U.S. Department of Justice
Drug Enforcement Administration
FOIA and Privacy Act Unit
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Case Number: 20-00441-F

Subject: Any database, spreadsheet, or other document used or potentially used, for the tracking, monitoring, surveillance, or investigation of protesters, demonstrators, organizers, coordinators, members of the press, or other individuals present at protests or activities surrounding those protests sparked by the police killing of George Floyd on May 25, 2020; and any guidance developed by or provided to DEA regarding the tracking, monitoring, surveillance, or investigation of protesters, demonstrators, organizers, coordinators, members of the press, or other individuals present at the nationwide protests or activities surrounding those protests sparked by the police killing of George Floyd on May 25, 2020

Austin Evers
Sent via e-mail: foia@americanoversight.org

Dear Austin Evers:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request dated June 10, 2020, addressed to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), FOIA/PA Unit, seeking access to information regarding the above subject.

After reviewing your request, we conducted a search for responsive records pertaining to the above subject. To search for responsive records, we queried the DEA Operations Division and Information Systems Division. As a result of our query, we were able to identify records pertaining to the subject of your request.

Responsive records identified during the processing of your request will be released to you. The portions withheld are exempt from disclosure pursuant to subsections of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and/or the PA, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, referenced at the end of this letter. An additional enclosure with this letter explains these exemptions in more detail. Please be advised that for each of the exemptions cited, it is reasonably foreseeable that disclosure of the information withheld would harm the interests protected by these exemptions.

The rules and regulations of the DEA applicable to FOIA/PA requests are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 28, Part 16, as amended. They are published in the Federal Register available to the public (see https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-28/chapter-I/part-16).

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For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at (571) 776-2300 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with DEA's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact our Requester Service Center at (571) 776-2300.

Sincerely,

FOIA/PA Unit
FOIA & Information Law Section
Office of Chief Counsel
Drug Enforcement Administration

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APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND/OR PRIVACY ACT:

Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. § 552			**Privacy Act 5 U.S.C. § 552a**	
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Enclosures

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FOIA EXEMPTIONS
SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

(b)(1): Information that is classified to protect national security.
(b)(2): Information related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency.
(b)(3): Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law.
(b)(4): Trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is confidential or privileged.
(b)(5): Privileged communications within or between agencies, including those protected by the: (1) Deliberative Process Privilege (provided the records were created less than 25 years before the date on which they were requested); (2) Attorney-Work Product Privilege; or (3) Attorney-Client Privilege.
(b)(6): Information that, if disclosed, would invade another individual's personal privacy.
(b)(7): Information compiled for law enforcement purposes that: 7(A) Could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings; 7(B) Would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication; 7(C) Could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; 7(D) Could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source; 7(E) Would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law; or 7(F) Could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual.
(b)(8): Information that concerns the supervision of financial institutions.
(b)(9): Geological information on wells.

PRIVACY ACT EXEMPTIONS
SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

(d)(5): Information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding.
(j)(2): Material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or to apprehend criminals.
(k)(1): Information that is currently and properly classified pursuant to an executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods.
(k)(2): Investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.
(k)(3): Material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056.
(k)(4): Required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records.
(k)(5): Investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.
(k)(6): Testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in federal government service, the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process.
(k)(7): Material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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Requests for DEA Support in Response to Civil Disturbance

Concluded on June 14, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

Final: June 15, 2020 [8:30am EST]

Atlanta Division

Charlotte District Office

- **06/09/2020** - The Mint Hill, North Carolina Police Department has requested assistance from the DEA Charlotte District Office for a planned protest in Mint Hill, NC scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at approximately 1800 hours, at the Mint Hill, NC Town Hall. The request is for DEA personnel to attend the event in an undercover capacity to identify potential threats/bad actors infiltrating the peaceful protestors, and that DEA utilize their electronic surveillance capabilities [redacted]. *(Approved)* (b)(7)(E)

Chicago Division

Chicago Division Office

- **05/31/2020** – Aurora Police Department requested DEA assistance interviewing arrested rioters/looters to determine command and control structure and uncover planned criminal events. APD requested SRT provide stationary security at the department while most APD sworn personnel is deployed across the city. Twelve (12) agents and GS deployed.
- **06/01/2020 –** Oak Park Police Department requests DEA assistance conducting covert surveillance, two (2) DEA Special Agents, one (1) DEA Task Force Officer, one (1) FBI Agent dispatched from HIDTA 44 to support. *(Approved*)
- **06/01/2020** – Tinley Park Police Department and Orland Park Police Department request Chicago Division Aviation assets to support surveillance security operations. *(Approved)*
- **06/02/2020** - The Bolingbrook Police Department has requested assistance from the DEA Chicago SRT. The BPD wishes the DEA SRT to conduct covert vehicle surveillance in order to provide crowd movement patterns to the Bolingbrook PD uniformed officers and marked units. *(Approved)*
- **06/02/2020 -** The Will County Sheriff's Office is requesting the assistance of the Chicago DEA to conduct covert surveillance in order to protect against threats to public safety and share this intelligence with the Will County Sheriff's Office marked units so they can take the necessary action. (*Approved)*
- **06/03/2020** - Cook County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), has requested assistance from DEA to conduct covert vehicle surveillance in order to provide crowd movement patterns throughout Cook County. *(Approved)*
- **06/03/2020** - The Illinois State Police (ISP) has requested the assistance of the DEA Air Wing. The ISP Mobile Field Force Team has been handling civil unrest crowd control

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activities in the Chicago metropolitan area since May 30. DEA Air Wing will be utilized to conduct surveillance and assist ground units with crowd movement patterns. *(Approved)*

- **06/05/2020** - The Glen Ellyn (Illinois) Police Department (GEPD) has requested non-Title 21 support from the DEA Chicago Division Office, starting on Saturday, June 6, at 1:00 pm. Specifically, the GEPD has asked for assistance from the DEA Chicago SRT to discreetly monitor a planned large-scale protest in the Village of Glen Ellyn (west Chicagoland suburb). The Chicago Division will send eight SRT members to conduct covert surveillance in cooperation with the GEPD. The SRT members will share observations and crowd movement patterns to the GEPD relating to any observed violence, rioting and/or looting. The GEPD request for non-Title 21 assistance is for June 6, until civil disturbances cease. *(Approved)*
- **06/10/2020** - The Palos Heights Police Department (PHPD) has requested non-Title 21 assistance of the DEA Chicago Division Office to conduct covert vehicular and foot surveillance to ensure that protestors are safe and to mitigate any criminal activity. The request is for a planned protest scheduled for Friday, June 12. *(Approved)*

Evansville Resident Office

- **06/05/2020** - The U.S. Marshals Service is requesting non-Title 21 assistance from the Chicago FD, Evansville, Indiana Resident Office to conduct surveillance and protection of the Winfield K. Denton Federal Building, located at 101 Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard, Evansville, Indiana. *(Approved)*

Milwaukee District Office

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- **06/03/2020** - The Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is requesting assistance from the DEA Milwaukee District Office for the purpose of counter surveillance and protection of [redacted] members for the duration of the civil unrest in the Milwaukee Area. *(Approved)*

Dallas Division

Dallas Division Office

- **06/01/2020** – Dallas Division FBI requests support with interviews and operational support needs. *(Approved)*

Denver Division

Salt Lake City District Office

- **06/01/2020** - United States Attorney for the District of Utah John W. Huber requested DEA assistance to conduct interviews related to the destruction of government property. *(Approved)*
- **06/03/2020 -** Montrose Police Department has requested two undercover/covert DEA agents to assist with watching the crowds to help identify any bad actors during a planned

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protest in Montrose, CO. The protest is planned for Saturday, June 6th in the city of Montrose. (*Approved)*

- **06/04/2020** - Denver Police Department requests DEA's assistance by providing aerial support over planned protests on Saturday, June 6 and possibly one or two days next week. Denver PD needs to relieve some of their air assets who have been flying not stop in response to protests and unrest in Denver. Denver PD is requesting air support to fly during the day to monitor the crowds for a planned protest. Denver PD will provide a spotter. Denver PD's air assets will cover the second shift. *(Approved)*
- **06/05/2020** - Casper Police Department requests DEA to assist them with covert surveillance on scheduled protests for June 5 at 1800. Casper PD is expecting 700 people. (*Approved)*

Grand Junction Resident Office

- **06/05/2020** - The Grand Junction Police Department has requested passive surveillance support on a protest that is scheduled in Fruita, CO. The support would be limited to identifying any potential bad actors within the crowd and relaying to the GJPD. *(Approved)*

Detroit Division

Cincinnati Resident Office

- **05/31/2020** – Request from Cincinnati Police Department for agents to conduct surveillance operations at hotel identified as potential out of state agitator rally point. *(Approved)*

Cleveland District Office

- **05/31/2020** - FBI Cleveland has requested DEA provide undercover personnel to provide intelligence on crowd movements to the Cleveland PD. This is similar as was done for the RNC in July 2016. (*Approved*)
- **06/05/2020** - The Lorain County Sheriff's Office is requesting DEA I-Team support during planned protests to take place in Lorain County, Ohio. *(Approved)*
- **06/12/2020** – The United States Marshals Service (USMS) in the Northern District of Ohio is requesting DEA's assistance for a planned protest scheduled at the US Courthouse in Cleveland on Saturday, June 13. The request is for assistance with both personnel in the building and as a UC component in the crowd. *(Approved)*

Youngstown Resident Office

- **06/01/2020 -** Cleveland FBI SAC Eric Smith requested the Youngstown RO work with I-Teams in the Youngstown AOR. *(Approved)*

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Columbus District Office

- **06/05/2020** - The City of Huber Heights Police Division requests DEA's assistance with a planned protest scheduled for Saturday, June 6 at NorthPark Center, 8341 Old Troy Pike. Assistance sought is collecting intelligence from the crowd to better provide protection of those in attendance, property and lives of those in the surrounding area. *(Approved)*

El Paso Division

Albuquerque District Office

- **05/30/2020** – Albuquerque Police Department requested agents assigned to Operation Relentless Pursuit assist with gathering drug related intelligence amongst protestors. *(Approved)*
- **06/01/2020** – Agents from Midland Resident Office are providing undercover surveillance support to the Midland Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, and Odessa Police Department. *(Approved)*
- **06/05/2020** – **(UPDATE)** The Albuquerque PD has renewed an earlier request **(05/30/2020)** for assistance beginning Friday through the weekend (June 5th – 7th). Seven SAs from the Albuquerque DO will provide surveillance support. Large protests are expected on all downtown Albuquerque courthouses (including Fed) by Black Lives Matter, Free Them All, and Fight for Your Right. *(Approved)*
- **06/11/2020** - The Albuquerque PD renewed an earlier request for assistance for June 11th. Seven SAs from the Albuquerque DO will provide surveillance support at two locations: the Civic Center and the Albuquerque Uptown shopping area.

Midland Resident Office

- **06/04/2020** - The El Paso Division/Midland RO has received requests for assistance from Midland and Odessa PDs and the FBI to assist with monitoring two protests in the Midland-Odessa, TX area this Saturday, June 6th. One is a Black Lives Matter Protest and the other is a 2nd Amendment Group counter protesting. Special Agents and Task Force Officers will be used primarily to maintain surveillance and back up uniform officers if necessary. *(Approved)*

Houston Field Division

San Antonio District Office

- **06/02/2020** - Request by CBP Air for one Special Agent to fly with, and operate the camera system, to conduct surveillance during a protest scheduled for 5 PM CST in San Antonio on June 2. *(Approved)*
- **06/03/2020 -** FBI San Antonio requested assistance from DEA in conducting covert surveillance of protests in San Antonio and Austin. *(Approved)*

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Laredo District Office

- **06/03/2020** - FBI Laredo has requested DEA Laredo DO assistance in the form of SRT personnel to augment a potential tactical response in the case of violence during a newly planned protest in Laredo. FBI also requested DEA assistance with the investigatory process should that become necessary. FBI staffing in Laredo has been depleted due to TDY support being provided to FBI San Antonio and Austin. *(Approved)*

Los Angeles Division

Las Vegas District Office

- **05/31/2020** – Request from US Marshal's Service to provide agents to assist with security at the federal courthouse. Eight (8) agents deployed. *(Approved)*

Reno Resident Office

- **05/30/2020** – Reno, NV Police Department resources reached capacity and they are asking DEA to assist in providing intelligence on the movement of protestors. *(Approved)*
- **06/05/2020** – Reno, NV Police Department is requesting the assistance of DEA personnel to assist by conducting both static and mobile surveillance in the city of Reno and potential target areas in Washoe County. Special Agents will be in unmarked vehicles in a covert role while maintaining communication with marked units. *(Approved)*

Los Angeles Division Office

- **06/01/2020** – Santa Monica Police Department requested the assistance of DEA agents to support undercover surveillance operations. *(Approved)*
- **06/02/2020** – Los Angeles Police Department requested resources from DEA to conduct surveillance and assist in identifying and apprehending agitators who are forcing entry into pharmacies and other businesses for the purposes of looting. *(Approved)*
- **06/02/2020** - Long Beach Police Department requested resources from DEA to conduct surveillance and assist in identifying and apprehending agitators who are forcing entry into pharmacies and other businesses for the purposes of looting. We are requesting air assistance via any available platform to augment the surveillance. *(Approved)*
- **06/03/2020 -** Baldwin Park Police Department requests resources from DEA to conduct surveillance and assist in identifying and apprehending agitators who are forcing entry into pharmacies and other businesses for the purposes of looting. *(Approved)*
- **06/03/2020** - Federal Protection Service requested DEA's assistance in protecting federal facilities in downtown Los Angeles. (*Approved)*

Orange County District Office

- **06/09/2020** - The Laguna Beach Police Department requests surveillance assistance from the DEA Orange County District Office during an up-coming protest on June 10, 2020. The surveillance assistance in the immediate areas surrounding the protest would provide real time updates and assist the PD in identifying and apprehending agitators who would

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be attempting to force entry into businesses or pharmacies for the purpose of looting. (*Approved)*

Miami Division

Jacksonville District Office

- **06/04/2020** - The Jacksonville DO has been requested by the FBI Jacksonville office to help support the FBI and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) with protest activity in and around the downtown area. Currently, the request is for DEA to provide a full time agent and intelligence analyst to the JSO Command Post (CP) and work hand and hand with the FBI and JSO in intelligence gathering. Secondly, the FBI has asked if DEA personnel could assist with gathering intelligence near the protest area via surveillance activities. *(Approved)*

Tampa District Office

- **06/11/2020** – The Tampa DO received a request for Non-Title 21 assistance from the University of South Florida Police Department (USFPD) for two undercover DEA Special Agents to participate as members of a scheduled "vigil" on Friday, June 12, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., at USF PD MLK Plaza, Tampa, Florida. The two DEA SAs will act in a UC capacity among the crowd and report to local law enforcement any potential agitators and/or violence. (*Approved)*

Newark Division

Newark Division Office

- **05/30/2020** – FBI Newark has coordinated with DEA Newark for security of their facilities which has been identified as a potential protest site.
  (*No official request at this time*)
- **06/02/2020** - ATF Newark requested DEA to assist in the arrest and prosecution of violent narcotics and firearms offenders who utilize firearms as a means of force, protection, and intimidation in protection of their turf and unlawful narcotics activities. Currently, ATF has multiple VCI cases in Jersey City, Newark, Paterson, and Camden that they do not want to lose momentum. *(Approved)*
- **06/02/2020** - The United States Attorney Craig Carpenito has requested support with secure transport, if need, when an Assistant United States Attorney needs to travel to an unsecured area to conduct interviews in reference to federal charges. *(Approved)*
- **06/02/2020 -** Newark Police Department has requested DEA to assist with various demonstrations on an "as needed" basis to conduct covert surveillance from within protests in Newark, New Jersey. The purpose of the request is to identify protest leaders, agitators, and individuals who are inciting violence or destruction of property. *(Approved)*
- **06/03/2020** - The Essex County Sheriff's Office is requesting DEA New Jersey to assist in conducting covert surveillance regarding protest in Essex County, New Jersey. Their

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main purpose will be to identify protest leaders and agitators who are inciting violence. *(Approved)*

- **06/03/2020** - Newark FBI requested DEA's assistance in making [redacted] available this Friday, June 5 to monitor for potential criminal activity and/or threats to national security at a rally/protest scheduled to take place in Hoboken, New Jersey. (*Approved)*
- **06/06/2020** – The Glen Rock Police Department (GRPD) requested DEA's assistance for a planned Black Lives Matter Protest scheduled for Sunday, June 7th. The request is based on FBI information that the Trinitarios may attend protests outside of Patterson, NJ. Special Agents will be assisting the GRPD with surveillance of the protest attendees. *(Approved)*
- **06/08/2020** - The Hopatcong Borough Police Department is requesting DEA's assistance on June 08, at a BLM protest/rally. They are requesting plain clothes personnel to conduct a crowd intelligence mission, as their county prosecutor's office stated they were unable to assist.

Camden Resident Office

- **06/02/2020** - Trenton Police Department requested DEA's assistance regarding two pharmacies which were broken into in Trenton. A CVS and Walgreens were looted and controlled substances were taken. Camden R.O. TDS group and others will be assisting the Camden PD. (*Approval not required due to T-21 nexus)*

Monmouth/Ocean County Post of Duty

- **06/02/2020** - Asbury Park PD requested DEA's assistance for a potential mass gathering held by the group 'Black Lives Matter' on Friday, June 5, 2020 in Asbury Park, NJ. Request is to assist and engage in mobile/vehicular surveillance of the event to provide intelligence on agitators and radical groups such as ANTIFA. *(Approved)*

New Orleans Division

Little Rock District Office

- **06/02/2020** - The Conway Arkansas Police department has requested the DEA Little Rock District Office provide several Agents and TFOs to assist with surveillance at downtown locations, post arrest interviews and limited physical security at the department in regards to some expected protests later this evening and potentially later this week. *(Approved)*
- **06/02/2020 -** Arkansas State Police requested support for the next 72 hours from the Little Rock DO. The request is for support with intelligence gathering efforts through surveillance which will assist in the tracking of protestors in Little Rock. *(Approved)*

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Birmingham District Office

- **06/02/2020** - The USMS in North Alabama requested the DEA Huntsville RO (HRO) assist in securing and providing physical security to the federal courthouse in Huntsville relative to a scheduled protest for 06/03. The HRO presently occupies an office space in this same courthouse and personnel will supplement the small contingent of deputy's that occupy this same building. *(Approved)*

New York Division

- **06/02/2020** – New York Police Department requests DEA's assistance in the securing of government facilities in Manhattan. This will allow police officers who are currently assigned to these facilities, such as Police Precinct Station Houses, to be utilized in other assignments to prevent crime and disorder. *(Approved)*

Albany District Office

- **06/03/2020** - The Troy Police Department requests local assistance from DEA-Albany in support of a response to a planned protest on Sunday, June 7th starting at 0800hrs until TBD. Request is for plainclothes members and unmarked vehicles for surveillance, overwatch and any other assignments as appropriate. *(Approved)*
- **06/04/2020** – The Plattsburgh Police Department requests personnel assistance with a protest planned for this Saturday, June 6 in Trinity Park in Plattsburgh, NY. An event titled NO JUSTICE NO PEACE, WALK FOR CHANGE will be held from 11am – 2:30pm. Request is for DEA personnel in a "plain clothes" capacity to relay intelligence to the command post/incident commander in order to coordinate resources and make real time decisions. *(Approved)*

Syracuse Resident Office

- **06/05/2020** – The City of Syracuse Police Department requests the assistance of DEA Syracuse relative to a large protest planned in the City of Syracuse on June 6. The purpose of the request is to identify agitators and individuals who are inciting violence or destruction of property. *(Approved)*

Omaha Division

Minneapolis District Office

- **05/30/2020** – Oakdale, MN Police Department requested assistance in their command center for providing law enforcement and intelligence support for potential protest inspired break-ins at pharmacies. *(based on a CC review of the department's request – this falls under our Title 21 authority and the Minneapolis DO is supporting the department)*
- **06/01/2020 –** St. Paul, MN Police Department requested support of twelve (12) agents under unified command of the St. Paul PD to assist 6-3-2020 in two shifts of six agents per shift from 10:00 am through 2:00 am. *(Approved)*

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Omaha Division Office

- **06/01/2020** – DEA Omaha Field Office deployed seventeen (17) Agents to provide U/C surveillance support the Omaha PD under OPD Unified Command on 6-1-2020. *(Approved)*

OPERATIONAL UPDATE FOR THE OMAHA DIVISION

- As of Saturday Evening, 6-6-2020, DEA Assistance to State and Local Law Enforcement in both Omaha and Minneapolis was terminated. The related criminal activity of looting, physical assaults, arson and property destruction has de-escalated and is under control.
- The Multi-Agency Command Center in Minneapolis has also been dismantled and local department personnel have returned to their respective agencies.
- DEA Diversion and TDS in Minneapolis are assisting local investigators with the 32 pharmacy burglaries that occurred in the Minneapolis / St. Paul metro area.

Philadelphia Division

- **06/02/2020** - Philadelphia Police Department has requested assistance in conducting covert surveillance from within protests in the city of Philadelphia. The purpose of the request is to identify protest leaders, agitators, and individuals who are inciting violence or destruction of property. *(Approved)*
- **06/03/2020 -** The Pittsburgh Police Department is requesting assistance from DEA to help provide intelligence in reference to illegal activity and unlawful protests. *(Approved)*

Phoenix Division

Phoenix Division Office

- **05/31/2020** – Request from Scottsdale Police Department to support surveillance of Title 21 violators involved in protests (*Not submitted*)
- **06/04/2020** – Request from Scottsdale Police Department for air wing assistance. SAC Gary Hill from DEA's Aviation Division was contacted and concurred with the request. The Phoenix Field Division also to provide an observer as needed. *(Approved)*

San Francisco Division

- **06/04/2020** - ATF San Francisco Field Division requests DEA's assistance with surveillance-related activities regarding Bay Area Federal Firearms Licensee (FFL) thefts. Special Agents will be conducting surveillance on possible suspects related to the thefts. *(Approved)*

Santa Rosa Resident Office

- **06/02/2020** - The Santa Rosa Police Department is requesting DEA resources to assist in Intelligence gathering and the surveillance/monitoring of crowds. *(Approved)*

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Seattle Division

Portland District Office

- **06/03/2020** - The U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon requested assistance with federal building security. The security will be for the inside of the structures only, not externally. *(Approved)*

St. Louis Division

- **06/02/2020** – St. Louis Police Department requested assistance in the deterrence of rioting/looting and following up on intelligence leads, social media, etc. Four, 3-man cars will be assigned for the duration of the protests to conduct surveillance activity. (*Approved)*
- **06/03/2020** – **(UPDATE to above)** Airwing will also support as they provided valuable assistance in tracking violent offenders leading to arrests. Will also be deploying the U/C (b)(7)(E) *(Acknowledged)*
- **06/04/2020** – **(UPDATE to the above)** DEA personnel to assist the USMS in protecting federal interests such as the U.S. Courthouse. *(Previously Approved)*

Garden City, Kansas Post of Duty

- **06/01/2020** – Garden City Police Department requested assistance of Special Agents (2) to conduct undercover surveillance operations of a planned protest in Stevens public park on June 3, 2020 at 7:30p.m. *(Approved)*

Kansas City District Office

- **06/02/2020** - Kansas City Public Safety requested assistance in the deterrence of rioting/looting and following up on intelligence leads, social media, etc. Two, 3-man cars will be assigned for the duration of the protests to conduct surveillance activity. DEA will partner with FBI. *(Approved)*

San Diego Division

- **06/01/2020 –** San Diego Division provides four (4) members of Division Special Response Team to support FBI SWAT Team and protect federal facilities. *(Approved)*
- **06/05/2020** - FBI has requested DEA's assistance with intelligence analysts investigating violent social media threats and SA assistance for surveillance of targeted venues and federal buildings in San Diego. *(Approved)*

Washington Division

Washington Division Office

- **05/31/2020** – Deployed fifty (50) Special Agents in Washington, DC (*Approved*)

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- **06/01/2020** – A/A directed deployment of 100 agents from Norfolk Resident Office, Richmond District Office, Baltimore District Office, Roanoke Resident Office, Bristol Post of Duty, ST, SOD to DC. (*Approved*)
- **06/02/2020** – An additional (50+) Special Agents were deployed in Washington, DC in support of our federal, state, and local counterparts to help quell the social unrest in the Washington, DC area for a total of 150 Special Agents. Resources to support this number were brought in from the NY, Philadelphia, and Louisville Field Divisions (Approved).
- **06/04/2020** - Bristol Police Department is requesting any assistance possible with the protest and demonstrations scheduled for June 6, 2020 morning hours into early morning hours of June 7, 2020. Specifically, personnel will assist with the investigation and prevention of acts of violence and destruction, and protect participants and spectators during protests. DEA personnel will be accompanied by officers of the Bristol Virginia Police Department. *(Approved)*
- **06/04/2020 –** A/A directed an additional 50 Special Agents be deployed to support DC efforts for the weekend. Resources to support this will be deployed from HQ/IN, Atlanta, New Jersey, Philadelphia, and New England Field Divisions. *(Approved)*
- **06/07/2020** - The Washington, DC Metropolitan Police Department is requesting DEA's assistance to cover 33 traffic posts throughout Washington, DC for Monday, June 8th and Tuesday, June 9th. *(Approved)*
- **06/08/2020 –** WDO SAC reported to OD that TDY personnel were returning to their home offices effective today, and that any additional support to DC request efforts will be handled by the WDO comprised of approximately 70 – 75 Special Agents.

Richmond District Office

- **06/05/2020** – The Richmond Police Department requests DEA's assistance with building security, and to protect both participants and spectators in the protests, and if necessary, engage in investigative and enforcement activity including, but not limited to, conducting interviews, conducting searches, and making arrests for violations of Federal law. *(Approved)*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Timothy J. Shea
Acting Administrator

SUBJECT: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Request for Temporary Designation of Non-Title 21 Authority Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 878(a)(5)

PURPOSE: Approval of Temporary Designation of Non-Title 21 Law Enforcement Authority

TIME TABLE: Immediate

SYNOPSIS: This memorandum seeks approval for the DEA to provide support on a nationwide basis to enforce federal criminal laws in the wake of protests arising from the death of George Floyd. DEA requests this authority on a nationwide basis for a period of fourteen days commencing immediately.

DISCUSSION: On May 25, 2020, George Floyd died in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after a police officer kept his knee on the right side of Mr. Floyd's neck for over eight minutes while Mr. Floyd was handcuffed and lying face down on a city street during an arrest. This incident has spawned widespread protests across the nation, which, in some instances, have included violence and looting. Police agencies in certain areas of the country have struggled to maintain and/or restore order.

DEA investigative authority, as set forth in 28 C.F.R. § 0.100 and in the Controlled Substances Act, is limited to enforcing Federal crimes related to drugs. As the federal crimes being committed in the wake of Mr. Floyd's death are largely not drug-related, DEA's ability to assist our counterparts is limited. Under 21 U.S.C. §878(a)(5), however, the Attorney General is authorized to designate DEA to perform other law enforcement duties as he may deem appropriate. Accordingly, in order for DEA to assist to the maximum extent possible in the federal law enforcement response to protests which devolve into violations of federal law, DEA requests that it be designated to enforce any federal crime committed as a result of protests over the death of George Floyd. DEA requests this authority on a nationwide basis for a period of fourteen days.

If this request is granted, DEA Special Agents and Task Force Officers will, as necessary: (1) conduct covert surveillance and protect against threats to public safety; (2) share intelligence with federal, state, local, and tribal counterparts; (3) if necessary, intervene as Federal law enforcement officers to protect both participants and spectators in the protests; and (4) if necessary, engage in investigative and enforcement activity including, but not limited to, conducting interviews, conducting searches, and making arrests for violations of Federal law.

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AUTHORITY: The Attorney General has the authority to assign non-Title 21 enforcement duties to the DEA under 21 U.S.C. § 878(a)(5), which provides, in pertinent part, that the Attorney General may authorize any officer or employee of the DEA to "perform such other law enforcement duties as the Attorney General may designate." This authority has been delegated to the Deputy Attorney General by 28 CFR § 0.15.

RECOMMENDATION: I hereby certify that this temporary delegation of non-Title 21 law enforcement authority is necessary for the conduct of the activity to which it relates and that the activity is necessary for the public safety and welfare. Therefore, your authorization and approval of the described operation is requested.

APPROVE: GERARD WEINSHEIMER Digitally signed by GERARD WEINSHEIMER Date: 2020.05.31 15:26:12 -04'00'

Concurring Components
None

DISAPPROVE: _____

Non-concurring Components
None

OTHER: _____

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On Jun 2, 2020, at 11:38 AM, Gleason, Robert (Chris) [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Robert C. (Chris) Gleason
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From: [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 10:46 AM
To: [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: Gleason, Robert (Chris) [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: FW: Statute that permits DEA to be called up to participate in other law enforcement activities
Importance: High

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Thanks/best--

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On Jun 1, 2020, at 6:21 PM, Woolcock, Wendy C. [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Mike,

Thank you for a sending an electronic copy of this memorandum.

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As you are probably aware, SOD is assisting WDO, until further notice, in securing the White House outer vehicle perimeter. SOD is providing 2 teams of approximately 10-12 agents per team nightly. A minimum of 2 ASACs are also present. All SOD involved agents are included on the approved WDO Ops plan. Both SACs (WDO and I) have authorized the carrying of [redacted] by qualified agents, and the use of approved [redacted] as warranted and in compliance with policy and procedures.

Please contact ASAC [redacted] or me for questions.

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From: DellaCorte, Michael T. [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 6:12 PM
To: Bell, Robert J. [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>; Bodner, William D. [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>; Boyle, Brian D. [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>; Byerley, Brad L. [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov>; Callahan, William J. [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>; Callery, John W. [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov>; Carter, Kevin W. [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>; Chavez, Eduardo A. [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov>; Collazo, A. J. [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov>; Comeaux, Daniel C. [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>; Donovan, Raymond P. [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>; Fong, Jesse R. [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov>; Gibson, Susan A. [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>; Martin, Keith W. [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov>; Murphy, Robert [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>; Oz, Cheri A. [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>; Reuter, Deanne L. [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>; Salter, Richard W. [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov>; Weis, Keith R. [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov>; Whipple, Steven S. [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>; Williamson, Kyle W. [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov>; Wilson, Jonathan A. [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>; Woolcock, Wendy C.

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Cc: Evans, Darrell C. (Christopher) [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov>; [redacted]
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[redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Requests for DEA Support for Civil Unrest Operations

SACS:

Please see the attached memo that was sent from Chief Counsel to your division attorneys.

To assist your requests for DEA support re: Civil Unrest Operations with your state, local, and other federal law enforcement partners, please make your operational requests known to me and OC so we can track your type of actions/assistance and report those to AD / the front office. Also let us know when your assistance is terminated.

Thank you and stay safe,
Mike

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From: Thiemann, Robyn L
To: [redacted]
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Subject: Re: AG delegation to DEA - federal non-drug authority
Date: Sunday, May 31, 2020 4:25:56 PM

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On May 31, 2020, at 4:20 PM, [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Roger. That seems to be a specific ask and if our guys are protecting the a White House I want to ensure they're covered.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: "Gleason, Robert (Chris)" [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>
Date: May 31, 2020 at 3:55:12 PM EDT
To: "Thiemann, Robyn L" [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: AG delegation to DEA - federal non-drug authority

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On May 31, 2020, at 3:47 PM, Thiemann, Robyn L [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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From: [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov>
Date: May 31, 2020 at 3:31:14 PM EDT
To: "Thiemann, Robyn L" [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: AG delegation to DEA - federal non-drug authority

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On May 31, 2020, at 3:21 PM, Thiemann, Robyn L [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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FYSA — memo sent to DOJ, and they now have it under advisement. [redacted]

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From: "Thiemann, Robyn L" [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov>

Date: May 31, 2020 at 3:03:25 PM EDT

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To: "Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (JMD)" <Bradley.Weinsheimer@usdoj.gov>

Cc: "Gleason, Robert (Chris)" [redacted]@DEA.USDOJ.GOV>, "Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (JMD)" <Rachel.Bissex@usdoj.gov>, "Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG) (JMD)" <Amanda.N.Liskamm@usdoj.gov>, "Elieson, Dayle" [redacted]@dea.usdoj.gov>

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Brad -

Good to talk to you. Please find attached the memo I referenced. Do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
RT

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