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## Civil Disobedience Statute Quick Guide



Chris Hatton

Tue 6/2/2020 9:33 AM

To: Sylva Police; Chip Hall <chlhall@jacksonnc.org>; Chris Hatton



Hello all,

The following link is a very valuable resource, if you should find yourself needing to look up laws that pertain to civil disobedience.

I recommend you save this page in your phone and laptop to help you in a moment such as that.

<https://law.justia.com/codes/north-carolina/2011/chapter14/article36a/>



2011 North Carolina General Statutes ::  
Chapter 14 Criminal Law. :: Article 36A - Riots,  
Civil Disorders, and Emergencies.

[law.justia.com](https://law.justia.com)

Thank you all for what you do, and remember, "This too shall pass..."

**Chief Chris Hatton, M.J.A.**

Sylva Police Department

755 W. Main Street

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## Re: All Officers on Standby

ZS

Zackary Stiles

Tue 6/2/2020 5:54 PM

To: Chris Hatton



Good Afternoon Chief, I believe I have already talked to you. But I am planning on leaving Sunday Morning for Florida. I will be willing to do whatever I need to do to help out. Let me know if that I fine.

Thank you for Everything. Zack.



Sergeant Z.P. Stiles  
Sylva Police Department  
755 West Main Street  
Sylva, NC 28779  
(828)586-2916

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**From:** Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 12:22 PM

**To:** Sylva Police <sylvapolice@townofsylva.org>; Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

**Subject:** All Officers on Standby

Hello everybody,

As we all know there are lots of unusual events happening in our country, and lots of things are uncertain these days.

We have learned about several situations in which protests or retaliation against protests are being threatened in our town and county.

I need all SPD sworn officers to be on standby until further notice. This means you do the things you need to, to be able to respond as soon as possible if requested.

If you have something that would prohibit you from being able to respond during the next few days, please write me an email and let me know. Thank you.

Hopefully, this won't be something we have to use, but these times are uncertain and we have to be ready.

Thank you,

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## Standby for Protests



Aimee Sumner

Wed 6/3/2020 3:13 PM

To: Chris Hatton



I have to go pick up my daughter in Raleigh this Saturday, 6/6/2020 and wont be back till Sunday afternoon. Other than that I am available.

Lt. Detective Aimee S. Watson  
Sylva Police Department  
755 West Main Street  
Sylva, NC 28779  
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## Re: One other thing

NN

Natalie Newman <natalienicolenewman@gmail.com>

Wed 6/3/2020 10:55 PM

To: Chris Hatton



Hello Chief Hatton, I have been approached about input for the upcoming march on the 13th but I am not one of the core organizers. I do not consider myself an organizer for the 13th but rather someone who is open to give them input on another peaceful march.

I would reach out to that individual. I myself do not want to step on any toes.

I will give you this, even though I know you didn't ask. Their event has gained much more traction than what we saw on Tuesday. I expect to see MUCH bigger numbers on the 13th, a Saturday afternoon. The response we received versus who showed up, well, we never could have expected those numbers. The response for the 13th is already double what we saw for our Tuesday lunchtime event. They have more organizers and they have pulled organizers from other organizations to assist. Their reach is much larger.

I can't exactly be sure where I will be on the 13th, I have a family engagement that same day. However, I am happy to keep you updated with anything that will help make your job and your officer's jobs easier and keep our town safe and peaceful, while still allowing people the freedom to protest.

Best regards,  
Natalie Newman

On Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 8:52 PM Chris Hatton <[hatton@sylvapolice.org](mailto:hatton@sylvapolice.org)> wrote:

I'm hoping to contact the organizers of the walk for peace event on the 13th.

I have been giving a name and telephone number of someone from out of town to call.

But, I've also been told that you have a roll in organizing the event.

My goal is to get some details about the event, get them started in the permit process and make sure we as a police department have a safety plan for all.

Should I call you about that, or this other person??

Thank you,  
Chief Chris Hatton



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## Re: Greetings from Sylva PD

NN

Natalie Newman <natalienicolenewman@gmail.com>  
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Wed 6/3/2020 11:11 PM  
To: Chris Hatton



Hello Chief Hatton,

I am so glad that you took the time to reach out. That means more than you know.

I could not be more proud of this community and your officers. I am glad we were able to touch base and connect to ensure everyone was supportive and on the same page. I can not thank you all enough.

As I mentioned in my last email, those officers will need to expect a much larger crowd on the 13th. The 13th organizers reached out to the organizers from yesterday's march and I personally will be sure to continue to encourage peacefulness.

I am happy and always happy to give time and partner with Sylva PD. I am always looking to give back to this community. I am a part of several committees and groups here in Sylva that you all may or may not already be partnering with, that could be beneficial to the efforts. As I mentioned on the phone, community relationships are SO important, especially when we are facing the things our communities and our country are facing right now.

I know you all are busy but I truly appreciate the time you and your officers have put in. Thank you for checking on my store yesterday evening (and in the past and in the future) it means more than you know. I try to protect that space, not for myself, but for my employees and my community.

As soon as you get a chance let's grab coffee (I'm a tea drinker-no caffeine for me) and I am totally fine with hugs! Keep me updated and I will do the same.

Best regards,  
Natalie Newman

On Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 7:33 PM Chris Hatton <[hatton@sylvapolice.org](mailto:hatton@sylvapolice.org)> wrote:  
Hello again!

First, I'd like to say that I truly enjoyed speaking with you the other day and really appreciate your kind words in support of me and the Sylva PD. I hope we made you proud.

The event Tuesday was a wonderful success. I'm over the moon and so proud of Sylva. My officers had such a positive experience! They told me that they received more kind words and thank yous than they could ever count and afterwards had several protesters who

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## Saturday June 13



Bruce Moore

Thu 6/4/2020 4:05 PM

To: Sylva Police

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Good Evening,

I wanted to give you all a heads up that next Saturday June 13 there is a strong likelihood we're going to need everyone to come in to work the protest.

Details are still being worked out as Chief Hatton is coordinating with event organizers and other agencies. By all indications we're expecting a much larger crowd than before but as of right now we have no reason to believe it will be anything other than peaceful.

Just be ready to work in case your called. We'll let you know details as soon as possible when we have a plan in place. Until then if see anything on Facebook or hear anything while working that could be important to the planning of this protest please pass it on up.

Thanks

Bruce

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## After Protest FB Post

Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Wed 7/15/2020 3:41 PM

To: Aimee Sumner <sumner@sylvapolice.org>

### A letter to the community from the Chief

Hello Sylva,

As you all know, we had a large protest and counter-protest event here in our town on Saturday. Our goal was achieved. At the end of the day, we didn't have any injuries, no property was damaged and we didn't have to make any arrests. This event and the way law enforcement handled it has generated a lot of questions. My purpose today is to try and give you some information to help you understand our tactics during this event.

It's no secret that the Sylva Police Department only has 14 officers and we aren't equipped to handle these large protest events without the help of our sheriff's office, fire department and other public safety partners. These events seriously stretch our town's resources, but it is not an option to use that as an excuse for anything less than optimal public safety. We must keep everyone safe. From the public safety standpoint, this event utilized approximately 80 people, that includes public safety, public works staff and volunteers helping with logistics. We are so fortunate to have such great partners.

Many citizens noticed that our tactics, traffic patterns and overall response for this weekend's protest seemed more visible and "beefed-up" than prior events. This is true and for good reason. Some of the things you may have noticed on Saturday were changes to the protest routes, road closures, location of safety barriers, more roadways blocked by large vehicles and the completely blocked off "safety zone" on W. Main Street. Another change was the length of time traffic was closed off to the protest route / downtown.

Why the extra precautions? Prior to this event, our law enforcement learned of a potential threat to our property and possibly our safety. While I can't go into the specific details, we received information that an out-of-town group was planning to attend our event with criminal intentions. This group was not part of our local protestors or counter-protestors. During the week prior, this group was collecting a "bail fund for the Sylva event" on social media.

We worked together with our federal and state law enforcement partners to learn about this group and their tactics at other events. We took advisement from these organizations and our local criminal justice resources to devise a plan that would keep everyone safe at our event.

Did it work? All information learned post-event indicates that this group was in our town on Saturday, but left before the event was over. During the event, social media chatter from the group indicated that our town was "locked down and saturated by cops." After the event, we debriefed the officers involved and compiled all information learned. We've also had many discussions with citizens in Sylva about things they observed on Saturday. While we may never know for sure, but all evidence points to the fact that we were able to prevent a potentially dangerous situation in our town. This is a huge win for us all and I'm really proud of our team.

We realize these street closures had a serious impact on our downtown businesses, we simply could not sacrifice your safety. We certainly recognize that our businesses are having a very hard year, and we are working on new ideas that will help them in the future. To our business owners, please know that we only closed down the traffic for as long as we had to.

As stated, this protest event was a real challenge for our resources, and the fact that it took so much cooperation between agencies and individuals may help you to understand that it wasn't without

complications and temporary failures. We have had some unexpected issues with traffic flow early on in the day. The Dillsboro bridge closure created some problems for us in a couple locations. We made some adjustments to the traffic route and were able to get traffic flowing smoothly.

We also had an issue early on with parking for the protest event at Bridge Park. Our safety plan included closing down Railroad Avenue to make room for protestors and keep them safe from any possible vehicle traffic. The traffic pattern was set up incorrectly at first and it caused the people attending the Reconcile Sylva event to have to park elsewhere. Officers blocked off Railroad Avenue for safety as planned, but didn't allow vehicles close enough to park their cars in the adjacent parking lots. As soon as this problem was discovered, we immediately opened the roadway to allow cars onto that section of Railroad Avenue.

It's disheartening, but many people have made the assumption that this was on purpose by our officers. This is a completely false assumption. This parking problem was nothing more than an oversight while setting up that road closure. A mistake that came from officers trying to keep the protestors safe. The Sylva Police Department has a history of being nothing short of 100% responsive and helpful when it comes to working with protest organizers and protecting our citizen's right to assemble and protest. Thank you to those of you that gave us the benefit of the doubt.

In conclusion, I'm humbled by our community partners for their contributions to this weekend's successful event. If you interact with anybody from any of these groups, please be sure to thank them. Below you will find a list of involved agencies:

Sylva Police Department & Public Works staff  
Sylva Fire Department  
Jackson County Sheriff's Office  
Jackson County Emergency Management  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
NC State Bureau of Investigation  
NC Highway Patrol  
Western Carolina University Police Department  
Harris EMS  
Macon County Sheriff's Office  
Bryson City Police Department  
Franklin Police Department

Thank you Sylva, we are your police department and we want you know we are worthy of your trust. I hope this is helpful for you to understand events on Saturday.

Please reach out to us if you have any problems we can help you with.

Please stay safe and well,

Chris Hatton, Chief of Police



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Fwd: alert!

DR

Daniel Reid  
Thu 7/9/2020 7:00 PM  
To: Chris Hatton

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This was sent to me and Aimee a few min ago.

-Reid

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From: Jerry J. Smith <forestdweller89@protonmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:59:09 PM  
To: Aimee Sumner <sumner@sylvapolice.org>; Daniel Reid <reid@sylvapolice.org>  
Subject: alert!

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<https://www.instagram.com/p/CCbNC9VBWIZ/>

This group has been responsible for a lot of vandalism in Asheville and the surrounding area. They also have been known to bring in outside Antifa members from neighboring states. I'm sure there will be honest folks who just want their voices heard but these people just want anarchy.

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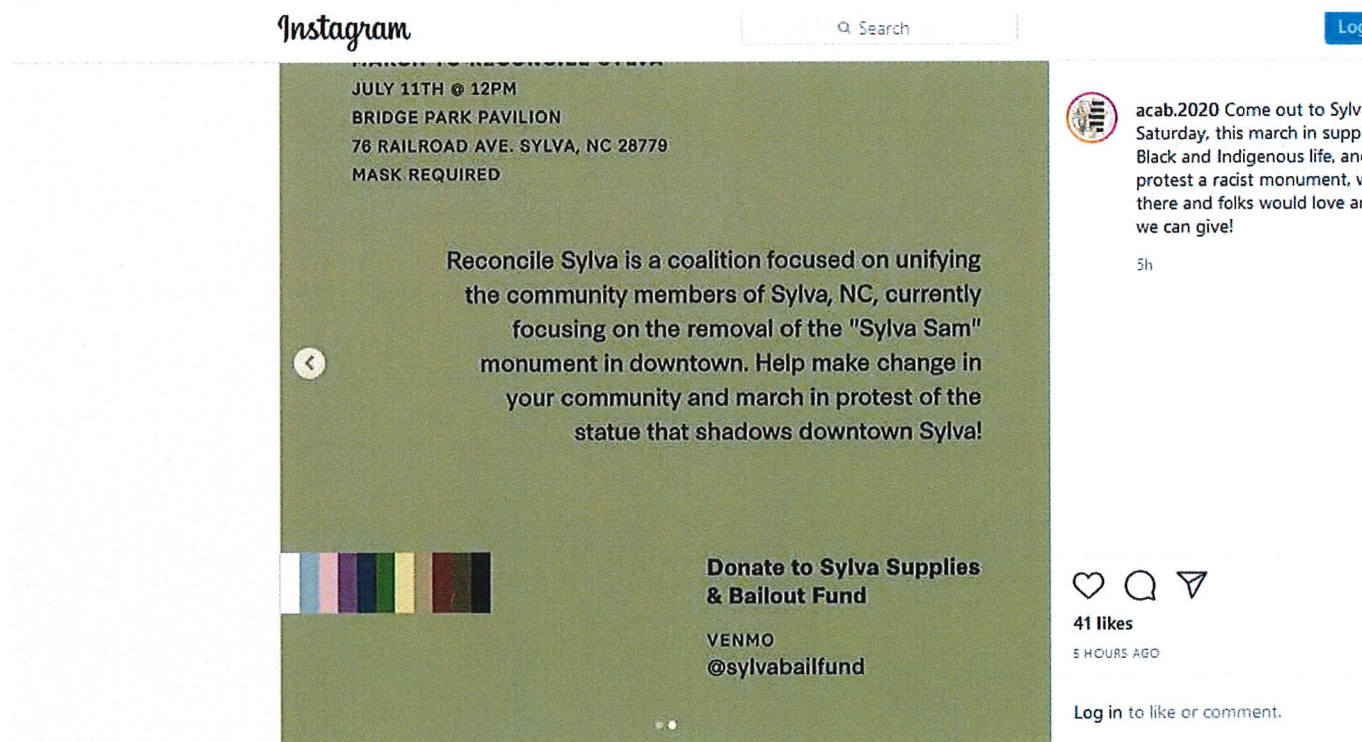
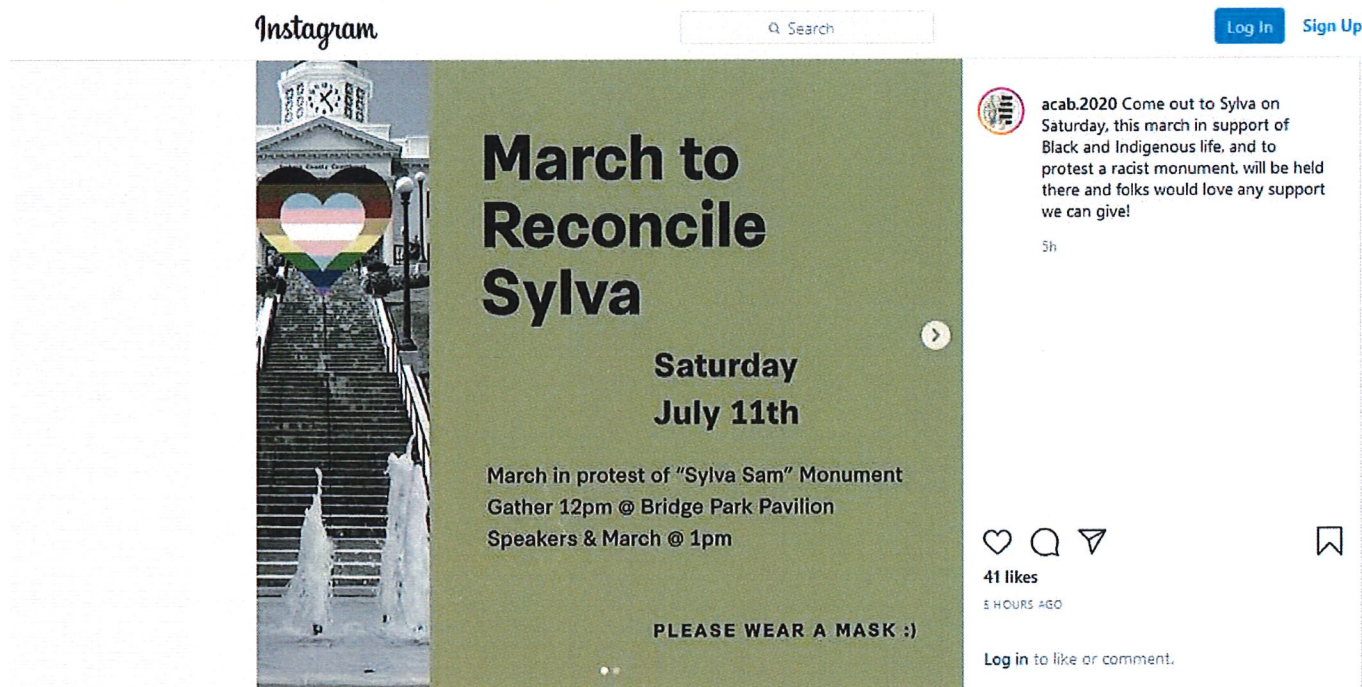
## Asheville Antifa Account

Jerry J. Smith <forestdweller89@protonmail.com>

Fri 7/10/2020 2:33 PM

To: Rick Bryson <bryson@sylvapolice.org>; Aimee Sumner <sumner@sylvapolice.org>; Tammy Hooper <hooper@sylvapolice.org>; Daniel Reid <reid@sylvapolice.org>

These are the screenshots from an Instagram page of Asheville Antifa. It is run by Mary Elizabeth Shrom. It has details about the protest that is happening tomorrow. Asheville Antifa is part of the Torch Antifa Network. The organized and militant faction of Antifa.



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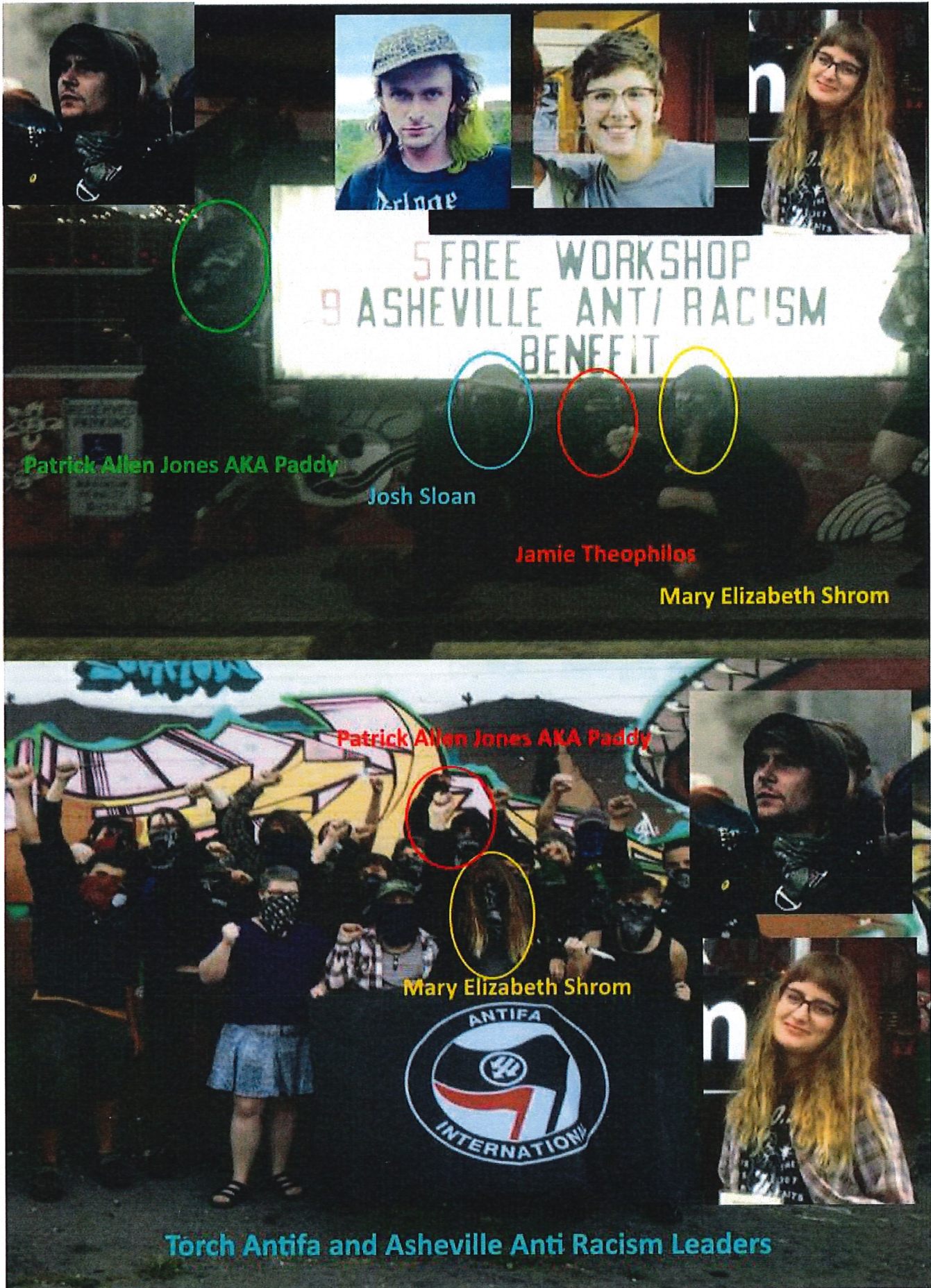
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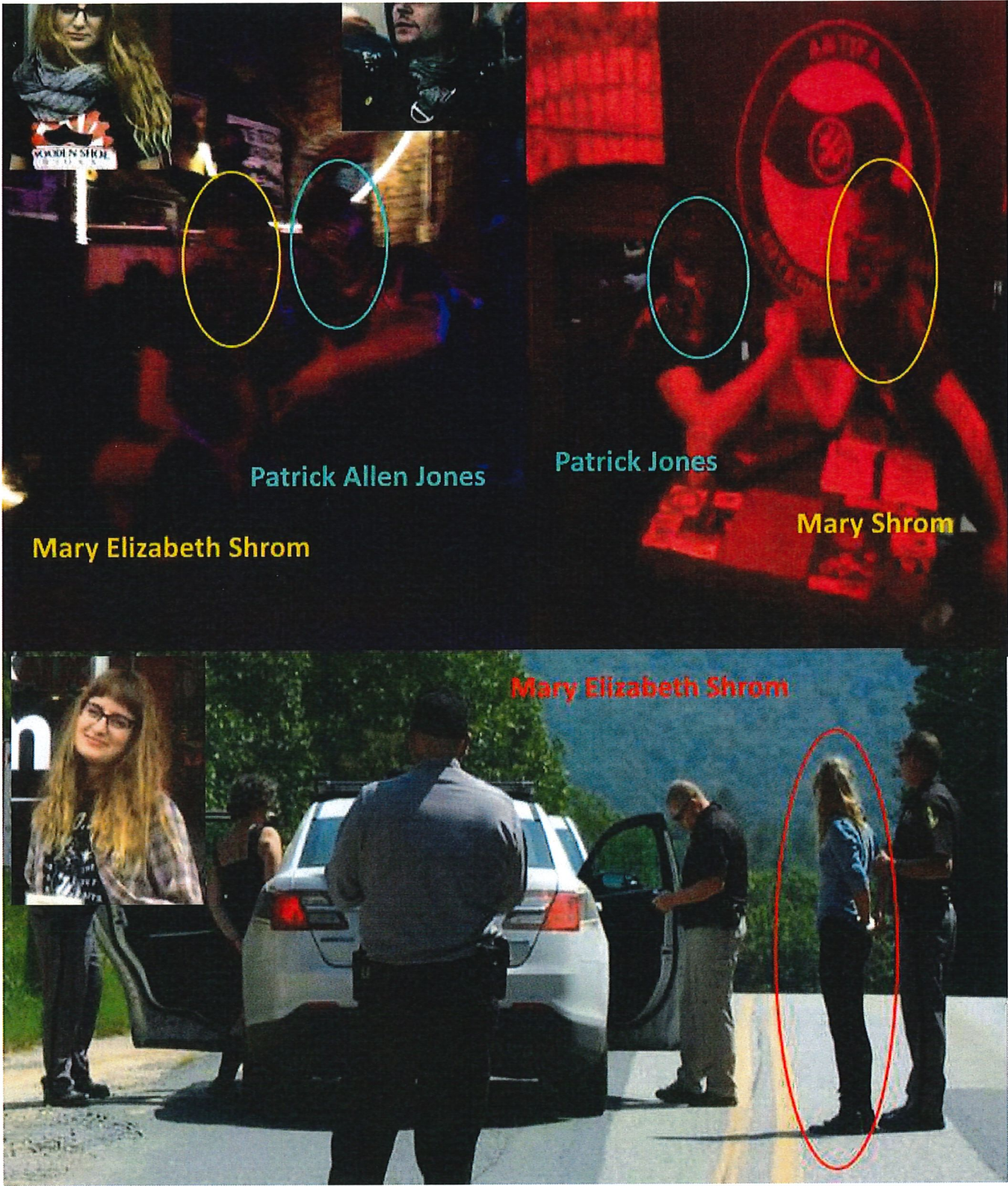
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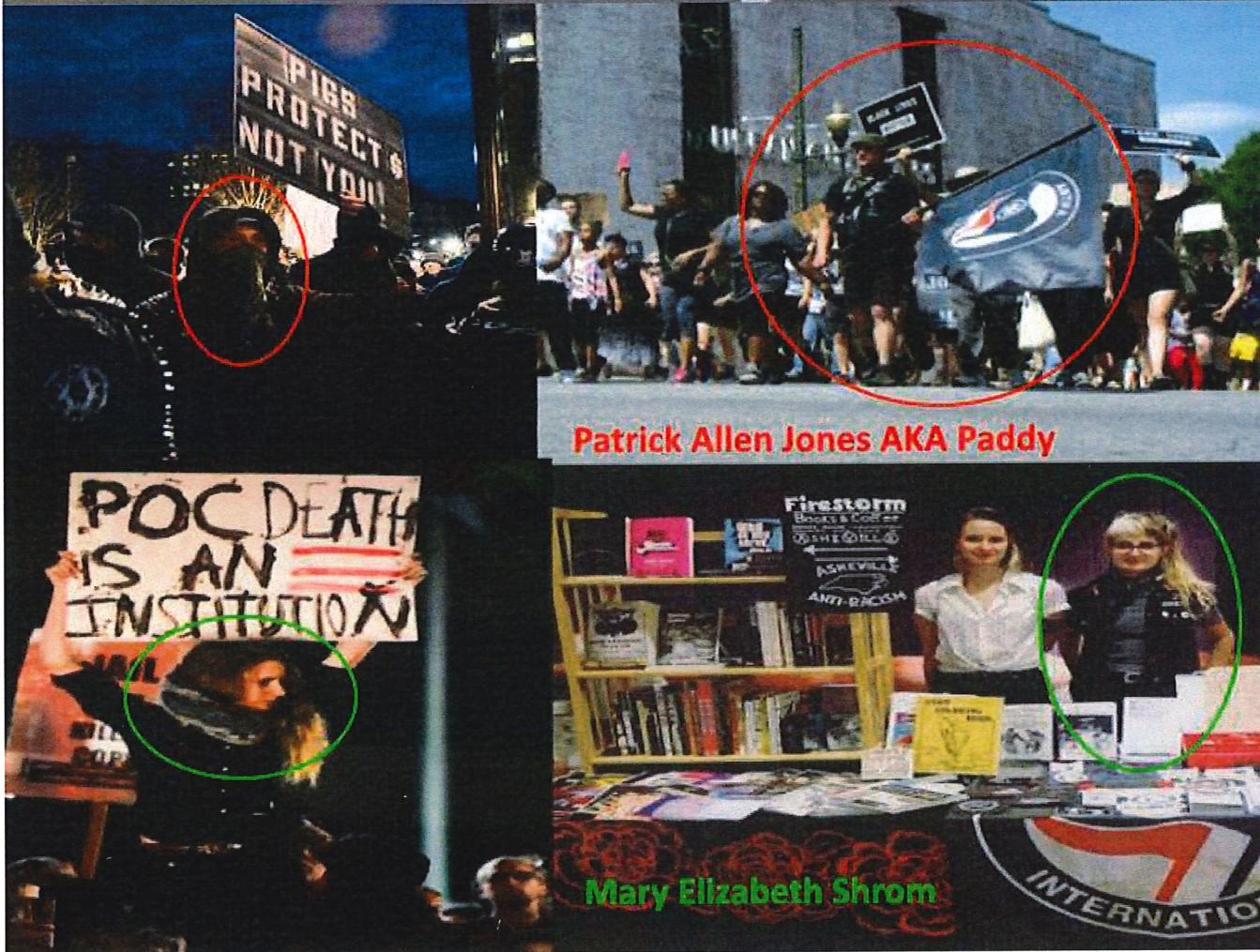






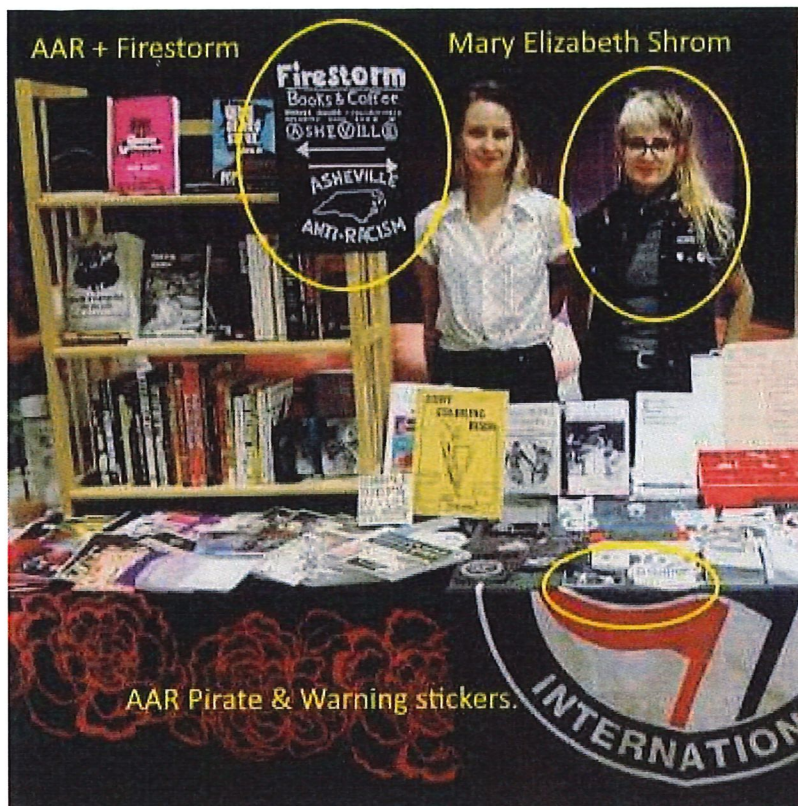
















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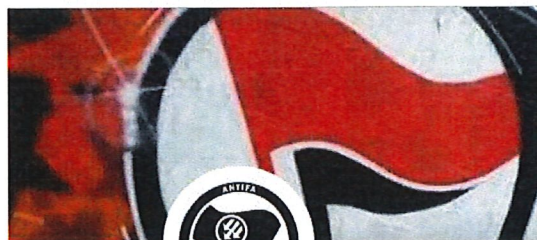
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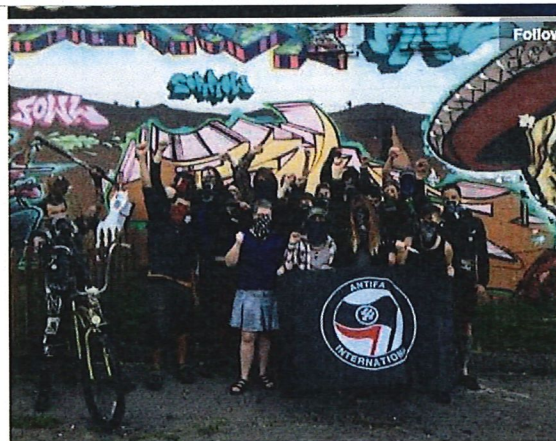
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**Asheville Anti-Racism** demonstrate how to get ready to confront the Klan:

- 1) Run a free street medic workshop for three dozen people.
- 2) Team up with Asheville **Food Not Bombs** to serve rad & free vegan food to the masses.
- 3) Put on a benefit show with **Autarch**, **Weak Wrists**, **Lacrvmosa**.



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Anonymous asked:

Can you give some quick tips or contacts to start an Antifa group in North Carolina? My friend and I are looking to start one here

Yes. **Yes we can.**

Also: **Asheville Anti-Racism**

2 years ago



under-a-blaze-in-transilvania asked:

Do you know of any Antifa groups in North Carolina?

There's **Asheville Anti-Racism** for one.

We also bet that you'll meet more than a few other antifa groups **at Rock Stone Mountain on the 23rd!**

torchantifa.org

We condemn any attempt to shield fascism, by attacking those who are in opposition to it.

In history, we have seen what happens when the state criminalizes dissent, when right-wing gangs are allowed to terrorize and kill with impunity, and when the police arrest those whose morality will not allow them to stand by, while immigrants and refugees are imprisoned in camps to die. As a community, we refuse to allow it to happen here. We have stood up to the forces of the far-right before, and now we must do so again.

Signed,

- Rose City Antifa – Torch Network
- Pacific Northwest Antifascist Workers Collective – Torch Network
- Rocky Mountain Antifa – Torch Network
- Antifa Seven Hills – Torch Network
- **Asheville Anti-Racism – Torch Network**
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## Protest manpower update

Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Thu 7/9/2020 9:12 AM

To: Bruce Moore <moore@sylvapolice.org>

Bryson City is sending one officer named Zack Moody.

Franklin PD is sending 2 officers.

Unknown how many Cherokee PD is sending, if any.

And known how many Waynesville PD is sending, I predict 2-3.

I'm meeting with Fire Chief, Mike Beck, today to find out the situation there.

Thanks for everything you're doing,  
Chief

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## Re: Mutual Aid Request

Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Tue 7/7/2020 9:01 PM

To: Doug Pheasant <DOUGPHEA@nc-cherokee.com>

Thank you Chief!

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**From:** Doug Pheasant <DOUGPHEA@nc-cherokee.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:44:02 PM

**To:** Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

**Subject:** RE: Mutual Aid Request

We will try to assist your Agency let me check our man power on Saturday we have several on leave.

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**From:** Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 5:00 PM

**To:** Doug Pheasant <DOUGPHEA@nc-cherokee.com>

**Subject:** Mutual Aid Request

Hello Chief,

Thank you for your assistance with our last protest.

Your officers did a great job for us that day.

We have a confederate monument protest scheduled this Saturday from 1-3pm.

We will brief at SPD at 10:30am, and then feed the officers before they go to their post that morning.

I have instructed that Sylva PD officers be on the "front lines" dealing with protesters, before any officers from other departments.

I expect the event to end at around 4:00pm.

**I'd like to request 2 officers from your agency to assist.**

I am happy to answer any questions you may have (828) 406-2254.

**Chief Chris Hatton, M.J.A.**

Sylva Police Department

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**Fw: Reconcile Sylva event**

Rick Bryson <bryson@sylvapolice.org>

Thu 10/1/2020 10:22 AM

To: Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Asst. Chief Rick Bryson  
Sylva Police Department  
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**From:** Rick Bryson <bryson@sylvapolice.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:57:43 PM

**To:** Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

**Subject:** Reconcile Sylva event

Trooper Smith,

On Saturday July 11, 2020 a group named Reconcile Sylva will be hosting a protest and a march in Sylva NC. The purpose of the event is to protest a Confederate Statue in front of the Jackson County Library which is visible in the down town area. The topic of this statue is an emotionally charged debate for both protestors who want it removed and counter protestors who want it to remain.

Various social media outlets and discussions from representatives of both sides have raised cause for concern for law enforcement.

The Sylva Police Department is a small agency with limited personnel and an event with the potential attendance such as this one creates concern for our residents as well as our Police Department.

Currently we are collaborating with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office as well as other nearby law enforcement agencies in an effort to form a plan which will ensure a peaceful protest is held. We are asking for additional assistance from the North Carolina State Highway Patrol to be part of that plan and assist us during this event.

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hours until 1500 hours. It is our goal to have traffic patterns resume normal travel as soon as possible at the completion of the protest.

If you have any questions please contact Chief of Police Chris Hatton at (828) 586-2916 or [hatton@sylvapolice.org](mailto:hatton@sylvapolice.org).

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## Re: Update: Sylva PD Request

Doug Pheasant <DOUGPHEA@nc-cherokee.com>

Fri 7/10/2020 9:20 AM

To: Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Sorry Chief not 100 percent sure if we can assist this Saturday we have 3 Officers with parents funerals Saturday and Officers on Quarantine we will try I just wanted to give you a heads up

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 9, 2020, at 7:16 AM, Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org> wrote:

Hi Chief,

We've had a change in our plan.

Our briefing will be held at the First Baptist Church in Sylva at 10:30am on Saturday. Officers will be served a good meal from our community before going to their post. Please pass this new info and my cell number on to your officers.

We are finalizing our plan today, please let know if you're able to send anyone to help and how many.

Thanks again!  
Chief Chris Hatton

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Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Thu 7/9/2020 3:54 PM

To: Smith, Brandon S. <Brandon.Smith@ncdps.gov>

Thank you Sir,

Your help is very appreciated.

His contact will be Lt. Bruce Moore.

828-269-7827

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**From:** Smith, Brandon S. <Brandon.Smith@ncdps.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:23 AM

**To:** Rick Bryson <bryson@sylvapolice.org>; Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

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**Subject:** Mutial Aid Reguest

Chief Hatton,

I am going to send a squad of Troopers, with a Sergeant, to your City to assist primarily with calls for service and traffic related incidents in order to free as much of your personnel to deal directly with the protesters/counter-protesters.

Also, if you have not done so already please enter your request formally through Web EOC (via the Jackson County Emergency Management) so State EOC and DPS can track all of these protests and demonstrations.

Sgt. Ray Blanton will be your contact: **(828) 552-0272**

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RE: FYI

Shannon Queen <shqueen@jacksonnc.org>

Fri 7/10/2020 8:59 AM

To: Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>; 'Chip Hall' <clhall@jacksonnc.org>; 'Kim Hooper' <skhooper@jacksonnc.org>

For informational purposes. I conducted a search on the email address [forestdweller89@protonmail.com](mailto:forestdweller89@protonmail.com), the email where the information originated below. I got two hits, one from Sara Rolling and another as Jennifer Rolling. Both with Iowa addresses. I could find no local address and what I could quickly find out about either of these names via other posts with this email associated that there was not a far right wing view posted. I attached a pic that is supposed to be Sara Rolling from the Facebook page that has this email associated with it.



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From: Chris Hatton [mailto:hatton@sylvapolice.org]

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:55 PM

To: Chip Hall <clhall@jacksonnc.org>; Kim Hooper (skhooper@jacksonnc.org) <skhooper@jacksonnc.org>; Shannon Queen (shqueen@jacksonnc.org) <shqueen@jacksonnc.org>

Subject: FYI

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From: Aimee Sumner <[sumner@sylvapolice.org](mailto:sumner@sylvapolice.org)>

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:09 PM

To: Chris Hatton <[hatton@sylvapolice.org](mailto:hatton@sylvapolice.org)>; Rick Bryson <[bryson@sylvapolice.org](mailto:bryson@sylvapolice.org)>

Subject: Fw: alert!

This was emailed to me and Reid, dont know who this guy is.

Lt. Detective Aimee S. Watson  
Sylva Police Department  
755 West Main Street  
Sylva, NC 28779  
(828)586-2916

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From: Jerry J. Smith <[forestdweller89@protonmail.com](mailto:forestdweller89@protonmail.com)>

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:59 PM

To: Aimee Sumner <[sumner@sylvapolice.org](mailto:sumner@sylvapolice.org)>; Daniel Reid <[reid@sylvapolice.org](mailto:reid@sylvapolice.org)>

Subject: alert!

There is a protest that happening this Saturday in downtown Sylva about the Sylva Sam monument. This protest has been shared on social media by Asheville Antifa. They have been raising money for supplies and bail funds. Here is a link to the post.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CCbNC9VBWIZ/>

This group has been responsible for a lot of vandalism in Asheville and the surrounding area. They also have been known to bring in outside Antifa members from neighboring states. I'm sure there will be honest folks who just want their voices heard but these people just want anarchy.



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**Re: Sylva Saturday Demonstration****Lilly Knoepp** <lknoepp@bpr.org>

Thu 7/9/2020 8:06 PM

**To:** Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 9, 2020, at 7:57 PM, Chris Hatton <[hatton@sylvapolice.org](mailto:hatton@sylvapolice.org)> wrote:

Dangerous weapons will not be allowed at either protest location.

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**From:** Lilly Knoepp <[lknoepp@bpr.org](mailto:lknoepp@bpr.org)>**Sent:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:50 PM**To:** Chris Hatton <[hatton@sylvapolice.org](mailto:hatton@sylvapolice.org)>**Subject:** Re: Sylva Saturday Demonstration

Thanks Chief Hatton! I understand. I'm mainly wanting to check in about weapons at the protest.

I'm not sure if you saw that three men in Asheville were arrested for bringing weapons to a Black Lives Matter demonstration. So I wanted to see if the way that you all are thinking about the protest on Saturday?

Thanks for all your hard work to get ready for the demonstration!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 9, 2020, at 7:13 PM, Chris Hatton <[hatton@sylvapolice.org](mailto:hatton@sylvapolice.org)> wrote:

Hi Lilly, I am slammed trying to prepare for this event. I'll do my best to call you tomorrow. Don't be upset with me, if I don't. It's taking all we've got to get ready.

Chief Hatton

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** Lilly Knoepp <[lknoepp@bpr.org](mailto:lknoepp@bpr.org)>**Sent:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:19:13 PM**To:** Chris Hatton <[hatton@sylvapolice.org](mailto:hatton@sylvapolice.org)>**Subject:** Sylva Saturday Demonstration

Hi Chief Hatton,



10/16/2020

Mail - Chris Hatton - Outlook

I just wanted to check in before the demonstration in Sylva on Saturday.  
Give me a call when you can. If it's after 5pm you can call me on my cell phone at 828-421-7773.  
Best,

Lilly Knoepp | Reporter

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