

TESTIMONY OF BRENDAN MCQUADE
Ought to Pass—LD 1278

An Act to End the Maine Information and Analysis Center

Submitted to the

JOINTING STANDING COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

April 12, 2021

Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, good morning. My name is Brendan McQuade. I am an assistant professor in the criminology department at the University of Southern Maine and the author of the only academic book on fusion centers.¹ My employer takes no position on this subject. I am speaking as an expert on fusion centers and, on this basis, I urge you to support LD 1278.

The failures of fusion centers are well established. For years, reports from non-partisan government auditors, civil libertarian organizations, and the U.S. Senate Permanent Committee on Investigations have all documented the problems and abuses fusion centers.² Last summer, these problems made headlines in Maine when scandals related to a whistleblower complaint and the BlueLeaks hacks put an uncomfortable spotlight on the MIAC. While there is much I would like to cover today, I am going to focus on the way the MIAC harms people by criminalizing them. Put differently, the

¹ McQuade, Brendan. 2019. *Pacifying the Homeland: Intelligence Fusion and Mass Supervision*. Oakland: University of California Press.

² DHS Office of Inspector General. 2008. "DHS' Evolving Role in State and Local Fusion Centers." The Department of Homeland Security, OIG-9-2012, http://www.oig.dhs.gov/assets/Mgmt/OIG_09-12_Dec08.pdf; Masse, Todd, Siobhan O'Neil and John Rollins. 2007. "Fusion Centers: Issues and options for Congress" Congressional Research Services, 2007, <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL34177.pdf>; Rollins, John. 2008. "Fusion centers: Issues and options for Congress," Congressional Research Service, <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL34070.pdf>; German, Mike and Jay Stanley. 2008. "What's Wrong with Fusion Centers." American Civil Liberties Union, http://www.aclu.org/files/pdfs/privacy/fusioncenter_20071212.pdf; Price, Michael. 2013. "National Security and Local Police," The Brennan Center for Justice, <https://www.brennancenter.org/publication/national-security-local-police>; US Senate, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. 2012. *Federal Support for and Involvement in State and Local Fusion Centers*, October 3, 2012, http://www.coburn.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/files/serve?File_id=693b820a-0493-405f-a8b5-0e3438cc9b24,

MIAC is part of a larger system that manages social problems like poverty, homelessness, and untreated mental health issues with police and prisons.

On March 17, 2021, DPS Commissioner Michael Sauschuck shared several documents with this committee, detailing incidents where the MIAC provided analytic support or disseminated information about wanted suspects or threatening people. From his perspective, these incidents prove the worth of the MIAC. From my perspective, these documents are testaments to our overdeveloped systems of imprisonment and policing. Fusion centers are the nervous system of mass incarceration. What DPS calls effective information sharing is also mass criminalization. For every document shared by DPS, there are others that show how the MIAC presents people struggling with homelessness, mental illness, or substance use disorder as dangerous threats.³

Appended to this comment, I have included a different selection of documents detailing those unfortunate souls that got caught in the MIAC's digital dragnet. These documents are evidence of institutional failures. Instead of proactively helping struggling people, we punish them, effectively blaming individuals for our collective inability to care for each other. More than half of all incarcerated people have untreated mental health issues: 56 percent of state prisoners, 45 percent of federal prisoners, and 64 percent of jail inmates.⁴ Between one quarter and one half people killed by police suffer from severe psychiatric diseases.⁵ The MIAC and other fusion centers are part of this problem.

³ McQuade, Brendan. 2020. "Police Surveillance is Criminalization and it Crushes People." *Counterpunch*, October 15, 2020. <https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/10/15/police-surveillance-is-criminalization-and-it-crushes-people/>

⁴ James, Doris and Lauren E. Glaze. 2006. *Mental Health Problems of Prison and Jail Inmates*. U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, <https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/mhppji.pdf>; see also Maine Advisory Committee to the US Commission on Civil Rights. 2019. *The Criminalization of People with Mental Illnesses in Maine*. Augusta: Maine Advisory Committee to the US Commission on Civil Rights, <https://www.usccr.gov/pubs/2019/07-30-Maine-Criminalization-Mental-Health.pdf>.

⁵ Fuller, Doris, Richard Lamb, Michael Biasotti, and John Snook. 2015. *Overlooked in the Undercounted: The Role of Mental Illness in Fatal Law Enforcement Encounters*. The Treatment and Advocacy Center, <https://www.treatmentadvocacycenter.org/storage/documents/overlooked-in-the-undercounted.pdf>.

Instead of fearing our criminalized sisters and brothers, we should start building a society in which authoritarianism, coercion, and fear do not play a major role in governance. As you know, experts, advocates, and affected communities have been calling for a different approach to public safety one centered meeting needs not criminalizing behaviors. Here I encourage you think of LD 1278 alongside other bills under consideration this legislation session that would decriminalize drug possession, cut the budget of the MDEA in half to fund community-based drug treatment, and close Long Creek, among other proposals. This is an opportunity to take bold action and set a new agenda. I hope you will rise to the occasion and pass this first-in-the-nation proposal to close a fusion center.

Addendum to Testimony of Brendan McQuade

Selection of MIAC Documents

Blueleaks flooded the public record with 2961 documents hacked from the MIAC website. There are 1384 documents either produced by Maine's fusion center or labeled "pass through," meaning that the MIAC shared the item with at least some of their 4,526 registered users. Two-thirds of these documents definitely shared with MIAC—939 of 1,382—are (1) requests to identify a suspect or a wanted person, locate a person of interest or missing person, or provide information about possible crime or suspicious circumstances or (2) bulletins and reports on specific incidents, cases, or individuals considered relevant to law enforcement but not directly connected to a criminal investigation by a law enforcement agency in Maine. Add in the 147 cancellations and updates that follow up on requests for information and similar notices sent out by MIAC and nearly 80 percent of the documents created or shared by the MIAC concern the sharing of criminal information.

These documents are snapshots of mass criminalization. Individually, each one is a fragment of a larger, incomplete story. Together, they reveal a coherent pattern: the punitive regulation of social problems through policing and surveillance.

Undoubtedly, all of these examples involve either interpersonal or self-harm. They detail real suffering but they do so in way that individualizes the problem as criminal stigma. Rather than viewing these peoples as dangers to public order, we should see them as people failed by our underdeveloped systems for public health, mental health and general welfare and our overdeveloped systems of punishment and policing. Some examples:

- An August 9, 2018 "Situational Awareness" report warns of a "resident with possible mental health concerns" that "may pose threat to public safety." The documents notes that it is likely that individual "is not complying with his prescribed medication. Caution should be used when interacting with him as he has made several homicidal and suicidal comments."
- An August 31, 2018 "Officer Safety" bulletin alerts officers to an "Armed...Maine (ME) resident living in the woods...reportedly suffering from mental health issues." The document explains that family members suspect that the individual suffers from Huntington Disease. Two members of the individual's immediate family had already passed from the progressive and fatal genetic brain disorder that impairs the ability to reason, walk, and speak.
- A October 23, 2018 "Officer Safety" bulletin warns that a "Transient Maine (ME) resident with history of mental health issues as well as violent and threatening behavior makes threat to southern ME law enforcement officers; may pose risk to greater law enforcement community." The document notes that the individual "has been diagnosed with schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, and manic depression," has not consistently taken their medication and has history of "suicidal ideation" and "crisis evaluations and psychiatric hospitalization."
- A November 9, 2018, "Situational Awareness" bulletin describes a "transient with extensive criminal history, gang affiliation and mental health issues." The report notes that individual "has been staying at a homeless shelter" and is believed to struggle with "mental health issues, as he recently reported that the National Security Agency (NSA) implanted a microchip inside of him."
- A January 31, 2019 "Situational Awareness bulletin warns of "potentially armed and mentally unstable subject" that "was 'acting crazy' and was heavily involved in drug trade as well as drug use."

- A March 19, 2019 "Situational Awareness" report describes a Maine "resident with possible PTSD has reportedly made threats to law enforcement."
- A September 12, 2019 "Situational Awareness" report that details a Maine resident "with mental health issues" that "admitted to having auditory hallucinations that told him to shoot at school." The individual believes to have "been implanted with a 'signal wave/data signal' device that was related to terrorism." The bulletin notes that individual has no prior criminal history and is currently under bail conditions included curfew and weekly reports to the Sheriff's Office.
- A November 21, 2019 "Officer Safety" bulletin which details the circumstances of Maine resident with "possible mental health issues." He was stopped by a Maine State Police officer who noted that he "displayed manic behavior and his mood fluctuated frequently." He was driving with expired plates and a revoked license. The state police towed his car and issued a summons.
- A February 1, 2019 "Information Alert" from the Auburn Police Department "passed through" by the MIAC details the situation of a "couch-surfing transient" with "several mental health issues (including his own claims of being bi-polar) and is off his medication(s)." The report notes that the individual "has manic episodes / active periods for law enforcement involvements and is easily angered / prone to enraged outbursts" and "may not sleep for long periods of time. Now being homeless, [the individual] may spend a lot of his time driving around."
- A March 7, 2019 "Attempt to Locate" requests "assistance in locating a dangerous suspect involved in multiple criminal violations." The individual violated a protection from abuse order. The document notes that the individual is a known runner from police and has made numerous suicide by cop statements to family and friends and that he would not be 'taken alive.'" Despite this intelligence, the Maine State Police sent their tactical team to bring the individual into custody in a 2 AM raid on the home of the suspect's mother. In the subsequent confrontation, the individual shot himself in the head.¹
- April 3, 2020 "Officer Safety" bulletin that warns of "An identified Maine transient with a violent criminal history and mental health illness." The report includes summaries account how the individual's "mental health illness has led to multiple encounters with law enforcement" over several years.

¹ I found this information by searching individual's name on line. For the sake of privacy, I have not cited the reporting that fills in the details of this case.



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09 August 2018

MIAC-2018-1510

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

(U//LES) [REDACTED] resident with possible mental health concerns may pose a threat to public and officer safety.

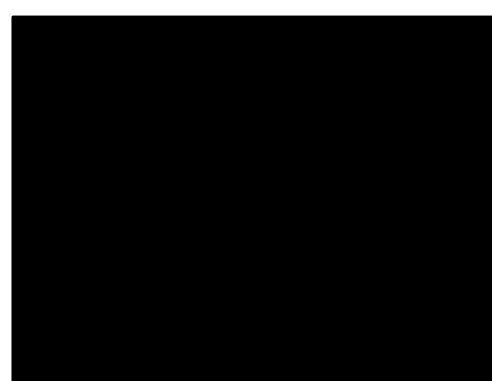
[REDACTED]
04216, was taken to St. Mary's hospital for evaluation on 22 July 2018 due to his odd behavior.

(U//LES) On [REDACTED], was detained by [REDACTED] for blocking the route 120 with large engine parts. During the ordeal, it was observed that [REDACTED] had a loaded shotgun on the hood of his pickup.

(U//LES) On 09 August 2018, [REDACTED] was observed installing what appeared to be a blue light bar on his truck (pictured lower right).

(U//LES) It is suspected that [REDACTED] is not complying with his prescribed medication. Caution should be used when interacting with him as he has made several homicidal and suicidal comments.

(U) For more information please contact [REDACTED] at 207-364-4551



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31 August 2018

MIAC-2018-1625

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

(U//LES) Armed ██████████ Maine (ME) resident living in the woods in Hancock County reportedly suffering from mental health issues; may pose threat to family and law enforcement. On 30 August 2018, the ██████████

██████████ was notified of the following information regarding the welfare of ██████████:

- On 22 August 2018, ██████████ was dropped off near ██████████ ██████████ ME with a Mason Bible, two tarps, a 9mm Glock Handgun and a Mossberg 12-gauge Shotgun.
 - ██████████ family reported that ██████████ owns a total of six handguns, an AR-15, an AK-47, a Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun and two rifles. Besides the two firearms believed to be in ██████████ possession, the location of the other firearms is unknown.
- On 30 August 2018, ██████████ son located him near the drop off point close to ██████████. ██████████ asked his son to take him to ██████████ to purchase a track phone so no one could track his location. The son declined and told ██████████ that he was not coming back to visit his father because of ██████████ odd behavior. ██████████ became upset and walked into the woods.

(U//LES) Family members reported that ██████████ is known to be threatening.

- ██████████ recently threatened several family members as well as the family of an ex-girlfriend (NFI).
- Sometime over the past year, ██████████ allegedly pulled a firearm from his belt, and while keeping it below the windshield level of the vehicle he was in, pointed the firearm at a cruiser in front of him while in ██████████.

(U//LES) Family members suspect that ██████████ may be suffering from Huntington's Disease (HD). According to Huntington's Disease Society of America,

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HD is a progressive and fatal genetic brain disorder that affects an individual's ability to reason, walk and speak. [REDACTED] mother and sister have passed from the Huntington disease; [REDACTED] brother is currently diagnosed with HD.

(U) [REDACTED] has been living in [REDACTED] for the past seven to eight years; he is formerly from the [REDACTED] area.

(U) For further information concerning [REDACTED], please contact L [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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12 September 2018

MIAC-2018-1728

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

(U//LES) Former ██████████ resident with mental health issues moves to ██████████ after threatening to shoot at a local school. On 30 May 2018, ██████████ (ME) Police Department (PD) charged ██████████ for Terrorizing (Class C), after ██████████ admitted to having auditory hallucinations that told him to shoot at a school in ██████████.

- Following the incident, a law enforcement search of ██████████ residence uncovered seven firearms, ammunition, and a flare gun.
- According to law enforcement officials, ██████████ was taken into protective custody for a psychological evaluation following the incident.

(U//LES) According to the ██████████—who is currently on bail conditions—was court ordered to reside with a relative at ██████████.

(U//LES) According to a 7 June 2017 police report from a ██████████ law enforcement agency, ██████████ stated that he had been implanted with a “signal wave/data signal” device that was related to terrorism (NFI). ██████████ indicated that he had reported this information to multiple law enforcement agencies (NFI) as well as the Governor’s Office.

- During this incident, ██████████ produced a valid Merchant Marine identification.
- Open source reporting indicates that ██████████ is a Maine Maritime Academy graduate and was employed as a tug boat captain.

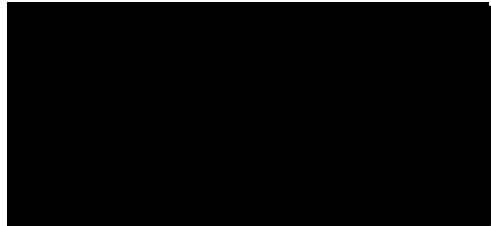
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(U//LES) [REDACTED] had no prior criminal history in [REDACTED] is currently on bail conditions, which include:

- Must reside at [REDACTED]
- 6:00pm to 6:00am curfew
- Report weekly to [REDACTED] County Sheriff's Office
- Cannot be within 500 feet of a school or place of education except while driving on a public road
- Follow all treatment recommendations from mental health provider, including medication regiment
- No use or possession of weapons, including firearms
- Submit to searches

(U) [REDACTED] has one registered vehicle, a yellow F [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



(U) There are three schools within a six-mile radius of [REDACTED] current residence.



(U) Any agency seeking additional information is asked to contact [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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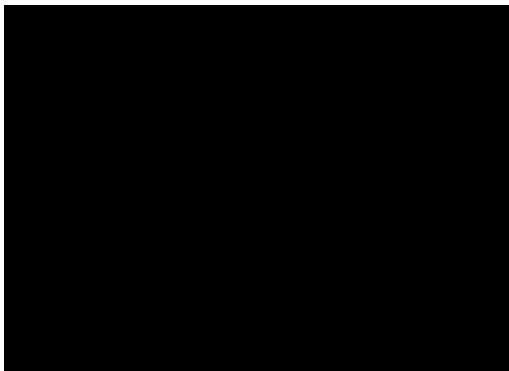
23 October 2018

MIAC-2018-2019

OFFICER SAFETY

(U//LES) *Transient Maine (ME) resident with history of mental health issues as well as violent and threatening behavior makes threat to southern ME law enforcement officers; may pose risk to greater law enforcement community.* Between 11 and 13 October 2018, [REDACTED] Police Department (PD) had a series of contacts with [REDACTED], during which [REDACTED] was intoxicated, disorderly, and threatening.

- On 11 October 2018, [REDACTED] and an associate were asked to disperse after causing a disturbance in [REDACTED]. According to law enforcement, [REDACTED] who appeared to be intoxicated-became argumentative and filmed the interaction on his phone. [REDACTED] threatened to release the footage to local media.



- Between 12 and 13 October 2018, [REDACTED] called dispatch at least ten times, according to a law enforcement report.
 - During several of the calls, [REDACTED] made targeted threats to physically assault two [REDACTED] PD officers.
 - [REDACTED] was suspected of being intoxicated during one of the calls, according to the same report.

(U//LES) Since 1999, law enforcement agencies in at least A [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Counties have responded to incidents involving [REDACTED]. Available incident reports reflect concerns of mental health instability, substance abuse, and threatening behavior by [REDACTED].

- [REDACTED] has reported having serious mental health issues to various law enforcement agencies; at least one family member reported that WOODBURY

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has been diagnosed with schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, and manic depression.

- According to law enforcement reporting, [REDACTED] has been prescribed medication to manage his symptomology, however [REDACTED] has not been consistently medication compliant.
- Numerous law enforcement reports reflect incidents of suicidal ideation by [REDACTED] as well as a history of crisis evaluations and psychiatric hospitalization.
 - In 2015, [REDACTED] was transported to a hospital in Lewiston after he attempted to commit suicide by cutting his wrists.
- Multiple law enforcement reports also describe a long history of substance abuse by [REDACTED], including alcohol and marijuana. WOODBURY is noted as being intoxicated or having consumed alcohol in over half of the known law enforcement reports.
- W [REDACTED]-who is a felon-has a significant criminal history, including violent offenses. He is also known to make threatening statements toward criminal justice personnel, mental health case workers, and the State of Maine Legislature.
 - In 2004, [REDACTED] was convicted of 'domestic violence felony battery' (by strangulation) in [REDACTED] subsequently, he received a five-year prison sentence.
 - [REDACTED] has also been convicted of additional domestic violence charges in ME.
 - Other convictions of note in ME include: assault (multiple times), criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon, terrorizing, obstructing the report of a crime, violating protection order, violating conditions of release, and refusing to submit to arrest/detention.
 - In addition to [REDACTED] most recent threats toward Saco PD officers, he has made targeted threats to harm corrections officers and mental health personnel. According to a 2015 law enforcement report, [REDACTED] threatened to commit a suicide bombing at the State of Maine Legislature. [REDACTED] has also threatened to sue a law enforcement agency.

(U//LES) [REDACTED] has been on probation in the past, however he is not active at this time. He is the defendant in a current protection order out of [REDACTED]

(U) Any law enforcement agency that has contact with [REDACTED] is urged to use caution. Please report any incidents involving [REDACTED] to the MIAC at intel.msp@maine.gov or 207-624-7280.

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09 November 2018

MIAC-2018-2183

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

(U//LES) Authorities encounter transient with extensive criminal history, gang affiliation and mental health issues; may pose threat to law enforcement.

On 06 November 2018, the [REDACTED] arrested J [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for burglary and criminal mischief. In October 2018, [REDACTED] also had contact with [REDACTED]—who has a criminal history spanning multiple states—self-admitted his membership to the prison and street gang Public Enemy Number 1 (PEN1).

- A criminal records check on [REDACTED] showed criminal history in [REDACTED].
 - Most of [REDACTED] criminal history is out of [REDACTED], to include motor vehicle thefts, armed robberies, carjackings, drug possession, resisting arrest, and gang-affiliated crimes.
 - [REDACTED] also reported involvement with a rape and murder in [REDACTED].
- [REDACTED] has numerous tattoos that reflect his association with PEN1.
 - According to the Anti-Defamation League, PEN1 is [REDACTED]-based prison and street gang whose white power ideology and engagement in violent crimes as well as the illegal drug trade market make them a significant threat to law enforcement and the general public.
- [REDACTED]—who reported that he had been staying at a homeless shelter in [REDACTED] Maine—is believed to mental health issues, as he recently reported that the National Security Agency (NSA) implanted a microchip inside of him.

(U) Any agency seeking additional information is asked to contact [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

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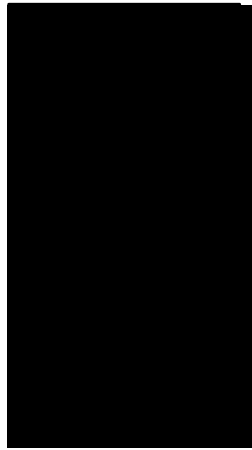
31 January 2019

MIAC-2019-0251

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

(U//LES) Report of potentially armed and mentally unstable subject in ██████████ Maine (ME) area. On 30 January 2019, a report was made to the ██████████ Police Department (PD) claiming ██████████. was "acting crazy" and was heavily involved in drug trade as well as drug use.

- According to law enforcement:
 - ██████████ primary residence is 1 ██████████ ██████████
 - ██████████ currently has a warrant for violation of probation.
 - As of December 2018, pictures on social media show ██████████ holding what appear to be AR-15 style rifles.
 - A probation check of ██████████ primary residence in January 2019 yielded no weapons, however .223 ammunition was found.



- According to an associate of ██████████:
 - ██████████ has begun carrying a handgun as of recently, and has received several long rifles in exchange for drugs.
 - ██████████ has several safe houses through ██████████ ██████████ the locations of which are unknown.

(U//LES) Law enforcement is advised to use caution if contact is made with LEIGH.

(U) For more information regarding ██████████, please contact ██████████ ██████████.

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19-04 (Update to 19-02) | Friday, February 1st 2019

:INFORMATION TROUBLED (ARMED) CITIZEN PAUL CHAMPAGNE (5/20/1964):

N/A: The [REDACTED] informed the Auburn Police Dept. that they had a recent involvement w/ P [REDACTED] formerly of [REDACTED] who is now a couch-surfing transient. During his involvement in [REDACTED] was reportedly driving recklessly and had four long guns in his vehicle. He is known to borrow vehicles; however, he has recently been operating [REDACTED] [REDACTED] registered to his ex-wife, [REDACTED].

Auburn PD served a permanent PFH order on [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] yesterday, 1/31/19. This order does have a 'No Weapons' clause; and when questioned about his firearms, [REDACTED] claimed that he had friends holding them for him. Auburn PD is aware that [REDACTED] had owned these weapons in the recent past: 1) an Ithaca double-barreled shotgun, 2) a scoped Remington 30-06 rifle, 3) a stainless steel Ruger 10/22 'breakdown' model and a camouflaged .22 rifle (unk make / model). A friend is actively trying to convince [REDACTED] to sell these weapons; however, they still could be in his possession. Due to the PFH order, Auburn PD is holding his .44 magnum Ruger Blackhawk revolver and a family member is holding onto a .270 rifle (unk make / model) that [REDACTED] had late last year.

[REDACTED] has several mental health issues (including his own claims of being bi-polar) and is off his medication(s) due to the recent retirement of his physician. [REDACTED] has manic episodes / active periods for law enforcement involvements and is easily angered / prone to enraged outbursts. When manic, [REDACTED] may not sleep for long periods of time. Now being homeless, he may spend a lot of his time driving around. Law Enforcement Agencies are most likely to have initial contact with [REDACTED] during a traffic stop / vehicle laws complaint. He is known to cruise looking for a prostitute and has reportedly been traveling to [REDACTED] to visit the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has been very uncooperative when contacted by Law Enforcement and will often fail to obey even repeated requests / commands.

With these recent involvements, [REDACTED] continues escalating his belligerent behavior that Auburn PD has observed over the past two to three months. This alert continues to advise both APD staff and other agencies in Maine that [REDACTED] could be armed with firearms or other weapons and is very likely to be, or become, disorderly during police involvements. Caution should be used during any and all involvements with [REDACTED]. ~Thank you!

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07 March 2019

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ATTEMPT TO LOCATE

(U//LES) Maine State Police (MSP) is seeking assistance in locating a dangerous suspect involved in multiple criminal violations. The MSP has probable cause to arrest the suspect, [REDACTED], for:

- Domestic Violence Terrorizing
- Violation of a Protection From Abuse Order (PFA)
- Felony Criminal Mischief

(U//LES) On 06 March 2019, the MSP received a report from a female victim stating that [REDACTED] has been violating the PFA by calling and texting her stating "you better hide 'til I'm dead." [REDACTED] is reportedly upset at the victim over the PFA, and has caused \$2,000 in damages to her home and car.

(U//LES) According to the MSP, [REDACTED] is a known runner from police and has made numerous suicide by cop statements to family and friends and that he would not be "taken alive."

(U//LES) It has been confirmed that [REDACTED] is in possession of a semi-automatic handgun. Extreme caution is advised if he is located.

(U//LES) There is a full extradition warrant in the Maine (ME) system in addition to a state warrant from the [REDACTED]

(U//LES) On 06 March 2019, a ping of [REDACTED] cellphone put him in the [REDACTED] area.

(U) Any law enforcement agency that requests further information, please contact [REDACTED]

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SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

(U//LES) [REDACTED] *resident with possible PTSD has reportedly made threats to law enforcement.* The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has identified this subject as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has recently relocated from [REDACTED], to his sister's residence located at [REDACTED] Maine (ME).

(U//LES) According to law enforcement, [REDACTED]

- Contacted the FBI National Tip Operations Center (NTOC) indicating he was "fully armed with his arm brace which holds two knives" and headed to the [REDACTED] later indicated he did not intend to harm any law enforcement officers)
- Had two vehicles and nine firearms seized by [REDACTED]
- Has two active Protection Orders in NCIC from family members, to include his sister in [REDACTED]
- Has made numerous statements concerning his PTSD, the border wall, the Crown Prince, 1000 forensic autopsies and Ronald Reagan

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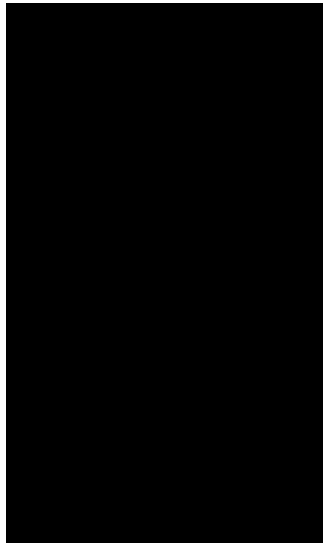
MIAC-2019-2485

OFFICER SAFETY

(U//LES) ██████████ Resident with possible mental health issues exhibited officer safety concerns during traffic stop. On 20 November 2019, Maine State Police (MSP) encountered ██████████ at the Hinckley Weigh Station.

(U//LES) According to MSP, during the encounter:

- ██████████ displayed manic behavior and his mood fluctuated frequently.
- He had a large machete in the driver door pocket and stated he was capable of "decapitating a carjacker if they try to take his car".
- ██████████ stated he has "cameras everywhere and knows a lot of things are going unaddressed".



(U//LES) ██████████ was driving with expired plates and a revoked license.

(U//LES) MSP towed ██████████ car, seized his license and issued him a summons.

(U) Law enforcement is advised to use caution during any encounters with ██████████. If you have information on ██████████ or any further questions, please contact the Maine Information and Analysis Center (MIAC) at intel.msp@maine.gov.

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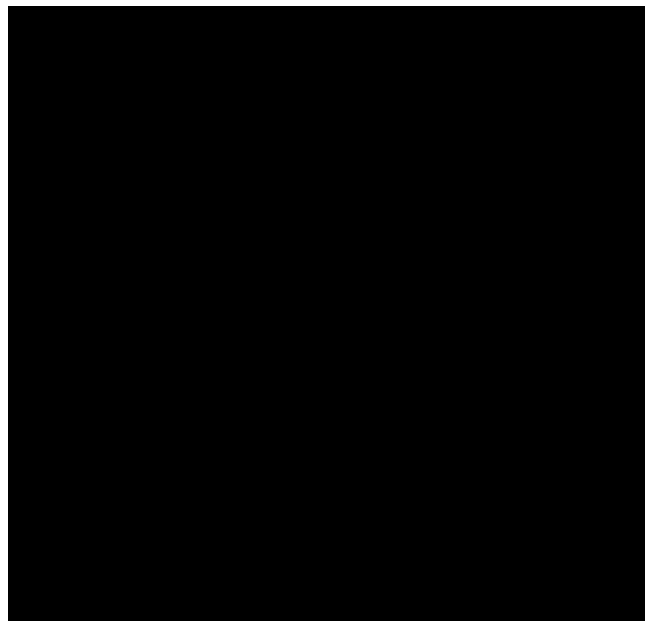
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OFFICER SAFETY

(U//LES) An identified Maine transient with a violent criminal history and mental health illness makes online threats to unidentified persons suspected of living in ██████████ Maine. The subject—who was identified by federal authorities as ██████████—also promoted violence online against law enforcement and military personnel in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Between 24 and 25 March 2020, ██████████ articulated his intent to exact “revenge on” and “purge” unidentified individuals in “Bangor” (NFI). It is presumed that ██████████ is referring to ██████████ Maine (ME), given that he once lived in the area.
- ██████████ also encouraged citizens to institute “martial law” against any law enforcement and military personnel who enforce federal/state/local orders to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Specifically, ██████████ directed citizens to shoot at such personnel, if approached.



(U//LES) ██████████ is a felon with a criminal history dating back to 2001.

- According a ██████████ law enforcement source, in 2012, ██████████ was charged with domestic violence assault as well as terrorizing.

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- In the latter incident, ██████████ threatened to harm a judge and child protective case worker who were involved in a custody matter concerning ██████████ daughter.
- A 2008 ██████████ police report highlighted that while at the ██████████ became highly agitated and bit a corrections officer and spit on another while being restrained.
- According to a 2 ██████████ law enforcement report, ██████████ while residing in ██████████ shot at multiple homes in a residential neighborhood from the window of a house in which he was renting a room. ██████████ took the firearm used in the incident, a .22 rifle, from the homeowner's bedroom without permission. The incident resulted in several nearby schools being placed into lockdown.

(U//LES) ██████████ mental health illness has led to multiple encounters with law enforcement.

- In April 2020, a ██████████ law enforcement official reported that ██████████ is well-known to law enforcement in the greater ██████████ area. Based on interactions with ██████████, the same police source stated that ██████████ appeared to have significant mental health issues while living as a transient in the region.
- In August 2018, an ██████████ law enforcement agency received a call for service regarding concerning posts that appeared on ██████████ social media account. The caller, a former colleague of ██████████ believed that ██████████ mental health had declined after he had been recently fired.
- In May 2015, an ██████████ law enforcement agency received a call for service where ██████████ claimed to be federal law enforcement official. When confronted, ██████████ was believed by responding law enforcement officers to be experiencing mental instability at the time of the call.
- According to an April 2015 ██████████ law enforcement agency report, ██████████ was taken into protective custody to complete a mental health evaluation (i.e. blue papered) after he fled a local hospital while in the process of a (mental health) evaluation. ██████████ became highly agitated with medical and law enforcement personnel during the incident, which resulted in his sedation.

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(U) [REDACTED]'s location is currently unknown, but he has historical addresses in [REDACTED].

- Between 24 and 25 March 2020, [REDACTED] indicated on social media that he was in [REDACTED]. This information is unsubstantiated.

(U) Any law enforcement agency with additional information or that has had recent contact with [REDACTED] is asked to contact the Maine Information and Analysis Center at intel.msp@maine.gov or 207-624-7280.

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I submitted this yesterday. I am resubmitting today to fix a typo in my comments. My apologies for the confusion