, but she would not make any further threats. San Francisco has not received any information about further threats from [redacted]

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This case is being maintained for 60 days (to end 10/21/96) per the request of the Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), [redacted]. At the end of the 60-day period, the case will be closed if no further threats have been made.

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On 10/03/96, [redacted] Pacific Bell Internet Services, telephoned FBI San Francisco in reference to a letter they received from PHELPS, dated 09/30/96. In the letter, PHELPS stated he had not received any response to letters he had sent to Pacific Bell, and he was dissatisfied with the lack of attention being given to this matter. PHELPS advised that the Westboro Baptist Church will conduct a protest at the Pacific Bell Corporate Headquarters in San Francisco on 10/31/96. In response to the letter, [redacted] advised he will be contacting PHELPS to inform him the FBI is handling the matter.

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For further information, Inspector [redacted] San Francisco Police Department, Special Investigations Bureau, is well aware of PHELPS' activities and has been apprised of the progress of this investigation.

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In order to dispel PHELPS' intention to protest at the Pacific Bell Office in San Francisco, the Kansas City, Topeka RA is requested to contact FRED PHELPS at 3701 West 12TH, Topeka, Kansas 66604, telephone number 913-273-0325. He is to be advised the individual who made the threat on the Internet has been interviewed and the matter has been resolved. There is no further need for him to send letters to Pacific Bell or any other offices.

At this time, the Assistant United States Attorney, [REDACTED] has expressed no intention of prosecuting this case, to remain pending until the end of the 60-day period. San Francisco will evaluate the case further if any other threats are made in the future.

The identity and location of [REDACTED] should remain anonymous as this information may provoke PHELPS to take his own action.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/21/1996

To: FBI Headquarters
San Francisco

Attn: SA [redacted]
Squad [redacted]

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From: Kansas City
Squad 4-TRA
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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PASTOR FRED PHELPS AND THE WESTBORO
BAPTIST CHURCH,
3701 WEST 12TH
TOPEKA, KANSAS 66604 - VICTIMS;
07/05/1996;
BOMB THREAT; EIP;

Synopsis: Fred Phelps contacted 10/17/1996, and was advised the threats against him and his church have been resolved.

Details: Re SF EC to FBIHQ and KC, 10/07/1996.

On 10/16/1996, telephonic contact was made with Fred Phelps at 913-273-0325, who advised he would be available for a contact 10/17/1996, at 9:00 a.m., so he would be on a picket line from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., 10/17/1996.

On 10/17/1996, Phelps was contacted at the Westboro Baptist Church, 3701 West 12th, Topeka, Kansas.

Per instructions in referenced EC, Phelps was told that the individual who sent the threat via the Internet was identified and interviewed and the matter has been resolved, and there was no further need for him to send letters to Pacific Bell or other offices.

Phelps asked if the threat sender has been or was to be prosecuted. Phelps was told that prosecutive decisions were made by the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Francisco, not the FBI. Phelps said he would determine the identity of this appointed USA. Phelps said if he had sent such a threat he would be prosecuted "to the hilt." He then remarked that a person who threatened the president, name not furnished, was given 40 years.

Phelps said he had still not heard back from Pacific

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Bell, other than a phone call, name of person not recalled, who said he was from Pacific Bell. Phelps said many companies are in the control of dangerous homosexuals. It was explained to Phelps that the person who sent the threat via the Internet was not an employee of Pacific Bell, or in anyway associated with the company, but was only a customer renting service for Internet use.

Phelps concluded by stating he was still waiting for a reply from Pacific Bell, and did not rule out the possibility of still traveling to San Francisco on 10/31/1996, to picket Pacific Bell.

The identity and location of was not disclosed to Fred Phelps.

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All leads at Kansas City covered.

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/29/1998

To: Kansas City

From: IA [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] ajg

Case ID #: KC 100-0

Title: FRED W. PHELPS;
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Synopsis: Fred W. Phelps plans to demonstrate at Army Recruiting Stations in the Kansas City Area.

Details: On 7/28/98, Major [REDACTED] Kansas City Recruiting Battalion, 10300 Prairie View Road, Kansas City, Missouri, 816/891-7616, advised as follows:

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Fred W. Phelps is a Pastor for the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas. Phelps has protested at the Topeka, Kansas Army Recruiting Station. Phelps has sent no threats at this point, but has sent other mail. Phelps is very anti-gay and his language is almost militant.

Major [REDACTED] advised he thought the FBI should be made aware of Phelps and his activities. He faxed two communications from Phelps that reflected the view of Pastor Phelps.

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A check of ACS reflected a Fred W. Phelps, Pastor, Westboro Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas, indexed to 9B-KC-72476. He was also indexed to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] He was described as a W/M, DOB 11/13/29.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/08/2000

To: National Security
WFO

Attn: SEMU, SSA [redacted]
Attn: SSA [redacted]

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From: WFO

NS [redacted] National Capital Response Squad
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (Pending)

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Title: EQUALITY ROCKS CONCERT/
MILLENNIUM MARCH ON WASHINGTON,
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
04/29/00-04/30/00
SPECIAL EVENTS MANAGEMENT,
OO:WFO

Synopsis: To report status of security plans regarding the
Millennium March on Washington (MMOW).

Details: On 03/08/00, writer telephonically contacted [redacted]
[redacted] MMOW, regarding the current
security plans their organization has for the march and rally on
04/30/00. [redacted] reported that MMOW is in the process of
obtaining a contract with a security service who will work the
march and rally, along with Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)
and U.S. Park Police (USPP). [redacted] identified the point
of contact for USPP as [redacted] telephone number [redacted]
[redacted] did not know the name of the MPD
representative with whom she was working.

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[redacted] advised that there was a credentialing
system in place for the MMOW, and that FBI representatives would
be included in the badging process. There have been no security
committee meetings thus far, but [redacted] advised that she
would contact the FBI with times and dates for the meetings as
they evolved.

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Writer advised [redacted] that the FBI had opened the
MMOW as a Level IV Special Event, and explained to her the FBI's
role in this activity, i.e., statutory requirements and
limitations, agent staffing and responsibilities, federal aid
that can be supplied if an incident of violence occurs, etc.
Writer further conveyed to [redacted] that FBIHQ had received
no information regarding threats to the MMOW, and all of the
field offices around the country were to canvas their area to
determine if they had any information concerning threats to the

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MMOW. Writer will convey any positive threat information to the MMOW.

[redacted] advised writer that she was aware of a counter-protest being planned for the MMOW being lead by Fred Phelps. ACS search for Phelps showed numerous entries, including Phelps as the main subject in a 1993 extortion case out of the Topeka RA, Kansas City Division. Writer contacted SA [redacted] Topeka RA, who provided information on Phelps.

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Fred W. Phelps, DOB 11/13/1929, SSN 427-32-0157, is a well known local anti-homosexual zealot who is the pastor of the Westboro Baptist Church and Library, 3701 W. 12th Street, Topeka, Kansas, (913) 273-0325 or (913) 273-0338. The congregation consists mainly of his 13 children, their spouses, and their children. 9-10 of Phelps' children are attorneys who run the Phelps Chartered Law Firm, 1414 S. Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Kansas, (913) 233-4162. Phelps and his followers have demonstrated on an almost daily basis in the Topeka area for the past 8 years. They will also travel to other locations to spread their doctrine, such as Wyoming, New York, and San Francisco. Phelps also runs the web site www.godhatesfags.com where his views about homosexuality are displayed.

SA [redacted] reported that Phelps is not a violent person, but will be very vocal in his protests. Phelps is a disbarred attorney himself, and is keenly aware of what his rights and limitations are from a legal standpoint. He and his followers carry a video camera with them to film those who attempt to stop them from demonstrating.

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Although Phelps' does appear to be dedicated to only one issue, his web site does mention "baby-killers". Writer provided aforementioned material regarding Phelps to SA [redacted] NS- [redacted] for use on possible FACE act violations as she deems necessary.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 04/11/2000

To: National Security
WFO

Attn: SEMU, SSA [redacted]
SSA [redacted]

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From: WFO

NS- [redacted] National Capital Response Squad
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (Pending)

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Title: EQUALITY ROCK CONCERT/
MILLENNIUM MARCH ON WASHINGTON,
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
04/29/00-04/30/00
SPECIAL EVENTS MANAGEMENT,
OO:WFO

Synopsis: To report status of events surrounding ERC/MMOW.

Details: On 04/10/00, writer was telephonically contacted by [redacted] Millennium Productions, who reported that "The Wedding", where an estimated 5,000 individuals will participate in a mass "union" ceremony, will be relocated from in front of the Internal Revenue Service on 10th Street and Constitution Ave, NW, to an area in front of the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool. The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) did not think it was appropriate to shut down a portion of Constitution when Pennsylvania Avenue between 3rd and 9th Streets was already closed for the Millennium Festival. [redacted] is continuing to work with the United States Park Police (USPP) to ensure that "The Wedding" will go on.

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On 04/11/00, writer telephonically contacted Sgt. [redacted] [redacted] MPD, who advised that a counter-protest to the Millennium March and surrounding activities was being planned for the weekend of 04/29/00-04/30/00, and would take place on 17th Street and Dupont, NW. [redacted] did not know the name of the group protesting, nor did he know how many protesters would be present. [redacted] did not know if this was the location Fred Phelps, DOB 11/13/1929, SSN 427-32-0157, well known anti-homosexual zealot, had chosen for his protest.

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[redacted] further reported that the Millennium March has been estimated to draw 200,000 individuals, and the after-March Rally will draw 350,000. Both figures are significantly lower than the original 600,000 estimated by the Millennium March on Washington organization.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 04/24/2000

To: WFO

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]

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From: WFO

NS [REDACTED] National Capital Response Squad

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID # [REDACTED] (Pending)

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Title: EQUALITY ROCKS CONCERT/
MILLENNIUM MARCH ON WASHINGTON,
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
04/29/00-04/30/00
SPECIAL EVENTS MANAGEMENT,
OO:WFO

Synopsis: To report results of meeting on 04/20/00.

Details: On 04/20/00, SA [REDACTED] and writer met with U.S. Park Police (USPP) representatives Sgt. [REDACTED] and Det. [REDACTED] regarding the upcoming Millennium March on Washington (MMOW) weekend.

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[REDACTED] advised that a check-in point for youth coming to Washington, D.C. for the weekend will be established at Dupont Circle. This event was earlier reported, in error, by Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) representatives as a protest.

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Staging for the March on Sunday, April 30, will be on the Washington Monument grounds. The March will follow Constitution to 14th Street, where participants will walk down the National Mall to the Stage, located at 3rd Street.

Fred Phelps, DOB 11/13/1929, SSN 427-32-0157, a well known anti-homosexual zealot, will conduct his counter-demonstration at the Ellipse on Sunday, April 30.

[REDACTED] further advised that USPP would probably not have a formal CP established, but would consider the area around 4th Street, south of Jefferson, as a possibility.

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Writer provided [REDACTED] with names and pager numbers of FBI representatives working the MMOW events, and a copy of the FBI's Threat Assessment for the weekend.

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[REDACTED] provided contact numbers for themselves.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/11/2000

To: CID

ATTN: AD [redacted]
Hate Crimes Unit
[redacted] SSA [redacted]

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Kansas City

ATTN: SAC

From: Denver

Squad [redacted]

Contact: Investigator [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 266-0

Title: FRED W. PHELPS;
DOB 11/13/1929;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Synopsis: Contacts with [redacted]
[redacted] in reference
to captioned subject.

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Enclosures: One page document from the WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH.

Details: The JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (JCSO) Mountain Precinct has law enforcement jurisdiction in [redacted]. On 08/09/2000, the enclosed document was faxed to the JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (JCSO) Mountain Precinct from an unknown sender.

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On 08/10/2000, Investigator [redacted], a deputy sheriff with JCSO, and a full time member of Denver's Joint Terrorism Task Force, was provided a copy of the enclosed document by the JCSO and asked to confirm whether [redacted] did, in fact, live in [redacted].

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Immediately upon receipt of the enclosed document, Inv. [redacted] discussed the contents with SSA [redacted] Denver Division. Inv. [redacted] was advised to discuss the contents of the fax with the United States Secret Service (USSS) representative on Denver's [redacted] which he did. Within a few minutes, the USSS SA called Inv. [redacted] and told him that [redacted] did not qualify for USSS protection. Inv. [redacted] indicated to the USSS SA that he intended to confirm whether or not [redacted] did, in fact, live within JCSO jurisdiction.

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Based upon a potential violation of the Federal

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extortion statute, Inv. [redacted] and FBI SA [redacted] another member of Denver's [redacted] located the residence of [redacted] DOB [redacted] and contacted [redacted] DOB [redacted] home telephone [redacted] work address [redacted] [redacted] was advised the identity of the investigator and agent and the purpose of the contact. [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated [redacted] but she would be returning this coming weekend, and then would be gone [redacted] was provided a copy of the enclosed document. She stated she was aware of PHELPS, the WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, and their activities, but had not seen this particular document. She stated since [redacted] [redacted] she has received in excess of seventy calls from the media to her non published telephone number, and one reporter came to her door.

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Based upon the vicious content and implied threats in the enclosed document, [redacted] was provided with contact numbers for JCSO dispatch, Inv. [redacted] pager number and phone numbers at JCSO and Denver's [redacted] SA [redacted] also gave [redacted] his card, with Denver [redacted] contact numbers. [redacted] was advised what JCSO's response would be in the event that protestors arrived at her home. [redacted] was provided with additional recommendations for home security, e.g., use of caller ID, recording and screening phone calls, and other usual safety and privacy recommendations.

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Inv. [redacted] provided JCSO with the above information on [redacted] as well as background information on captioned subject. Inv. [redacted] also ensured that the premise information on [redacted] was entered into JCSO's computer aided dispatch system.

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On 8/11/2000, at approximately 7:45 a.m., at the request of the USSS representative to Denver's [redacted] Inv. [redacted] faxed a copy of the enclosed document to SA [redacted] of the UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, in Denver, Colorado.

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At approximately noon on 8/11/2000, Inv. [redacted] was told by Lt. [redacted] JCSO, that he had been contacted by USSS SA [redacted] who stated that [redacted] had requested USSS protection for [redacted] and that this request had been granted. Further, it was anticipated that such protection would also be offered to [redacted].

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Lt. [redacted] stated that, on 8/12/2000, he and USSS SA [redacted] will meet with [redacted] at her residence to discuss security issues.

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Based upon the above and the fact that appears to be no overt threat which would constitute a violation of the extortion statute, Denver is conducting no further investigation at this time.

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Set Lead 1: (Adm)

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

For information.

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Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ NoTitle: Fred Waldron Phelps

Reference: _____

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Description: ☐ Original notes re interview ofinternet; PSP; & APD info on WBCb6
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ALLENTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

FAX COVER SHEET

TO: FBF

DATE: 12/5/02

FAX #: 610-437-8721

FROM: - APD

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Allentown Police Department
425 Hamilton Street
Allentown PA 18101-1699
Fax # (610) 437-8721

SENDER REQUESTS URGENT REPLY: ☒ (Check Only If Urgent)

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If you have any questions pertaining to this transmission, please contact me at the following phone number:

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Capt. [redacted] Westboro Baptist Church Religious Ministry to Allentown/Cedar Crest College

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From: [redacted]

To: [redacted]

Date: 11/20/02 1:08PM

Subject: Westboro Baptist Church Religious Ministry to Allentown/Cedar Crest College

Hello Captain [redacted]

In follow-up to our conversation earlier today, below is the 2nd e-mail we received from this group, together with my final reply to him. I have not heard from anyone since this exchange. However, we received an e-mail from someone else in your neighborhood that said they understood these people were going to be at the pickets we hold. I received that e-mail today. I am not concerned about any of this, but I wanted you to have this heads up, just in case you have information that would give a different assessment of the situation.

Further, after we spoke, I had someone from my office contact the Allentown Police Department relating to the permit requirement you mentioned. After some conversations, we were advised that since we are NOT selling anything, we do NOT need to have a permit. I am sending a copy of this e-mail to Chief Kuhn so that he can advise if we have received any bad information about the requirement of a permit, and help us rectify that matter. Also so that he can have all of this information and details.

TOLD THEM
DO NOT NEED
A PERMIT

BAD INFO

10 Members
4:30-5:30

Finally, this will confirm that 10 members of WBC will be on the public sidewalks at the intersection of College Drive and Hamilton on Friday, December 6, 2002 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The contact person for WBC will be [redacted] she will have a cell phone [redacted] They will have two rental cars and will park in two parking places that are on College Drive, just off of Hamilton. Chief Kuhn, if you have any additional comments, or if there is a contact person from your department and a phone number we should have, please advise

CONTACT Person

If either of you have any additional questions or comments, please feel to e-mail me, or call [redacted]

Thank you for your assistance.

Post-It* Fax Note 7671

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To	EXC. FEST/WHITE		
From	Capt [redacted]		
Co./Dept.	Cedar Crest College		
Phone #	[redacted]		
Fax #	[redacted]		

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2002 2:21 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Lehigh University picket in Bethlehem, PA

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Hello [redacted]

I want to be VERY clear with you. We do not want or need ANY kind of storm troopers at any of our pickets.

Your words do not sound like Bible words - you hint of some nameless threat against people when you say you don't play fair. We want no part of any of this kind of activity. The scriptures do not support any notion that we are

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SHE DOES NOT
WANT THEIR
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entitled or required to resort to violence or threats except to remind this generation that they will give an account to the Lord their God! We are armed ONLY with words!

Thanks!

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2002 1:32 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Lehigh University picket in Bethlehem, PA

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Dear [REDACTED]

Greetings in the name of Christ our Lord. We recently got your email and would like to clarify some details. First of all, we do NOT expect the picketers from the Westboro Baptist Church to wear the uniform of the National Socialist Movement. Only the members of the NSM would be in full STORMTROOPER uniform. Secondly, when we do attend this event, would there be a problem with us being a part of the event? We do NOT want to cause any sort of disfunction to your event which could give the enemies of our Risen Lord fuel for criticizing us.

We, the National Socialist Movement of PA, want this event to show the Lehigh Valley and beyond that the homosexual lifestyle is not a valid and Christian way of life.

In conclusion, the ZOG (Zionist Occupational Gov't) controlled media and total infrastructure of American society must be put on NOTICE THAT HOMOSEXUALITY IS AN ABOMINATION AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

ZOG DOES NOT PLAY FAIR; THEREFORE, EXTREME MEASURES HAVE TO BE EMPLOYED.

We hope that these negotiations will bear positive fruit to expose the enemies of Christ our Lord.

May the Grace of our Lord be with you and the WBC.

[REDACTED]
NSM-PA Unit
AWP-NSM

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CC: [REDACTED]

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NSM WANTS TO
BE PART OF EVENT
WITH STORMTROOPERS

Capt. [redacted]

FW: Nazis at Lehigh University Picket

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From: [redacted]
 To: [redacted]
 Date: 11/20/02 1:41PM
 Subject: FW: Nazis at Lehigh University Picket

This is the e-mail I referenced that I received today. The person writing seems to be from Lehigh University. It doesn't say when the letter to the editor was published.

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]
 Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2002 2:23 AM
 To: [redacted]
 Subject: Re: Nazis at Lehigh University Picket

We are not associated with the National Socialist Party in any way shape or form - we preach the gospel that is found in the scriptures we do not add to it or take away from it. Many of our members are Attorneys by trade, and we spent many years protecting civil rights in the state of Kansas for minorities.

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]
 To: <ghf@godhatesamerica.com>
 Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2002 6:26 AM
 Subject: Nazis at Lehigh University Picket

> Hello,
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 > I am a student of Lehigh University. A letter to the editor was published
 > in our school newspaper by a representative of the National Socialist
 > Party
 > (aka American Nazis), saying how they would be attending the picket too.
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 > was just wondering two things. A) Did you know that they would be
 > attending, and if so B) what is your (group/personal/whatever) feelings
 > about Nazis and what they stand for? Is their rhetoric in line or
 > different
 > from the gospel preached in your church?
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 >
 > Thank you for your time

[redacted]

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Capt. [REDACTED] FW: Bethlehem, PA.

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From: [REDACTED]
 To: [REDACTED]
 Date: 11/20/02 1:48PM
 Subject: FW: Bethlehem, PA.

This was the first contact - I replied and will send that if I find it.
 They seem to be talking more about Lehigh University - but this was before
 we announced our trip to Cedar Crest.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2002 2:22 PM
 To: WBC
 Subject: Fw: Bethlehem, PA.

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----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]
 To: <ghf@godhatesamerica.com>
 Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2002 5:44 PM
 Subject: Bethlehem, PA.

→ > Dear Christian Friends at Westboro Baptist Church:
 → > Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ who is our
 → > Risen Lord & God, my name is [REDACTED]
 → > I read on your website that you will be picketing
 → > Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA on December 6,
 → > 2002. Unfortunately, I live in the Lehigh Valley,
 → > which supports the homosexual lifestyle. These people
 → > declare that homosexuality is a valid and wonderful
 → > sexual orientation. The Holy Scriptures state
 → > otherwise.
 → > I am a representative for the National Socialist
 → > Movement in PA and we would like to openly participate
 → > in this event. Our website is www.[REDACTED]
 → > When the NSM had our White Unity Rally in Topeka, KS
 → > on the 2nd to last weekend of August, the WBC did not
 → > denounce us; therefore, the NSM in the Lehigh Valley,
 → > PA would like to send a detachment of UNIFORMED NSM
 → > STORMTROOPERS TO STAND SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH THE
 → > PICKETERS OF THE WBC.
 → > It is the intent of the National Socialist Movement to
 → > work with fellow believers in Christ to defeat the
 → > forces of the evil satanic foe.
 → > In conclusion, we look forward to hearing from you in
 → > regards to our participation in the picket.
 → > Yours in Christ!

> NSM PA Unit
 > AWP-NSM

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Capt [REDACTED]

FW: Your e-mail to godhatesfags.com

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 11/20/02 1:50PM
Subject: FW: Your e-mail to godhatesfags.com

And this was my first reply. I believe that covers all the exchanges.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2002 10:47 AM
To: 'americanworkersparty@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Your e-mail to godhatesfags.com

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Sorry - excuse the typo - [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2002 10:40 AM
To: 'americanworkersparty@yahoo.com'
Subject: Your e-mail to godhatesfags.com

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for writing!

It is the Intent of the Westboro Baptist Church to publish the unperverted, unchanged, pure word of the Lord our God. We do not ask for anyone to stand with us at our open air services. We do not do storm troopers, uniforms, etc. If any of your members would like to come by and visit while we are in your area, we are ready always to give an answer to any person for the hope that is in us.

Thanks!

[REDACTED]
Member, Westboro Baptist Church

Tells [REDACTED]
They are not
stormtroopers but
leaves it open for
them to visit

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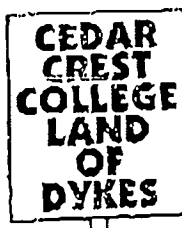
WBC to picket fag-/dyke-infested Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA -- Dec. 6, 3 p.m. -- in religious protest & warning: 'God is not mocked!' God Hates Fags! & Fag-Enablers! Ergo, God hates CCC Pres. Dorothy Gulbenkian Blaney, her administration, staff, alumni, & student body!

Here's how lesbians got that way: God gave them up to vile affections for changing the truth of God into a lie.

"Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections; for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature." Rom. 1:25,26.



Not since Sappho *de facto* ruled the Island of Lesbos (c. 610 - 580 B.C.) has there been such a concentration of filthy, foul-mouthed dykes as now exists at Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA. They even have a scholarship named for a famous living dyke -- **Billy Jean King** -- to whom they awarded an honorary degree this week. CCC has created what Judge Bork calls a sodomite *Zeitgeist* -- and what de Toqueville called "a worm in the American apple" -- in Bork's book, *Slouching Toward Gomorrah*. Making famous dykes role models and otherwise encouraging impressionable young girls to experiment with and respect sin will eternally damn Pres. Blaney. **OUTTHERE** is the fag/dyke gang dominating CCC, and CCC's guest speakers are drawn from the Gay & Lesbian Alliance. At right is the filthy face of fag evil. It's NOT OK to be gay. It will destroy the life, damn the soul, doom the nation. **Matt's in Hell!!** Deal with that solemn fact. All else is trivial, frivolous, irrelevant. Can't control yourself? Christ said castrate yourself. Mat. 19:12.



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Westboro Baptist Church

Assessment

December 2002

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) is planning a series of picketing campaigns at various locations in the Lehigh Valley during the weekend of December 6-8, 2002. The following document is intended to provide background information on the WBC and to assist command staff in the area in preparation for these demonstrations and possible counter-demonstrations. This document contains general information on the WBC, the structure of the group, the group's trends, capabilities, intentions and a biographical sheet of WBC leader, Fred Phelps, Sr. (See Attachment 1, Fred Phelps Bio Sheet). The information contained in this report was gleaned from various sources including the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, WBC web-sites: www.godhatesfags.com and www.godhatesamerica.com, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), and various open source news services.

BACKGROUND

The WBC was established in 1955 by Pastor Fred Waldron Phelps, Sr., in Topeka Kansas. It is a not-for-profit organization that preaches against homosexual lifestyles and those who condone or are apathetic to such lifestyles. The WBC considers itself an "Old School (or, Primitive)" Baptist Church. Many WBC congregants are related to Phelps by blood. Phelps has thirteen children, eleven of whom are lawyers. Four of Phelps' children left Phelps and the WBC and are now estranged from the family (See Attachment 2, Phelps Family Tree).

The majority of the WBC's activity involves picketing the gay community at events nationwide as well as picketing other churches or establishments thought to "encourage" homosexuality (See Attachment 3, WBC Pickets). While WBC has picketed the gay community at hundreds of events nationwide, most of the individuals protested by the Church are not homosexual. Many WBC fliers emphasize the race or religion of these individuals, suggesting that the Church's hate spreads beyond its abhorrence of homosexuality.

The WBC has held thousands of public demonstrations since 1991. In addition to speeches on the picket lines, the Church spreads its hateful message via faxed fliers and "News Releases." These faxed documents also appear on WBC's website, www.godahatesfags.com, along with photos of Church pickets and a schedule of upcoming demonstrations. A second WBC website, www.godhatesamerica.com, contends that the United States is "doomed" because it supports gays.

TRENDS AND CAPABILITIES

WBC methods include daily pickets, an array of intimidating tactics, scores of lawsuits, and thousands of faxes filled with racial and homosexual slurs and sex. The WBC uses

these tactics in an effort to wage battle against lesbians, gays, and a whole host of other perceived enemies. Their methods have resulted in battery, criminal restraint, and disorderly conduct convictions, however, convictions have been the exception. There have been hundreds of complaints against the WBC but few result in convictions due to the WBC's ability to legally harass and intimidate complainants. In the past, the WBC has incited others with their graphic placards and malicious speech but they know their legal rights. At least one of the members will have a video camera to "document" alleged abuses by outsiders or the perceived failure of the local police to protect the group. The WBC picketers have been accused of battery, harassment, stalking, and spitting on their targets and passersby.

INTENTIONS

The WBC has indicated on their website that they will picket at the following locations and times in the Lehigh Valley.

Dec. 6, 2002	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Bethlehem, PA	Lehigh University, 27 Memorial Drive West
Dec. 6, 2002	4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Allentown, PA	Cedar Crest College, 100 College Drive
Dec. 7, 2002	4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Bethlehem, PA	Cathedral Church of the Nativity, 321 Wyandotte St.
Dec. 7, 2002	5:15 pm – 6:00 pm	Bethlehem, PA	Salem Lutheran Church, 537 High St.
Dec. 7, 2002	7:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Bethlehem, PA	Lehigh University, Zolner Art's Center, 420 E. Packer Ave.
Dec. 8, 2002	7:30 am – 8:00 am	Bethlehem, PA	Bethlehem Trinity Church, 44 East Market St.
Dec. 8, 2002	8:15 am – 8:45 am	Bethlehem, PA	The First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, 2344 Center St.
Dec. 8, 2002	8:25 am – 9:00 am	Bethlehem, PA	UCC Church of the Manger, 1401 Greenvview Dr.
Dec. 8, 2002	8:50 am – 9:15 am	Bethlehem, PA	Wesley UMC, 2540 Center St.
Dec. 8, 2002	10:00 am – 10:30 am	Bethlehem, PA	St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 730 W. Broad St.

Phelps revels in the fact that his activities and speech is abhorred by most. Phelps believes and preaches that because he is spreading the Word of God he will be hated and persecuted. He believes this persecution guarantees his place in heaven.

In addition to the planned WBC pickets, Lehigh University has organized a counter-demonstration. The counter-demonstration will consist of a series of speakers, testimonials, and music to non-violently protest the WBC. According to the *Express*

Times, the WBC will likely protest in two areas deemed appropriate by the police and the university. The WBC generally comply with "designated" protest areas. At this point, there is no indication that Ceder Crest College or any of the other affected targets are planning counter-demonstrations.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Pennsylvania State Police, Intelligence Section will continue monitoring the websites created by WBC to ascertain threat levels and to gain knowledge of the planned events. Websites of anti-hate organizations will be monitored as well. Pertinent information will be forwarded to commanders. At this point there is no information to suggest that the WBC is connected to or will be holding their demonstrations in conjunction with any other established "hate-group" in Pennsylvania.

Concentration should be placed on preventing potential violence from counter-demonstrators. Consideration should be given to contacting affected protest sites in an effort to ascertain the likelihood and level of any counter-demonstrations being planned.

Consideration should be given to increasing patrols in the areas of the scheduled events. A vast majority of the WBC members are lawyers and are therefore well aware of their rights. Ensure that proper procedure is used during any interaction with these individuals.

FRED WALDRON PHELPS SR BIO Sheet



W/N-M, 6'03" blue eyes red hair

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Topeka, KS 66604

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DOB: 11/13/1929

SSN: 427-32-0157

OLN: KS/427320157

FBI: 14494TA5

CRIMINAL HISTORY:

02/23/1993 – Criminal Defamation (2 counts)

03/24/1993 – Criminal Defamation (3 counts)

04/21/1993 – Criminal Defamation (2 counts)

06/15/1993 – Criminal Defamation

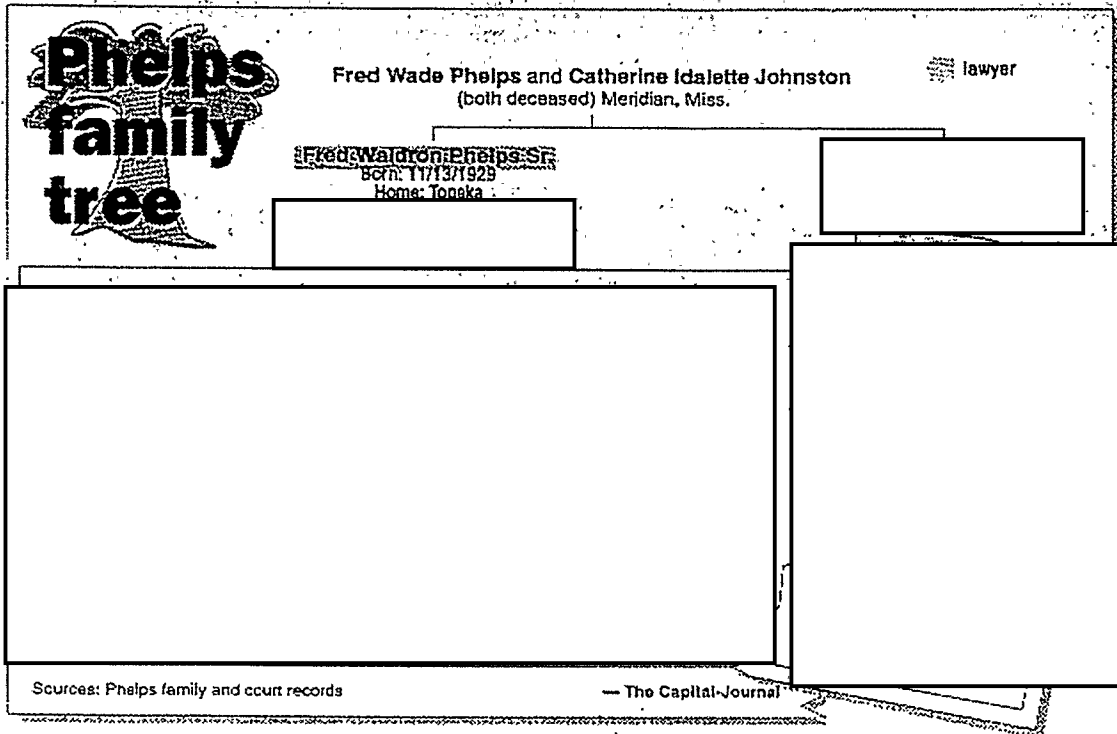
06/22/1993 – Disorderly Conduct and Aggravated Intimidation

03/09/1995 – Battery, Assault, and Disorderly Conduct

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CCT leader surprised with police chief's resignation

2/2/96

By KRISTEN L. HAYS and STEVE FRY
The Capital-Journal

The leader of a group that claimed Topeka Police Chief Gerald Beavers was giving special treatment to the Rev. Fred W. Phelps Sr. and Westboro Baptist Church members met the news of Beavers' resignation Thursday with obvious surprise.

"There's a line in 'Alice in Wonderland,'" said Jack Brier, "which says, 'It just gets curiouser and curiouser.'"

Brier, a former Kansas secretary of state, is president of Concerned Citizens for Topeka. The group conducted a news conference in mid-December that featured two Topeka police officers criticizing an alleged order that officers should ignore crimes committed by Phelps and members of his church.

Brier said in December the group's mission wasn't to oust Beavers. It wanted to know who was responsible for the alleged "no arrest" order -- Beavers or Mayor Butch Felker -- and it wanted officers to be able to do their jobs.

Beavers and Felker denied issuing such an order. Felker, even though he was Beavers' boss, said he couldn't intervene in how

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officers carry out their duties because that would politicize law enforcement.

Following the CCT news conference, Sheriff Dave Meneley and the city's chief administrative officer, Alan Morris, launched separate investigations into the alleged no-arrest order. Felker has received Morris' final report but hasn't made it public.

Meneley said Thursday his investigation "substantiated the no-arrest order."

Shawnee County District Attorney Joan Hamilton said Thursday had been reading transcripts of interviews conducted by the sheriff's department during its investigation.

Hamilton said that she had received some bound volumes of interview transcripts and that two prosecutors would read them to determine whether charges are warranted.

Hamilton said prosecutors might have to wait to make a decision whether to file charges linked to the investigation until a civil lawsuit in which Beavers testified is completed.

In the lawsuit, Westboro sued the city of Topeka and Hamilton, challenging ordinances restricting picketing of churches and a state statute restricting picketing of funerals.

Felker, testifying in October in the Westboro lawsuit, said he hadn't prohibited Beavers from arresting Westboro picketers and hadn't directed the city attorney's office to not take complaints against Westboro picketers.

Beavers later testified Felker had never told him police should or shouldn't enforce a particular law against anyone.

Beavers also testified it was police policy to have the victim of inflammatory words sign a citation with the city attorney's office, even if a police officer overheard the remarks.

If Beavers' resignation and the appointment of Commander Dean Forster as acting chief means laws and ordinances will be enforced, then the price of Beavers losing his job is worth it, Brier said.

"Clearly Commander Forster has indicated by virtue of the arrests made on Sunday" that the alleged no-arrest policy "has already been changed," he said.

Brier was referring to citations issued Sunday to five Westboro members in connection with the alleged violation of a city ordinance that restricts picketing or demonstrating near a church.



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Meneley takes plea to state's high court

By JOHN HANNA
The Associated Press

Former Shawnee County Sheriff Dave Meneley has taken his case to the state's highest court, hoping it will overturn the judicial decision that removed him from office a year ago.

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments Thursday morning in Meneley's appeal of his ouster. It is one of 28 cases the justices are scheduled to hear next week.

Meneley was removed from office in February 2000 by Shawnee County District Judges Richard Anderson and Matthew Dowd.

They concluded that Meneley had given false testimony in two instances and concealed from investigators the disappearance of drug evidence. Meneley consistently has denied any wrongdoing.

He can't get the sheriff's job back because his appointed successor, Richard Barta, defeated him in the Republican primary, then won the general election last year. But a favorable decision from the Supreme Court could allow him to recapture his state law enforcement certification and form the basis of a lawsuit against the state.

"There isn't any question that if the ouster is reversed, it would be vindicating," said Meneley's attorney, Margie Phelps, of Topeka.

Meneley was elected sheriff in 1992 and re-elected in 1996. His legal problems started in 1994 with the disappearance of at least a half-ounce of cocaine from an evidence locker at the sheriff's department.

Five years later, a county judge overturned a defendant's drug conviction, saying drugs used as evidence by the sheriff's department from January 1994 through December 1996 were "irreparably contaminated and tainted."

In 1999, a narcotics officer admitted addictions to alcohol and cocaine since 1995 and resigned. Meneley said he had no prior knowledge of the officer's problem, but other members of the department said they

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heard about it from Meneley.

Attorney General Carla Stovall started an ouster proceeding against Meneley, citing 13 counts of willful misconduct or violations of "moral turpitude."

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She also filed 20 criminal charges against Meneley, alleging theft and misuse of public funds. Joan Hamilton, then Shawnee County district attorney, filed two perjury counts against Meneley for his testimony in court.

Meneley went to trial last year on the perjury charges, but a jury deadlocked in August. Hamilton sought a second trial, but she lost the general election, and her successor, Robert Hecht, dropped the charges.

A key issue in Meneley's appeal is whether the two judges should have put Stovall's ouster case on hold while the perjury case against him proceeded.

Meneley didn't testify during the ouster proceeding. Phelps said Meneley was worried that if he gave his version of events, Hamilton would file more perjury charges against him.

Phelps noted that the two judges dismissed 10 of the 13 ouster counts against Meneley, leaving only allegations in which his statements played a central role. Meneley contends that because he felt he couldn't testify, the proceeding wasn't fair.

Stovall's office wouldn't comment on the case, citing a gag order issued in the case involving the theft charges.

But in documents filed with the Supreme Court, Assistant Attorney General John Dowell said the burden was on the state to prove that Meneley should be ousted.

Also, he wrote, Meneley wouldn't be removed from office simply for his failure to testify.

"It was defendant's choice whether or not to testify," Dowell wrote.

But Phelps said Meneley faced the prospect of testifying and being charged with a new crime or remaining silent and losing his job.

"I think the law recognizes that's not a choice," she said.

The case is State vs. Dave R. Meneley, No. 84,573.

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An in-depth look at Fred Phelps and the Westboro Baptist Church

Jan. 4, 2002: Online editor's note

Since we launched CJOnline.com almost five years ago, one of the most constant requests we receive from readers across the nation is an archive of our newspaper's coverage of Topeka minister Fred Phelps Sr. We get these requests from everyone from college students writing term papers to offended people who have recently found out about his church to those just plain fascinated or interested.

This sitelet in no way should be seen as an endorsement or condemnation of Phelps or the Westboro Baptist Church by CJOnline.com or The Topeka Capital-Journal.

If anything, this site is an endorsement of information -- to the idea of telling a story the best and most accurately that we can.

We have always believed in the power of information. And on CJOnline.com, especially the power of raw information. Which is why visitors to this sitelet can find not only numerous stories from The Capital-Journal's archives, but audio interviews with Phelps, video clips of his sermons and even a link to the Westboro Baptist Church's own Web site.

But there are also links to sites that are very much against Phelps and his message. And the message boards on our site are alive with vibrant discussion about this topic.

It is important for us that our readers be able to draw their

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own conclusions with this sensitive subject. Listen to the audio for yourself. Watch the videos for yourself. Read the stories for yourself. It's one thing to see or hear about this church on television or in a magazine article. It's another to have this church be right in your own hometown.

No matter what you ultimately believe or derive out of this content, we feel this will be an eye-opening experience for those who haven't seen Phelps firsthand.

Much of the content on this special sitelet dedicated to Phelps and his church might be considered offensive to some people, so please take that into consideration as you look through these pages. And especially when you visit any links to content off of CJOnline's servers.

If you have any questions or thoughts on this site, please feel free to send me an e-mail or call me.

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An overview of Phelps

By Tim Richardson
CJ Online.com

The Rev. Fred Phelps had a typical Southern upbringing in a highly respected family.

Those who knew Phelps in Mississippi during his childhood say he was a model citizen. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout with Palms, played in the high school band and graduated with honors. In his graduating class of 213 students, Phelps ranked sixth and was the class orator at commencement on May 28, 1946.

He carried a strong presence into the courtroom and garnered several civil rights awards for representing minorities.

In recent years, Phelps is a changed man.

A Topeka lawyer testified in 1995 that he wanted to hit the Rev. Fred Phelps after the anti-homosexual minister directed derogatory comments at him.

Other Topekans, regardless of whether they wanted to deck the man, have noticed his presence in the community. The spotlight has expanded in recent years, bringing national attention to a controversial man with Topeka roots.

The disbarred lawyer and his clan from Westboro Baptist Church, 3701 S.W. 12th, travel the nation to picket. With signs in hand, they are often spotted at Gage Park, The Topeka Capital-Journal and other areas of town. The picketing hasn't slowed since the newspaper published a special report about the group almost a decade ago.

Phelps made headlines when he and others from WBC picketed the funeral of Matthew Shepard, the gay man beaten to death in Wyoming.

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"I found it almost impossible to believe that human beings could be so brutal and vicious to a hurting family," said the Rev. Jerry Falwell.

Phelps says he brought "a little sanity" to Shepard's funeral.

Did he worry about hurting Shepard's family? "Yes, I worry about that," he said. "But my mom's words come back to me all the time. She'd say a little hurt now saves a big hurt later. I'm talking about living people who are headed straight for hell."

National publications have showcased Phelps in their glossy pages.

The April 1999 issue of "George" magazine featured "The 20 Most Fascinating Men in Politics." Phelps is No. 5.

"These men startle, scintillate, and shock," says the article, which has a five-sentence blurb on Phelps next to a full-page photo. "Sometimes for better, sometimes for worse, they're not afraid to say the things we don't want to hear."

Phelps recently appeared in "Rolling Stone" magazine, as well. This isn't the first time Phelps has been featured nationally, but recent high-profile pickets seem to have rekindled national interest. Phelps has said he hadn't read any of the articles, but he appreciates the coverage.

In 1993, tax-payers learned they footed the \$26.69-an-hour bill to protect WBC protestors.

About three years later, the State Board of Tax Appeals ruled the 1995 Ford F-150 pickup truck purchased by Phelps' church didn't qualify for a tax exemption. The ruling forced him to pay property taxes on the new blue pickup truck he uses to haul about picket signs.

The news wasn't all bad for the Phelps family.

The Kansas Court of Appeals reversed a disorderly conduct conviction of a WBC picketer, saying "it's not a crime in America to say something offensive," a church lawyer said.

A Riley County district judge signed an order saying there wasn't probable cause to issue warrants for criminal defamation against Phelps. The question of criminal defamation is linked to fax messages sent to Shawnee County Sheriff Dave Meneley.

In the second case, the court of appeals ruled that a judge made an erroneous instruction to the jury in a May 1996 trial in which Westboro member Jonathan B. Phelps was convicted of remarks allegedly made to two women.

Phelps also ran for governor of Kansas in 1990 and 1994, the U.S. Senate in 1992 and Topeka mayor in 1993, losing in the primary each time.

In 1997, then-Mayor Joan Wagnon sent an e-mail to the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette in Little Rock, where former President Bill Clinton was scheduled to attend an event.

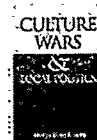
"As Mayor of Topeka, the Capital City of Kansas and a former Little Rock resident, I want to state unequivocally, that the views of the Westboro Baptist Church and its followers are not shared by the overwhelming majority of Topeka residents," she wrote.

"While we decry the message of hate and the linking of that hate message to



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An in-depth look at Fred Phelps and the Westboro Baptist Church

Phelps' story told by C-J

By Robert J. Hively
Editor and Publisher, *The Capital-Journal* in 1994

It's time the story of the Rev. Fred Waldron Phelps Sr. is told.

Three years ago, Phelps, the sharp-tongued fundamentalist preacher of Topeka's tiny Westboro Baptist Church, started picketing Gage Park at S.W. 10th and Gage with his blunt message blasting homosexuals and anyone who disagreed with him.

Surrounded by his large family of children and grandchildren and a smattering of non-family loyalists, Phelps and the picketing spread across Topeka. It became a regional phenomenon, then went nationwide, popping up on both coasts and the nation's capital.

Phelps and his anti-gay messages have spread to national magazines and television talk shows.

But Topeka gets the brunt of Phelps' attention. Holding signs sometimes two and three tiers high, Phelps and his followers picket throughout Topeka on a regular schedule seven days a week.

Phelps and his flock are simply called "The Picketers" when they come up in conversations in offices and homes throughout the city.

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The picketing hasn't been without cost. Phelps' followers and counter picketers have scrapped with each other on the streets of Topeka almost constantly since Phelps laid siege to the city.

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Hundreds of police reports have been filed by people on both sides, most for misdemeanor battery.

In addition to the streets, Phelps, a non-practicing lawyer, and his clan of lawyer children are engaged in a series of legal fights with people who oppose them.

Judges in Topeka Municipal Court, Shawnee County District Court, U.S. District Court and the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals have heard and continue to hear cases tied directly to the anti-gay message and resultant picketing.

Phelps and his followers have had setbacks during their crusade, but they've zinged some big successes, too.

They make interesting subjects for newspaper stories. They also, by the nature of their tactics, create obstacles to reporting and writing about them.

For instance, try asking an average Topekan, other than those on record already as Phelps critics, whether they want to talk about him for a news story. The answers vary from a nervous "no comment" to laughter. Generally, people politely say they don't want to talk about Fred Phelps Sr.

Many fear being sued, others fear showing up in the faxes that accuse politicians of corruption, public figures of philandering and the like.

The simple fact is, many people in Topeka fear Fred Phelps and will not challenge him, no matter how angry he makes them. They are intimidated.

We are not.

Despite the groundless claims and a bizarre lawsuit filed by a disgruntled ex-intern, Jon Bell, who was brought in after much of the information contained in this series had been gathered, this is the original work of Capital-Journal reporters Joe Taschler and Steve Fry. It is not an agenda-driven manuscript filled with melodrama and strange analogies. It is a work of journalism. It is the most accurate, fair and complete work concerning the life of Fred Phelps that we know of.

This project has been in the planning stages for more than a year. It was prepared and submitted long before Bell filed his lawsuit, with publication delayed while we methodically checked and double-checked the information in this extensive report.

We categorically dismiss all the claims made by Bell, whose employment here was terminated, not as a result of the Phelps series, as he claims, but as a result of our inability to place any reliance on his judgment and his work product. His actions as an employee here were unprofessional and ethically questionable.

We are proud of the work done by Fry and Taschler, and we ask that you read this series critically and intently.

Let us know what you think. This is, after all, for you.

Here is a brief synopsis of the series:

The Capital-Journal series will chronicle Phelps' rearing in Mississippi, his sudden turn to religion as a teenager, his travels across the United States until he settled in Topeka, his successes and downfall during his turbulent career as a lawyer, the estrangement by some of this children with their father, and his strident, blistering campaign against homosexuals.



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An in-depth look at Fred Phelps and the Westboro Baptist Church

Editor's note -- This is an open letter from the Rev. Fred Phelps Sr. written at the request of CJOnline.

A Message to Topeka from Fred Phelps

How it All Began

On May 24, 1954 the Lord brought my wife and me to Topeka. That same day the Supreme Court issued its order in Brown v. Board of Education. The same establishment power-mongers who opposed the simple request by black people to be treated equally in education oppose us today. There's something about power and elitism that corrupts a man, and we've seen it time and again. But there is no kingdom on this earth that can defeat the will of God.

In November 1955 the first worship service was held of the Westboro Baptist Church. With a strong heart, and an uncertainty about the future, I began preaching the doctrines of grace, as they were unfolded to me by God. Those powerful and precious doctrines have sustained us through all these years. We had the promise that the gates of hell would not prevail against this little church. From that day, we have maintained a conspicuous testimony of truth in an increasingly perverse generation, earnestly contending for the faith that was once delivered.

The Doctrines of Grace

What are the doctrines of grace? That is a shorthand term for the basic doctrines of the scriptures. They can be captured under the acronym TULIP. You can't read the Bible without finding these themes throughout.

Total depravity. Every human is born totally depraved, deserving hell. When Adam fell we all fell. Without salvation, your destiny is hell. The heart of man is desperately wicked and deceitful above all things, and the best description of mankind is a corrupt mass.

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Unconditional election. The only people who will be saved are those God chooses to save. They are called the elect. Jacob is their representative in the Bible. The rest are reprobate. Esau is their representative in the Bible. No reprobate will ever be saved.

Limited atonement. The biggest lie of our time is the claim that God loves everybody. He doesn't. He loves only the elect. The blood of Christ will atone only for the sins of the elect. It will atone for all of the sins of the elect and none of the sins of the reprobate. (False prophets like to claim Christ died for every man, but those who do not accept him go to hell. Are you satisfied to serve a god that can cover all your sins, but the sin of unbelief? And how does a dead man know how to accept life?)

Irresistible Grace. If God gets a hold of your heart, you will not be able to resist him. None can resist his will. When he calls you, you will answer. Perseverance of the Saints. In every generation since Adam God's elect have persevered. They run like a stream through time, and can never be snuffed out.

Watching Immorality Take Hold

Watching our children go through that sausage-grinder called the education system, we realized that this country was apostatizing hand over fist. Teachers and administrators were determined to impose idolatry and immorality on young people. At a dizzying pace, any idea of teaching students to be respectful, productive, intellectual, courteous, and God-fearing, fell away. Instead, the theme of education became self-indulgence and social experimentation. Where children used to learn math and science, they were taught the greatness of being "gay" instead. Any child who dared hint at serving God was mocked and marginalized. In a few generations, knowledge- and Bible-illiteracy became the trademark of young Americans.

This nation was founded on notions of morality from the Bible. Because of strong Bible principles we have the Constitution and Bill of Rights -- especially the First Amendment. Although God favored this nation with many blessings, shortly Americans began to walk after their lust instead of serving God. By the time we were well established in Topeka, the fruits of that lust-walking were visiting the entire nation. Today, hedonism, vulgarity, immodesty, impudence, and a visceral hatred of God prevail.

How the Picketing Started -- Gage Park

Eleven years ago we began our picket ministry, opposing the filth of homosexuality. Recall how it started. We grew weary of our young men being accosted at Gage Park, in the light of day, by militant homosexuals. Naively, we approached the city officials, thinking surely if they knew they would stop it. What we did not reckon is the exponential rate at which this nation, this state, this city, and all of the so-called leaders, had deeply corrupted themselves. The abominations that occur on a routine basis in this country today are shocking. No thought is given to being chaste. All thought and dialogue evolves around serving the flesh.

Rather than do the decent thing -- clean up the park -- the government, with one voice, sharply criticized us, and refused to act. Today we understand how weak they had become. Today we understand the enormous pressure brought to bear by depraved homosexuals, lying false prophets, and the media. It will stand as an eternal shrine of shame to the leaders of this city that they gave in to that pressure, and left the matter of cleaning up that park in our hands.

The national directory that lists this park as a place to cruise for anonymous fag sex, today says that you do so at your own risk. When we started, the directory said fags seeking sex at the park enjoyed the protection of law enforcement while engaging in their filth in the bushes. And there is not an enlightened soul the world over who doesn't equate Gage Park with homosexuality, thanks to our



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ministry shining a light on that fact.

We learned with time that none of the 400+ churches in this area would lift a hand about this disgrace. Worse, the large, mainstream churches enable and support it. Strong Bible metaphors come to mind watching these houses of idolatry, these dog kennels, these pigsties, join forces and use every conceivable strategy to try and stop us. What they failed to calculate was the simple fact that he who holds the Key to David opens doors of utterance, and no man can shut them. They also failed to account for the fact that every prophet of God who has lived has cried against these altars. That's our job, and we will do it until these churches get right with God, or Christ returns, whichever comes first. The good money is on Christ returning first.

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Futile Efforts to Silence Us

I will not belabor the events of these past eleven years. You have been witness to the bone-crushing efforts to shut us down. Massive litigation, hundreds of criminal prosecutions, cocaine-pumped thugs sent to beat our women and children, devious lawyers sitting in dark rooms planning efforts to dismantle our fax lines and tie us up in litigation indefinitely, corrupt or cowardly law enforcement yielding to demands to do us harm, employers and service providers cutting us off out of fear and hatred, and a media absolutely determined to pollute and distort every fact. Yet everything intended unto us for evil by you was intended unto us for good by God.

Who would have dreamed that each of these efforts would serve, instead of harming or disarming us as planned, to strengthen us, display God's grace and deliverance, and draw attention to our blessed message worldwide. Through it all we rested on the comfortable knowledge that no weapon formed against us would ever prosper. I cannot describe the utter awe with which we watched your mal intent turn into rich blessings for every member of this church.

Through these years I have watched the people I love, my family and the beloved families of the church, blossom. God has opened the eyes of our understanding about our mission. Like Noah, we are sent to warn. We have received blessings innumerable, in every sense of the word. Every need has been met. Every heart has been strengthened. Every eye has been lightened. The people in this church have demonstrated great strength and stalwartness in this battle. When I quit this earth, I will do so with immense gratitude to have been given the opportunity to serve the Lord with this band of saints.

What is Our Purpose in Picketing?

Let me further touch on our purpose. We don't strive to change your hearts or minds. For God alone controls the hearts of man. Even if we wanted to, we couldn't make you believe the truth. In fact, the scriptures are full of verses telling us you will not believe our report. God has reserved to himself only a remnant. No man can come to Christ except the Father who sent Christ draw that man. These are the words of Christ. Christ also said, just before he was murdered, that he did not pray for the whole world, but only those God gave him out of the world.

Every person who is predestined for hell will remain in darkness. Christ told the apostles that he spoke in fables so the blind would not understand. Scores of verses bespeak God's power and plan to blind the eyes, harden the hearts, stop up the ears, and preserve in iniquity, those whom he does not love. To understand God's love, says Malachi in Chapter 1, you have to understand God's hate. To understand the richness of his glory in carving out a remnant for salvation and grace, you have to understand the power of his glory in reserving the rest for darkness.

If God has blinded you by a divine stroke, we won't open your eyes. Our purpose is to publish. Our job is to warn you to flee the wrath to come. We've warned

you, and you've responded with deliberate rebellion and anger. The citizens of Sodom will rise up in testimony against Topeka. Sodom was destroyed for embracing and institutionalizing sexual perversion. (Don't waste our time pretending the sin of Sodom was discourtesy. The definition of sodomy is anal copulation, not impoliteness.) If Topeka does not receive the same measure of punishment Sodom received, and more, the citizens of ancient Sodom will have a cause. For their deeds could not be worse than Topeka's.

Not one soul who ever spent more than a day in Topeka will be able to claim he was not warned. I pity to think what kind of trouble you are in if you've lived here all through these years, cursing us without measure, with a full understanding of our message. You will be absolutely without excuse. Your blood will not be on our hands. And we will have some rich and exciting testimony to give against you. Along with the multitude of angels who have compassed us about, holding us up, and bearing witness to all you have done.

This Nation is Doomed

We are satisfied that like old Israel this nation is doomed. Jeremiah was told by God to go tell the children of Israel that it was all over. That he was going to destroy them for their many grievous sins against him. They were stiff-necked, proud, and unrepentant. Jeremiah, being a tenderhearted soul (like all God's people), went back to God three times, to pray for the people. God told him to stop praying! God told him even if Moses and Samuel stood before him, his mind could not go toward the children of Israel. He told Jeremiah to cast them out of his sight. Jeremiah warned them. They refused to repent. And they were destroyed.

There is a point of no return with God. You cannot raise your middle finger toward God year in and out without serious consequences. It is too late for this city. It is too late for this state. It is too late for America. Any preacher who tells you otherwise is lying! Worse, he (or God forbid, she) is doing so for filthy lucre and to justify his own sins. You are in a world of trouble Topeka!

The point of no return is addressed in Romans 1. Because they knew God but glorified him not as God, and worshiped the creature instead of the Creator, God gave some people up to three things, a filthy manner of life, a vile affection, and a reprobate mind. These are men burning for men and women burning for women. (Goofy talk about only the Old Testament prohibiting homosexuality, and the word "sodomite" really means temple prostitute, blah, blah, blah -- is all debunked by Romans 1. This is New Testament stuff, and it describes the behavior.) The closing verse says they who do such things are worthy of death.

Some people who have engaged in homosexuality will end up in heaven. Not many, but some. But these militant, hard-core, aggressive, burning-in-their-lust homosexuals, who live for their sexual perversion, will not. God has given them up. Their God is their belly (taken from Philippians 3:19, "Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.")

God Doesn't Love an Impenitent Homosexual

One more thought about the militant homosexuals who are the focus of the dialogue. (Remember, we didn't make them the front burner moral issue in America today. They did. They are driven to force every human to call them holy. Once they're on the front page, however, we're going to bring the Bible perspective to the matter. Including when they get on the front page by some high-profile death that they convert into a platform for their cause.)

False religionists love to offer God's love to these creatures. The God-awful lie behind that offer, which they have no business making, is that forgiveness from God is available for the impenitent. Everyone knows better. But they seize that lie and scream it at us every day.

There is no forgiveness without repentance. There is no repentance without quitting the sin. You cannot march in "Gay Pride" parades, and then claim that God loves you. Impenitent hard sinners have no inheritance in heaven.

Topeka's Hateful Reaction

It is most remarkable watching Topeka react to this message. After all these years, you still cuss, spit, scream, raise your middle finger, swerve your vehicles at us, repeat the most absurd lies about God, and hate us. Isn't that ironic. You hate us. While you insist that we not hate. (Pretending you don't understand this is God's -- not man's -- hate we're talking about.) "Hatemonger!" you bellow, while you hate God and hate our message down to your toenails.

Why do you suppose that seemingly rational people by their majority react in such anger? Even after seeing these words literally thousands of times? The answer is simple. Because you know it's true. Every human is born with knowledge of God and his attributes. You know that God has attributes called anger, wrath, hate and vengeance. You know that on a day certain you will be called before God the Sovereign and be held to an account for your words and deeds in the flesh. You know the Great White Throne awaits all of us, and that in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess and call him Lord.

The Shout of the King and Victory

We hear the shout of the King, and walk with victory in our hearts! We are serving the only living and true God, and we're here to stay until this task is done. We have told you for over a decade that after you finish all your efforts to stop us, you are left with the cold hard reality of our message. There is a God. There is a heaven. There is a hell. There is an eternity. If you have to castrate yourself to obey God, do it! If you have to end an adulterous relationship (including every person who is divorced and remarried with an original spouse still living), do it! Eternity is too long and hell is too hot!

We are the only people who truly love you -- enough to tell you the truth. The highest form of love from one human to another is to care, genuinely, for the state of a man's soul. You will always hear the truth from us when it comes to the question of eternity. You will never hear that truth from a man (or woman) you pay to "preach" to you, because that money will cause them to tell you what you want to hear instead.

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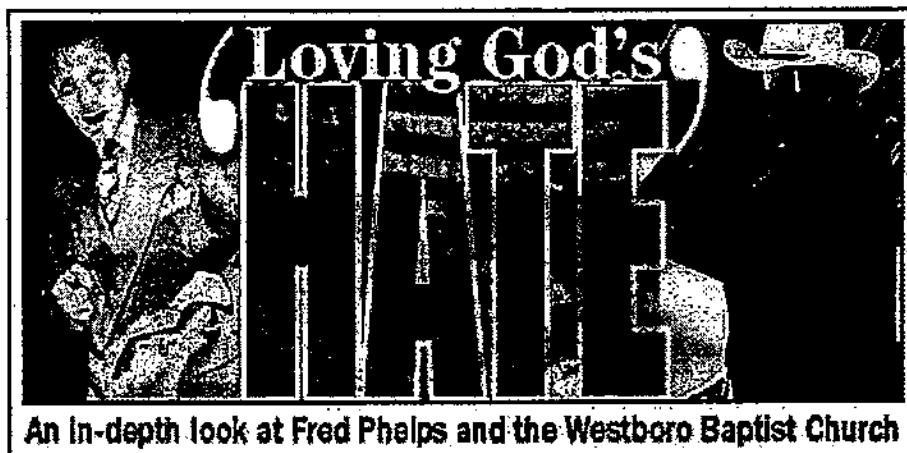


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Detective says discontent high among officers

12/14/95

By TAWNIA ERNST
The Capital-Journal

Coddling the Rev. Fred W. Phelps Sr. and his followers is one but other issues are more important to Topeka police -- morale and promotions.

Phelps is an issue, "but he isn't the main issue," Detective Steve Fusaro said following a news conference Wednesday during which members of Concerned Citizens for Topeka, Fusaro and another officer claimed police had been instructed to ignore misdemeanor crimes committed by Phelps and his followers.

"Comments have been made by officers, young, new and old. There's a lot of discontent," said Fusaro, a 15-year police department veteran.

"Morale of the Topeka Police Department is worse than it's ever been," he said. "A lot of officers told me they've had a lot of different problems over the years, but this is the worst that ever seen."

And promotions are at or near a standstill, Fusaro said.

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"Officers are frustrated because they aren't able to go anywhere. They're not able to go up in rank. A lot of officers are leaving because of that," he said. "When I first started here, I figured I'd retire at least as a lieutenant by working my way up through the ranks. Now I'll be lucky if I retire as sergeant."

"They've gone too far. We need more supervisors on the street. We're running into a problem with that."

At a separate news conference later, Police Chief Gerald Beavers said news of low morale came as no surprise. In fact, he said it was to be expected in view of changes that have been made within the department since he took over.

"I told the mayor when I first got here, we cannot make the cuts that we are going to make in this department without officers feeling like 'boy, you're doing it to us,'" he said.

"We went from 80 to 60 commanding officers. That's a pretty good-sized cut," he said. "They can't help but feel that's a problem. I'm sorry that we couldn't make all those promotions, but we couldn't put more officers on streets and keep as many commanding officers as we had."

Beavers said officers would have a chance for promotion next year.

"We'll be giving the sergeant's exam for the first time in quite some period of time," he said. "Hopefully within a year we'll be where we should be with the lieutenants and be able to give a lieutenant's exam. We're finished with the downsizing. We're finished with the reorganization. Now it's time to go about getting this department rolling again."

Upward mobility is only one reason morale is low, Fusaro said. The relationship between officers and administrators could be improved.

Beavers said he has an open door policy with everyone -- the media, the public and personnel -- and has high regard for the job officers have done.

But when he became police chief, Beavers said, he wasn't looking to establish close friendships.

"I'm the outsider who came in with no baggage, no ties to anyone and so therefore this is not somebody they're going to run up and throw their arms around and say 'look, here's our lovely chief,'" Beavers said.

But when he goes out into the city, he said, "I'm constantly bragging about the men and women in this department and the job they're doing."



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THE MORNING CALL
Allentown, PA pg B21

Date: 12/7/02

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Cedar Crest College kept
peaceful; more planned on Valley

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POLICE IN RIOT GEAR
stand watch as members
of Westboro Baptist
Church from Topeka, Kan.,
march outside Cedar
Crest College in Allen-
town. The anti-gay group
on Friday protested the
college's awarding an
honorary degree to tennis
great Billie Jean King.

Douglas Benedict
The Morning Call



Anti-gay protest at Cedar Crest College kept peaceful; more planned in Valley

Students counter
with signs, songs
of tolerance.

By Genevieve Marshall
and Nicole Radzевич
Of The Morning Call

The first protest in the
Lehigh Valley led by West-
boro Baptist Church ended
peacefully Friday, giving 20

Allentown police officers in
riot gear little to do but direct
traffic and keep the media at
bay.

Eleven members of the
Topeka, Kan., church picketed
at Cedar Crest College behind
police tape. Most hoisted Day-
Glo signs decrying homosexu-
ality, among them "No Tears
for Queers," "Thank God for
Sept. 11" and "God Sent the
Sniper."

Traffic snarled during the

evening rush hour as drivers
rubbernecked at the Westboro
members, 40 counter-protest-
ers and a gaggle of reporters
at Hamilton Boulevard and
College Drive.

As counter-protesters sang
"God Bless America," West-
boro members held an Ameri-
can flag upside down and sang
their own version: "God hates
America, land of the fags."

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THE MORNING CALL
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BETHLEHEM
**NO INCIDENTS AT PROTESTS
BY ANTI-GAY GROUP**

Picketing by members of the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., was incident-free Saturday, according to Bethlehem police.

The church members were in the Lehigh Valley for a second day to support a Bethlehem minister who linked the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to same-sex marriages and to demonstrate against institutions that promote diversity.

They demonstrated briefly near the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, 323 Wyandotte St., Salem Lutheran Church, 537 High St., and Packer Memorial Church at Lehigh University.

They have announced demonstrations between 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. today in Bethlehem at Trinity Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, the Church of the Manger, Wesley United Methodist Church and St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church.

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From: Philadelphia

Allentown Resident Agency

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 300A-PH-94181 (Closed)

Title: FRED WALDON PHELPHS; aka
Pastor Fred W. Phelps;
WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH;
TOPEKA, KANSAS;
12/06-08/2002;
CT PREPAREDNESS-SPECIAL EVENT

Synopsis: Case closing.

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Details: On 12/06-08/2002, Fred Waldon Phelps and members of his "church," the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC), Topeka, Kansas, planned on picketing at the following locations:

12/06/2002 2:00pm-3:00pm Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA

12/06/2002 4:30pm-5:30pm Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA

12/07/2002 4:30pm-5:00pm Cathedral Church of the Nativity Bethlehem, PA

12/07/2002 5:15pm-6:00pm Salem Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, PA

12/07/2002 7:30pm-8:00pm Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA

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12/08/2002 7:30am-8:00am Bethlehem Trinity Church,
Bethlehem, PA

12/08/2002 8:15am-8:45am First Presbyterian Church,
Bethlehem, PA

12/08/2002 8:25am-9:00am UCC Church of the Manger,
Bethlehem, PA

12/08/2002 8:50am-9:15am Wesley United Methodist Church,
Bethlehem, PA

12/08/2002 10:00am-10:30am Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church
Bethlehem, PA

Phelps and his group, made up primarily of family members, have a long history of confrontational protests. Although the WBC, itself, has no known history of violence, the nature and type of protests in which they involve themselves often elicits a visceral response from the targets of their protest and violent confrontation cannot be ruled out. Therefore, the Philadelphia Division, Allentown Resident Agency (ARA), opened a case regarding the events in the Allentown-Bethlehem area for intelligence purposes and coordinated with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), Allentown Police Department, and Bethlehem Police Department.

E-Mails between [REDACTED]
of the Nationalist Socialist Movement (NSM), a white supremacist/
anti-homosexual/anti-government group indicated that the NSM offered
to "assist" with the picket by providing uniformed "stormtroopers."
The WBC had, in the E-Mails, adamantly declined any assistance from
the NSM. It was unknown at the time if the NSM planned to attend the
events listed above.

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The scheduled protests took place with little or no attendance and were all incident free.

This case can be placed in a closed status and reopened in the future if Phelps or any of his group return.

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