

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF RAMSEY) SS.**

**APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT
AND SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT.**

Inspector Tony Samec, Commander Dale Sommerhause and Commander Rich Clark, being duly sworn upon oath, hereby makes application to this Court for a warrant to search the (Premises) (~~Motor Vehicle~~) (~~Person~~), hereinafter described, for the property and things hereinafter described.

Affiants knows the contents of this application and supporting affidavit, and the statements herein are true of his/her own knowledge, save as to such as are herein stated on information and belief, and as to those, he/she believes them to be true.

Affiants have good reason to believe, and does believe, there is sufficient evidence that the following materials may be utilized during the RNC to cause harm to Police Officers as well damage to public and private property, that the following described property and things, to wit:

- Assembled improvised incendiary devices and unassembled components of these devices, to include, fire bombs (Molotov cocktails), glass containers such as bottles and jars; wicks such as cloth, paper and twine; enhancers such as Styrofoam and soap flakes. Ignitable liquids to include but not limited to gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene, mineral spirits, lamp oil and brake fluid
- Assembled improvised explosive devices and unassembled components of these devices, to include but not limited to, metal, glass, plastic or cardboard containers. Potential explosive materials and liquids such as chlorine derivatives, acids, fuels and oxidizers.
 - Smoke bombs
 - Photographs and maps of downtown St. Paul, critical infrastructure or other RNC related venues
 - Manuals, books and/or instructions for the construction of caltrops, tripods, Molotov cocktails, bombs and other direct action techniques
 - Documents that plan, promote and/or advocate criminal activity, rioting, damage to property
 - Documents and other communication with other RNCWCgroup members and individuals from affinity groups
 - Explosive filler materials to include pyrotechnic powder; propellants such as black powder, smokeless powder, pyrodex and flash powder, match heads.
 - Shields
 - Wrist rockets
 - Marbles and Ball bearings
 - Paint and spray paint
 - Sticks and poles
 - Nails, screws
 - Bricks

Lockboxes and components including but not limited to chicken wire, roofing tar, duct tape, PVC or metal piping

Razorwire

Hollowed out puppets

Urine and feces

Caltrops

Police scanners, two-way radios

- Computer systems, including but not limited to, the main computer box, monitors, scanners, printers, modems, and other peripheral devices.
- Media in whatever form, including, but not limited to, magnetic (such as floppy disks, hard drives and magnetic tape), flash (such as media cards and USB thumb drives) or optical (such as compact disks and digital video disks).
- Digital camera equipment.
- Electronic devices, including but not limited to, MP3 players (including, but not limited to iPods), X-Box gaming systems, cellular phones and personal digital assistants (PDAs). Programs and manuals related to operating systems or applications.
- Notes and other documentation, including maps, charts, membership lists.
- Proof of residency and documentation relating to the Internet, including but not limited to bills from Internet Service Providers (ISP).
Proof of residency and related documents to show constructive possession of property.
- Data contained on either hard drives, electronic devices or removable media and all items listed in the sections of these documents that describe the items being sought to include deleted files, archived files and email files.
- Data contained within any seized cellular phone, SIM card, PDA or electronic device to include, but not limited to, call logs, contacts, text messages, audio messages, images, Internet cache and deleted data.
Information showing ownership, possession and use of the computer(s) and electronic device(s), including but not limited to e-mail accounts, screen names, and Internet accounts.

(are) (will be) (at the premises) (within the property) (~~in the motor vehicle~~) (~~on the person~~) described as:

Smith Avenue Hall, 627 Smith Avenue South, St. Paul, MN 55101; A commercial brick building, two story, Ramsey County property ID# 07.28.22.23.0100 and all related curtilage

located in the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey, and State of Minnesota.

This affiant applies for issuance of a search warrant upon the following grounds:

1. ~~The property above described was stolen or embezzled.~~
2. **The possession of the property above described constitutes a crime.**
3. **The property above described was used as a means of committing a crime.**
4. **The property above described constitutes evidence which tends to show a crime has been committed, or tends to show that a particular person has committed a crime.**

5. The property above described is in possession of a person with intent to used such property as a means of committing a crime.

The facts tending to establish the foregoing grounds for issuance of a search warrant are as follows:

Your affiant is Inspector Tony Samec employed by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. Your affiant was formerly employed as a Special Agent with the U.S. Secret Service. While employed by the Secret Service, your affiant investigated organized crime, financial crimes, threats against the President of the United States, terrorism and cyber crimes. Additionally, your affiant has been involved in the protection of the President and Vice President of the United States and their families, former President and Foreign Heads of State. Your affiant is currently assigned to the Special Investigations Unit and oversees the Electronic Crimes Section which investigates electronic crimes and conducts computer forensic investigations. During the course of your affiant's assigned duties, your affiant has investigated numerous felony level cases including career criminals and organized criminal groups. Your affiant has also received training from federal, state, and local entities relating to electronic crimes and computer forensic investigations. Your affiant is familiar with the facts of this case through his own personal investigation and observations, open source information, briefings and reports from other law enforcement agencies and information provided by other investigators.

Your affiant is Commander Dale Sommerhause, a licensed peace officer in the state of Minnesota for over 22 years. Your affiant has been assigned to the Special Investigations Unit for the past 4 years. Your affiant is familiar with the facts of this case through his own personal investigation and observations, open source information, briefings and reports from other law enforcement agencies and information provided by other investigators.

Your affiant is Deputy Sheriff Richard Clark, a licensed police officer in Minnesota employed by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department for over 13 years. Your affiant is currently assigned as the Commander of the Ramsey County Sheriff's Narcotics Unit and the East Metro Narcotics Task Force. Your affiant has served in this capacity for the last 6 years. During the course of affiant's assigned duties, affiant has supervised and conducted numerous narcotics investigations including large scale criminal organizations, many of which have resulted in convictions in both State and Federal court. Your affiant has attended numerous regional, state and local investigation courses. Your affiant is familiar with the facts of this case through his own personal investigation and observations, open source information, briefings and reports from other law enforcement agencies and information provided by other investigators.

On 3/5/07, the United States Department of Homeland Security, pursuant to federal statute, designated the 2008 Republican National Convention (RNC) as a National Security Special Event (NSSE). Your affiant has been involved in numerous NSSEs throughout the United States.

The RNCWC is an organized criminal enterprise who have conspired with affinity groups throughout the United States to come to St. Paul, MN during the RNC and utilize criminal activities to disrupt and stop the RNC.

On 8/29/07, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office (RCSO), Special Investigations Unit (SIU) initiated an investigation, along with other law enforcement agencies, into the RNC Welcoming Committee (RNCWC). This investigation was initiated based on the review of open-source information. Open-source means this information is found from publicly available sources. During a review of this open-source information, it was determined that there was reasonable suspicion that persons associated with the RNCWC were planning and conspiring to engage in criminal activity in Ramsey County and elsewhere in Minnesota leading up to and through the 2008 RNC in St. Paul, MN. This conspiring includes criminal damage to property, riot, civil disorder, use of incendiary devices and unlawful assembly. Our investigation has revealed that membership in the RNCWC has fluctuated between 30-35 who have attended over 100 meetings over the past year.

This investigation has utilized regular surveillance of members of the RNCWC. Additionally, an Undercover Investigator (UI) and a Confidential Reliable Informant (CRI1) were utilized and posed as members of the RNCWC. CRI1 was utilized as a paid informant. It should be noted that this CRI1 has worked with other investigators from your affiant's department in the past and has an excellent track record regarding corroborated information, resulting in various successful prosecutions. CRI1 has also worked with numerous other law enforcement agencies and had an excellent track record as to the quality of information provided. This investigation also had access to information provided by a Confidential Reliable Informant (CRI2) from another law enforcement agency. This agency has utilized this CRI on past investigations and has been able to corroborate much of the information that has been provided. This CRI was also posing as a member of the RNCWC.

Overview of the RNCWC:

During the course of this investigation, your affiants have reviewed the website (www.nornc.org) for the RNCWC and have found the following information:

- The RNCWC is a self-described anarchist/anti-authoritarian group that is facilitating resistance to the RNC;
- 2. Their main goal according to their website is to "crash the convention, shut down and disrupt the RNC";
- 3. They have publically stated their intent to "shut down the RNC" by denying RNC delegate access to the Xcel Energy Center. According to the RNCWC's website, they intend to "shut down the RNC" by blockading streets, bridges, freeways that will be utilized by delegate buses and dignitaries. The RNCWC has publically advocated a "three tier" strategy:
 - a. Blockade the Xcel Center;
 - b. Immobilize delegates transportation;
 - c. Block connecting bridges
- 4. The RNCWC's goal for day one is to blockade downtown St. Paul.
- 5. To help accomplish its mission, the RNCWC conducted a nationwide tour during the spring of 2008 to help promote its strategy to "crash" the convention, raise money and recruit affinity groups. The RNCWC traveled to or communicated with anarchist affinity

groups in 67 cities. This information was corroborated by viewing group emails and by information received from UI, CRI1 and CRI2.

6. The RNCWC has facilitated and organized two major gatherings of anarchists and anti-authoritarians during the past year, for the sole purpose of disrupting and shutting down the RNC. During August 31 – September 2, 2007, the RNCWC hosted the “pReNC” where 150 to 200 people attended. On May 3rd, 2008, the RNCWC hosted the “5.3”, where over 100 people attended representing about 40 organizing bodies from all over the United States. This information was corroborated by viewing group emails and by information received from UI, CRI1 and CRI2.

On August 27, 2007, the RNCWC released a video that was posted on their website. This video depicts several persons dressed in “black bloc” attire with their faces covered to disguise their identity. It should be noted that “black bloc” is not a particular group, but a tactic that typically dresses in black with faces covered and have caused significant property damage and carried out acts of violence towards law enforcement in the past. During one scene, an individual (identified as Carrie Feldman by several sources) is seen throwing a Molotov cocktail. In another scene, this same Feldman (still dressed in black bloc attire) hands a bolt cutter to another individual similarly dressed in black bloc attire. Also, Feldman also rolls a bowling ball labeled “RABL” in front of a military recruiting station. It should be noted that RABL is an acronym for an anarchist group known as the Revolutionary Anarchist Bowling League. The RABL was responsible for vandalizing military recruiting stations by throwing bowling balls through the windows. Finally, the video depicts an individual throwing rocks at persons dressed as riot police. The video ends with text that states “We’re getting ready... What are you doing?... RNC 2008, St. Paul... pReNC Aug. 31 – Sept. 3, 07... Learn more at: RNCWelcomingCommittee.org... starring Robyn B... Made possible by the RNC Welcoming Committee.” CRI2 reviewed this video and identified the following individuals: Garrett Fitzgerald, Scott Demuth and Carrie Feldman. Additionally, information was received from CRI2 that Gus Ganley produced and edited the video.

On February 28, 2008, a known member of the RNCWC, identified as Erik Oseland, released a video titled “Video Map of the St. Paul Points of Interest.” This video was publicly available on the Youtube website. Points of interest around St. Paul are shown with music playing in the background. One of the songs is by the group Coup titled “5 Million Ways to Kill a CEO.” The points of interest in the video are:

- The Quest building
- Wells Fargo Place
- Travelers Insurance
Pioneer Press building
- Embassy Suites
- First National Bank building
Economy Inn
Crown Plaza Hotel
- Hilton Garden Inn
- Holiday Inn Rivercentre
- Best Western Kelly Inn

Investigation into RNCWC

Through the use of UI, CRI1 and CRI2, this investigation had access to RNCWC group emails (also referred to as 3rd Coast list). During the course of this investigation, members of the RNCWC have discussed planning and committing criminal acts during the RNC including:

- Use of Sleeping Dragons/lockboxes to disrupt traffic (Exhibit A)
- Abandoned, disabled, or overturned vehicles left at intersections
- Heaps of objects using debris, furniture, appliances, quick cement to stop traffic
- Dump truck loads dropped in the roadway
- Use of Tripods to disrupt traffic (Exhibit B)
- Use of Caltrops to disable vehicles (Exhibit C)
- Throwing tacks or nails imbedded in carpet to disable vehicles
- Human chains using bike locks to link people together and disrupt traffic
- Burning vehicles, furniture, dumpsters, or tires
- Throwing marbles and/ball bearings at peoples' feet and Police horses to make them fall
- Breaching the tunnel system underneath the Xcel Center
- Smoke bombs
- Slashing or popping tires of police vehicles and delegate buses
- Throwing Molotov Cocktails or other explosives (fireworks) at police
- Using shields to slam them into officers
- Using sharpened poles to spear or push into police
- Pulling a single officer from a line and beating them
- Black bloc tactics that will challenge police
- Yarn, rope, or fish line going across the street at chest or neck high
- Conducting recognizance on police to know numbers and placement
- Using liquid sprayers filled with urine or chemicals
- Using marching bands to create a lot of noise so officers are unable to hear commands from supervisors
- "Falling" onto officers on motorcycles or bicycles so that they fall into other vehicles
- identify undercover/plainclothes officers and throw paint on them or point at them with a laser light
- Use mirrors to shine in the faces of officers
- "Unarresting" techniques to free individuals arrested by the police
- Obtain fake credentials
- Using fraudulent or stolen uniforms of venue workers to gain access to venue
- Purchasing convention tickets
- Breaching venue security
- Volunteering at the venue
- Obtaining employment with false information with services that have access to the venue

Over the course of the last year, there have been numerous examples of how the RNCWC operates as an organized criminal enterprise and has been conspiring with other affinity groups to illegally disrupt the RNC.

pReNC #1, August 31 – September 1, 2007 & pReNC #2, May 3, 2008

On or about the middle of September 2007, information was received from another law enforcement agency. CRI2 had attended the entire pReNC. In particular, CRI2 reported that during a workshop at the “pReNC”, the following ideas and tactics were discussed to disrupt and shut down the RNC including:

- kidnapping delegates
- Sabotaging the Xcel Center by blockading perimeter air vent
- Sabotaging Holman Field, a small airport located in St. Paul
- Blockading bridges into St. Paul
- Capturing federal buildings in Minneapolis and St. Paul. According to the law enforcement agency, “capturing” a building entailed smashing through entrances, occupying spaces and disrupting or ceasing normal business operations.
- An unidentified person within the RNCWC proposed setting vehicle tires on fire underneath interstate bridges during the RNC. The intent, according to this information, is to create excessive smoke making it difficult or impossible for vehicles to operate on the interstate.
- Other members of the RNCWC proposed leaving stalled vehicles and spanning large metal chains across lanes on the freeways to affect traffic flow.
- An unidentified individual proposed rioting against businesses along 7th Street in downtown St. Paul near the Xcel Center. This individual stated it would be similar to the riots that occurred during the 1999 World Trade Organization (WTO) meetings in Seattle, WA. It should be noted that due to the direct action taken by activists at the 1999 WTO, delegates were unable to leave their hotels and get to the convention center. Additionally, millions of dollars in property damage occurred.

On May 3, 2008, the RNCWC hosted a second national gathering for the planning of direct action to disrupt the RNC. Again, CRI2 was able to attend. Over 100 individuals from over 40 different affinity groups attended. During this gathering, it was decided to divide St. Paul into seven sectors and allow different groups to claim them.

According to the RNCWC website, the following is a list of Sectors and the group(s) that have claimed responsibility for them (Exhibit D):

Sector 1: Pittsburgh Organizing Group (POG) and Northeast Anarchists Network (NEAN)
Sector 2: Indy-TACT (Temporary Anti-Capitalist Team)
Sector 3: Unconventional Action – Mid Atlantic
Sector 4: Bay Area Cluster, KARZ SUX Brigade
Sector 5: UA-Midwest, Bash Back!
Sector 6: Campus Anti-War Network, NW Cluster (a.k.a Grey Coast Cluster)
Sector 7: Not taken yet

RNCWC Action Camp, July 31 – August 3, 2008 Lake Geneva, MN

Through open source information, your affiants learned of an “action camp” hosted by RNCWC and Unconventional Action Midwest. This information was corroborated CRI2, who was in attendance. This action camp was designed to teach various direct action techniques to other affinity groups attendees who were at the camp. Direct action techniques can include non-violent and violent activities, with a blurred intermediate area of attacks on properties. Non-violent activities can include sit-ins, demonstrations, sabotage, vandalism and graffiti. More violent actions include riots and guerrilla warfare. Direct actions are often in a form of civil disobedience and thus often violate criminal law. Approximately 50 people from all over the United States were in attendance. CRI2 recognized RNCWC members that were in attendance included: Rob Czernik, Garrett Fitzgerald, Luce Guillen-Givins, Betsy Raasch-Gilman, Celia Kutz and Natlia Shulkin. CRI2 observed the following:

Mock scenarios were conducted in which attendees role played law enforcement or direct action groups. In the center of the camp was a raised platform stage labeled “Xcel Center” and was the target of most of the direct action training.

- During many of these scenarios, the use of water bottles as mock Molotov cocktails were utilized. These “mock” Molotov cocktails were thrown at vehicles, buildings and streets. Additionally, a simulated RNC delegate vehicle was targeted by throwing rocks at it, slashing the tires and attempting to overturn the vehicle.
- An individual by the name of “Henry” told the action camp group that he was throwing a liquid filled balloon and that members of the group should stay away from the area where he was throwing it because it would be very dangerous. “Henry” stated the balloon was filled with a chemical that would be very dangerous and if caught, he would go to jail for a long time.
- Also during this camp, according to this law enforcement agency, an individual discussed the use of large street puppets to conceal and transport materials such as Molotov cocktails, bricks, caltrops, shields and lockboxes. This individual also stated long bamboo poles used for the puppets could be used as spears and utilized to drive back police.

On 8/2/08, Czernik, Fitzgerald and “Grumble” demonstrated the use of a large barrel filled with concrete and steel pipes for use as an anchor to help blockade streets via use of arm lock boxes.

- Also on this same date, an unidentified female discussed with the group the use of large street puppets to move “materials” around during the RNC. This individual stated the puppets could be stuffed with material needed on the streets. Several attendees discussed the need for Molotov cocktails, paint, caltrops, bricks and lock boxes. This female individual also stated that she would use long bamboo poles as the puppet poles as these

poles could then be detached and used as spears to drive the cops back. Finally, this individual stated that larger puppets can be used to hide shields.

- Also discussed during the action camp was the use of smoke bombs to shield movements and direct actions. "Grumble", who stated he was from Seeds of Peace, gave a class on the use of lock-downs and demonstrated the use of lock boxes. It should also be noted that "Grumble" stated he had been recently arrested at a Nevada nuclear plant for demonstrating.
- The use of caltrops on roadways during the RNC was discussed. A caltrop is a device with nails or other sharp objects protruding from it and is used to disable vehicles (see attachment). Also during this action camp, RNCWC members have discussed utilizing dump trucks to spill dirt and large materials onto roadways to disrupt traffic during the RNC.

On 8/27/08, the Mendota Heights Police Department responded to the Lilydale Tennis Club due to evidence of trespassing. The Lilydale Tennis Club is currently abandoned. Officers located the following items:

- PVC piping (2" diameter and 8")
- (3) five gallon buckets of paint
- Maps of downtown St. Paul
- RNCWC pamphlets (see attachment)
- Chlorine
- Bleach
- Boxes of screws
- Black anarchist flag
- Carpet with "NO RNC" painted on it

According to information from CRI2, the Lilydale Tennis Club was used by out-of-town associates of the RNCWC, who had come to assist in disrupting the RNC. CRI2 stated "Tom LNU from Cleveland" was the individual who opened the building and was making it available to out of state anarchists. CRI2 stated Erik Oseland spent the night on 8/14/08. This CRI had been to this location on several occasions.

The RNCWC has discussed providing a facilities target list for illegal direct actions. The RNCWC stated they would facilitate blocking bridges and freeway ramps and encouraged attendees to commit direct actions. The RNCWC suggested individuals prepare for the RNC by committing direct actions prior to the event.

RNCWC Leadership

Six individuals have exercised leadership roles within the RNCWC. These individuals have all represented the RNCWC at meetings with other affinity groups and community meetings. Additionally, these individuals have all They include:

1. Robert Joseph Czernik, DOB: 9/17/1975
2. Erik Charles Oseland, DOB: 4/11/1987
3. Garrett Scott Fitzgerald, DOB: 2/28/1983
4. Max Jacob Spektor, DOB: 3/3/1989
5. Monica Rachel Bicking, DOB: 6/23/1985
6. Eryn Chase Trimmer, DOB: 7/18/1985

Robert Joseph Czernik

- Robert Joseph Czernik, currently lives at 2301 23rd Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55404. According to the Minnesota Drivers and Vehicle Services (DVS) website, Czernik shows a current address of 2301 23rd Avenue, Minneapolis. This was verified on 8/27/08. Additionally, your affiant along with other investigators, have observed Czernik coming and going from this address for the last year. Information received from another law enforcement agency also corroborated Czernik's current address as the above listed address.
- CRI2 that during the end of February or beginning of March 2008, Czernik had obtained a cache of fireworks and gun powder in either Washington or California. Czernik was touring the West Coast states on behalf of the RNCWC with several other members. The fireworks and gunpowder were transported back to Minnesota.
- Czernik has attended regular RNCWC meetings since the group's inception as well as both pReNCs and action camps. This information has been corroborated by surveillance of subject and information provided by UI, CRI1 and CRI2.

Your affiants has received information from CRI2, who was in attendance, that Czernik was the individual who booked the campground for the action camp in Lake Geneva, MN from 7/31/08 – 8/3/08 (see above description of action camp). Czernik also asked camp attendees to bring materials and supplies needed for the training and was responsible for coordinating the training and teaching many of the classes. Throughout the camp, Czernik was observed directing attendees to take what they had learned back to their affinity groups, train on them and use them during the RNC. Czernik also provided attendees with sector packets for several sectors. It should be noted that sector packets are surveillance photos taken by members of the RNCWC of intersections, buildings and key infrastructure in St. Paul, MN.

- Your affiants has observed, along with other investigators and UC1, a stack of bricks in the backyard of the abovementioned address. It should be noted there appears to be no construction projects at the residence.
- Your affiants received information from UI that there were approximately 10-15 brown glass bottles with some type of liquid in them. According to this source, all of these bottles were at least a quarter full. Also on the same table were an additional 10-15 empty bottles.
- Information was received from CRI2 who observed a shotgun standing up in the corner of the house (no further information provide on location or functionality). Additionally, information received from CRI2 stated that Czernik has expressed interest in purchasing a weapon.

According to CRI2, Czernik requested CRI2 to purchase supplies for the construction of a lock-box. Czernik requested PVC pipe, chicken wire, roofing tar, miscellaneous bolts

and premixed concrete. Czernik also stated these supplies would be used at the upcoming action camp (described above). Czernik also stated the funds to purchase these items would be reimbursed from the RNCWC bank account. CRI1 was also requested to purchase similar items at Czernik's request. Your affiant has received information that Czernik conducted a class at Macalester College on the use of lock-boxes during March of 2008.

- Your affiants have also received information from another law enforcement agency that Czernik was present during the lockdown at Alliant Techsystems on July 2, 2008 in Anoka, MN. 8 individuals were arrested for blocking the entrance to Alliant Techsystems. These individuals used a lockdown technique called a "sleeping dragon", which is usually a combination of PVC pipe, chicken wire, lockboxes and "U" shaped locks. Investigators with the Ramsey and Hennepin County Sheriff's Office observed Czernik at the lockdown.
- Your affiants know that Czernik is an administrator of the 3rd Coast List, which is an email listserve created for the RNCWC.
- UI, CRI1 and CRI2 have observed multiple computers inside the aforementioned residence. Your affiant also knows through reading group emails and information received from UI and CRI1, that Czernik is very active in emailing other members of the RNCWC as well as members of out-of-state affinity groups. CRI1 has received email communications directly from Czernik, outside of the 3rd Coast email group list.
- Your affiants have also observed Czernik use a cell phone within the last 30 days. Your affiant has also received information from multiple law enforcement sources that Czernik controls a lot of content for the RNCWC's website, www.nornc.org.

Garrett Scott Fitzgerald

- Garrett Scott Fitzgerald, DOB: 2/28/1983, currently resides at 3240 17th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407. Other investigators have observed Fitzgerald coming and going from this address. Additionally, information received from another law enforcement agency has corroborated this address as a current address. Also living at the residence is Monica Rachel Bicking, DOB: 6/23/08 and her boyfriend Eryn Chase Trimmer, DOB: 7/18/1985. A utilities query has revealed Trimmer as at the residence.
- Your affiants know that Fitzgerald has attended regular RNCWC meetings since the group's inception as well as both pReNCs and action camps. This has been confirmed by surveillance and UI and CRI1.
- CRI1 and CRI2 observed that Fitzgerald and Trimmer were discussing ways to disable police cars. According to the CRI1, Fitzgerald stated he had a friend who had told him how to blow up a police car by puncturing the gas tank. Fitzgerald also discussed making homemade road spikes using carpeting and nails and throwing them underneath tires. Finally, Fitzgerald stated there is a time and place to hit a cop but to wait until you are at the "protest" and dressed in black and can hide easily.
- Your affiant has also received information that Fitzgerald was present during the lockdown at Alliant Techsystems on July 2, 2008 in Anoka, MN. 8 individuals were arrested for blocking the entrance to Alliant Techsystems. These individuals used a lockdown technique called a "sleeping dragon", which is usually a combination of PVC

pipe, chicken wire, lockboxes and “U” shaped locks. Surveillance by RCSO investigators observed Fitzgerald at the lockdown.

- Information received from a CRI1 and CRI2 stated that Fitzgerald, Bicking and Trimmer attended the CrimethInc Convergence in Waldo, WI. Approximately 250 people attended the convergence. Topics at CrimethInc included how to shoplift, reviewed military training manuals on rioting, operational tactics on crowd control including hand signals and troop placements. Fitzgerald was observed by CRI2 working with affinity groups, and telling them specifically what to do and planning direct actions for the RNC.
- Fitzgerald told CRI2 that he was with Oseland at the Minneapolis Hilton Hotel during the McCain visit on June 19, 2008. During this visit, Fitzgerald scoped out police positions and was able to provide very detailed information regarding the locations and numbers of uniformed police and what he thought were Secret Service Agents.
- Fitzgerald told CRI2 that he is storing screws, tools, spray paint and orange shields at his house. According to CRI2, Fitzgerald wants to move the shields closer to the “site” (site not specified) when the time comes. Additionally, Fitzgerald stated he would like to make a key for a third party “not involved” who can come in and take care of the stored stuff if needed.

Information received from CRI2, Fitzgerald is in possession of a CERT (Civilian Emergency Response Team) backpack and green vest and also has a chef’s outfit from with the University of MN dining services emblem on it. Fitzgerald stated that these can be used as disguises.

- Fitzgerald is an active member of the 3rd Coast listserve. Information received from UI as well as affiants who have had access to group emails, stated that Fitzgerald is a daily contributor to the RNCWC to the 3rd Coast listserve.
- Information received from CRI2 and corroborated by information received from UI, Fitzgerald volunteered to take photographs for one of the Sector packets and write up descriptions for the intersections. While examining the packets, Fitzgerald states “when we’re on trial for conspiracy and they show this as evidence, we’re going to be like, holy shit!”

Max Jacob Specktor

- Max Jacob Specktor, DOB: 3/3/1989, currently lives at 3500 Harriett Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408. This has been confirmed by investigators who have seen him come and go from this address.

Your affiant knows that Specktor has attended regular RNCWC meetings since the group’s inception as well as the first pReNC. This information has been corroborated by numerous sources including UI, CRI1 and CRI2.

- In early April 2008, information was received from CRI2. CRI2 learned from Specktor that he had worked with firework components and built homemade devices. Specifically, Specktor described explosive device he made recently out of fireworks and duct tape that looked like a ball. This device was then set off at 2301 23rd Avenue South, Minneapolis. According to CRI2, Minneapolis PD responded and briefly detained Ilana Radovsky. Specktor fled prior to the police arriving and stated he had another device in his possession. CRI2 repeatedly talked about Specktor’s interest in homemade pyrotechnics for the use at the RNC or some type of illegal activity.

- Information was received from CRI2 that Specktor has stated he has made 12 caltrops and is going to make more.
Information was received CRI2 that on 8/17/08, Max Spector brought 12 caltrops to show to other members of the RNCWC.
- On 8/18/08, Specktor was observed welding in the back of 2205 Bloomington Avenue, Minneapolis by UI. UI stated there was an oxygen tank next to the welder. UI stated Specktor would not let UI in the backyard for five minutes while he finished something.
- Information was received from the CRI1 and UI that Specktor was responsible for hanging a banner off the roof of the St. Paul Hotel during the pReNC on September 2, 2007. The banner stated "Bloc by Bloc, taken it all back 9/1/08, NORNC.org"
- Your affiant has also received information from another law enforcement agency that Specktor was arrested on February 18th, 2008 in West Palm Beach County, FL. Specktor was found guilty of unlawful assembly, trespassing & resisting arrest for actions taken at the West County Energy Center.
- Your affiant has also received information from CRI2 that Specktor is planning on using his mom's van to transport materials to St. Paul. Van is listed as a 2000 Dodge Caravan, maroon, MN license plate: SAZ-097.
Your affiant knows from his investigation that Specktor went on the Southwest and Southeast tour on behalf of the RNCWC. During these tour stops, Specktor would provide a Powerpoint presentation and represent the RNCWC.

Monica Rachel Bicking

Monica Bicking currently resides at 3240 17th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407. According to Minneapolis property records, Bicking is the owner of this residence. Investigators have recently observed Bicking coming and going from this residence.

- Your affiants know that Bicking has attended regular RNCWC meetings since the group's inception as well as both pReNCs. This information has been corroborated by surveillance of the subject and by UI, CRI1 and CRI2 .
- Bicking also attended CrimethInc Convergence near Waldo, WI in July of 2008. This information confirmed by CRI1 and CRI2.

Eryn Trimmer

- Eryn Trimmer currently resides at 2340 17th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407. Trimmer currently lives with his girlfriend, Monica Bicking, at this address. A utilities query shows this as a current address. Investigators have recently observed Trimmer coming and going from this residence.
- On 8/22/08, Investigators from RCSO followed Trimmer to Krech Ironworks, 6163 Cahill Avenue, Inver Grove Heights, MN. Investigators observed trimmer carry out a box. Trimmer was then observed at Home Depot where he purchased a gallon of paint, deadbolt and key hole saw.
Your affiants have received information CRI1 and CRI2 that Fitzgerald and Trimmer were discussing ways to disable police cars, manufacturing homemade road spikes using carpeting and nails.

- Your affiants have received information from CRI2 that Trimmer assisted in making sector packets, including taking photos of streets and intersections in St. Paul. Information received from CRI1 and CRI2 stated that Fitzgerald, Bicking and Trimmer attended the CrimethInc Convergence near Waldo, WI.
- According to CRI2, Trimmer stated he was working closely with the East Coast Convergence and that they would take part in actions in several sectors.

In July of 2008 a CRI1 attending a meeting of the RNC Welcoming Committee learned that some of the Welcoming Committee leaders had rented a building at 627 Smith Avenue So. in St. Paul to be used as a coordination center for anarchist related activities during the RNC. The building was referred to as the "Convergence Center" by the RNCWC. The short-term lease was to begin on August 15, 2008. Welcoming Committee member Betsy Raasch-Gilman informed the undercover officer that the lease was being signed by her on behalf of the Jack Pine Community Center in Minneapolis in order to allow for contributions to the lease to be considered tax deductible even though there was in fact no participation by the Jack Pine Community Center.

On August 15, 2008 the "Convergence Center" was placed under surveillance by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. Over two dozen members of the Welcoming Committee were observed regularly entering the building or attending meetings at the "Convergence Center" building between August 15 and August 28, 2008. Those persons included the above listed individuals (Czernik, Fitzgerald, Bicking, Trimmer and Specktor) who had exercised leadership roles during the past year. On one occasion surveillance teams observed persons carrying long poles into the Convergence Space. Surveillance teams have also observed a large number of people come to the convergence center with vehicles from out of state. Some of these individuals are known to be members of affiliated anarchist groups recruited by the RNCWC. CRI1 has also reported that persons are staying overnight in the convergence space at 627 Smith Ave. So.

On August 28, 2008 CRI2 entered the Convergence Center at 627 Smith Avenue So. and was given a collection of several documents from the Welcoming Committee which included many statements articulating criminal intent, criminal direction and criminal instruction. They included the following:

A document entitled RNC WELCOMING GUIDE which included a statement on the front that says, "EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO BE SMART AND DANGEROUS DURING THE RNC BEFORE YOU ASK."

Depicted on the front of this document is a character diagram of a person wearing protective padding, helmet, gas mask, and coveralls over civilian clothing.

Under the Strategy and Action header the document excerpts include:

"CRASH THE CONVENTION" "OK, here's the plan, it's really quite simple: on September 1st don't let them get to the convention."

“Transportation Troubles: This includes blockades at key intersections in downtown St. Paul and other activities and strategic targets such as busses, hotels, bridges and airport shuttles etc.”

“SWARM, SEIZE, STAY” “A vision of how blockading could happen in downtown St. Paul, this is our mantra for September 1. Generally, *Swarm, Seize, Stay* (3S) means:

Move into Downtown St. Paul via swarms of varying sizes, from multiple directions, and with diverse tactical intentions.

Seize space through both hard (lockboxes, etc.) and soft (congestion, etc.) fixed and mobile, blockading methods.

Stay Engaged with the situation in down-town St. Paul as long as necessary. Regroup. Reinforce.”

Also included in this document is a detailed schedule of the GOP Express Delegate Shuttle, highlighting specific times, and locations.

A second document entitled “RADICAL DEFENSE”. On the cover of this document a person is depicted holding a slingshot - cocked and ready to fire.

Outlined in this document are tactics for resisting and defeating police tactics relating to crowd control and identification of police arrest teams, including instructions on how to un-arrest other participants. The document also outlines actions on:

“Breaking holds”

“Un-arresting”

“Protect escape routes.”

“Breaking lines / counter advancing”

“Advancing and breaking lines.”

Included are tactics to accomplish this by the use of banners, moving dumpsters to take up space, surround the police, and “discouraging police repression by creative means.”

A third document entitled “Don’t Back Down!” containing information on police tactics and formations, gas decontamination, and other hints for surviving “Public Order” situations. On the cover is a picture of a public disorder where a rioter is attacking a police officer with a large stick like weapon. Outlined again in this document are ways to counter police lines, and counter the affects of chemical irritants. Un-arresting tactics are also included.

Another fourth entitled HEARTCHECK by Jeffrey Luers and Rob Thaxton. On the cover of this document depicted is a Molotov Cocktail with the image of a person holding a cocked slingshot pointed at the direction of a police line.

This document contains personal experiences of the writers at protests, and includes descriptions of police tactics, and training methods prior to actions. Including the use of martial arts. One of the authors was arrested in 1999 and sentenced to 7 years for charges of assault and riot for an event in Eugene, Oregon. The other was sentenced to 22 years for setting fire to three sport utility vehicles in Eugene, Oregon as well.

Another fifth entitled **“Hack This Zine; Notes from the Hacker Underground”**. One page in this document has a picture of two masked individuals holding cocked slingshots with the words **“TAKE ACTION!”** .

Outlined in this document are:

Methods for hacking various computer systems, and websites, including the use of police scanners for gathering information during protests.

Instruction on making an incendiary bomb. It reads exactly as follows:

INCENDIARY BOMB (“MOLOTOV COCKTAIL”)

1. FILL A NARROW-NECKED BOTTLE WITH GASOLINE, KEROSENE, OR BURNABLE DIESEL; BETTER STILL, IF SHREDDDED SOAP OR SAWDUST ADDED.
2. INSERT A RAG IN THE BOTTLE UNTIL ONE END TOUCHES THE LIQUID AND THE OTHER EXTENDS NO MORE THAN 20cm FROM THE RIM OF THE BOTTLE. SEAL THE BOTTLE TIGHTLY WITH A STRING OR TAPE.

These instructions were also translated into Spanish, along with diagrams.

Your affiant’s training and experience has shown that individuals involved in organized criminal activity, particularly conspiracy to commit criminal acts, may use computers to research, communicate and plan their criminal activities. They can also use the computer to store personal journals, emails, address books, records, and notes. Persons involved in organized criminal activity also use computers to store information, including other persons involved in criminal activity, numbers, contacts, addresses and locations of possible previous criminal activities . Your affiant believes that if a computer is seized at any of these addresses, they may contain evidence related to the planning of organized criminal activities by the RNCWC.

Your affiant knows computer hardware and computer software may be utilized to store records, which include, but are not limited to those relating to business activities, associated name and addresses, criminal activities and the identity and location of assets illegally gained through criminal activity. These records may be more fully described as information or data stored in the form of electronic or magnetic coding on computer media or on media capable of being read by a computer or computer related equipment. This media includes, but is not limited to, fixed hard

disks and removable hard disk cartridges, laser disks, tapes, floppy diskettes and other media capable of storing magnetic coding.

Your affiant knows computer hardware may be described as any and all electronic devices capable of creating, converting, displaying, transmitting or analyzing magnetic or electronic impulses or data. These devices include, but are not limited to, computers, computer peripherals such as printers, modems, plotters, circuit boards, and other electronic devices.

Your affiant knows computer software may be described as any and all programs or instructions capable of interpretation by a computer and related devices, which is stored in the form of magnetic or electronic media. These items include, but are not limited to, applications software, operating systems, programs, compilers, peripherals, and software.

NEED TO REMOVE COMPUTER FROM SCENE- Based on your affiant's knowledge, training, experience and consultation with law enforcement officers trained in computer forensics, your affiant knows that in order to completely and accurately retrieve data maintained in computer hardware or on computer software, all computer equipment, peripherals, related instructions in the form of manuals and notes, as well as the software utilized to operate such a computer should be seized and subsequently processed by someone who is trained in the field of computer forensics and computer evidence recovery. Outside specialists may be needed to assist in evaluating the evidence. For the abovementioned reasons, it is necessary to seize the computer system and remove it for evaluation.

Computers can store enormous amounts of data and files. The computers can also be encrypted (i.e. encoded with special software) which may result in the search taking additional time and resources. The examination of the computer related items can often take days or weeks and your affiant has concerns that the search may not be completed within the 10 business days from the time of the issuance of the warrant. Your affiant would request that if it were needed, the courts would allow additional time to execute the search of the computer hard drive. Your affiant will keep the court up to date on any delays in completing the search of the computer hard drive and other related computer items.

A nighttime search outside the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. is necessary to prevent the loss, destruction or removal of objects of the search or to protect the searchers or the public because:

A nighttime search of the residence outside the hours of 7 AM and 8 PM is requested because your Affiant believes that a search outside these hours and under the cover of darkness provides the best approach for the safety of the officers executing the warrant.

An unannounced entry is not requested.

WHEREFORE, Affiant requests a search warrant be issued, commanding **Inspector Samec/Commander Sommerhause/Commander Clark or, (a) peace officer(s), of the State of Minnesota, and all other personnel under your direction and control,** to search the hereinbefore described Premises, ~~Motor Vehicle(s), Person~~ for the described property and things

and to seize said property and things and keep said property and things in custody until the same be dealt with according to law.



Affiant: Inspector Samec
Commander Clark
Commander Sommerhause

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

29 Day of August, 2008

Judge of District Court

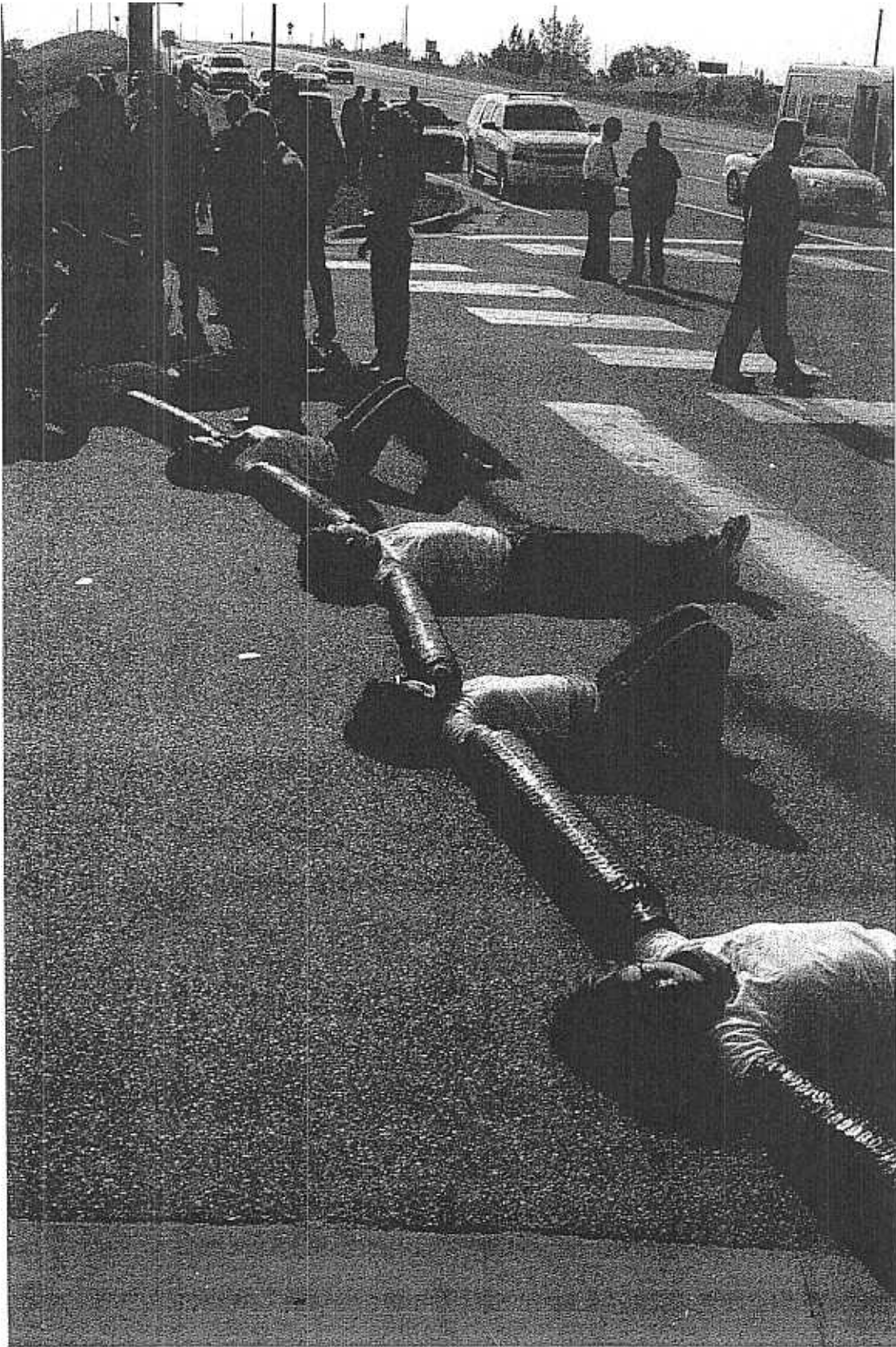


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EXHIBIT B

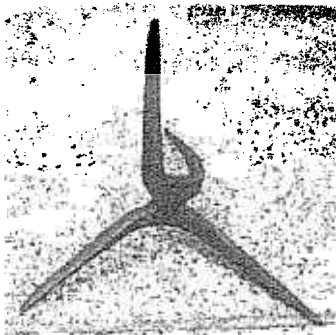


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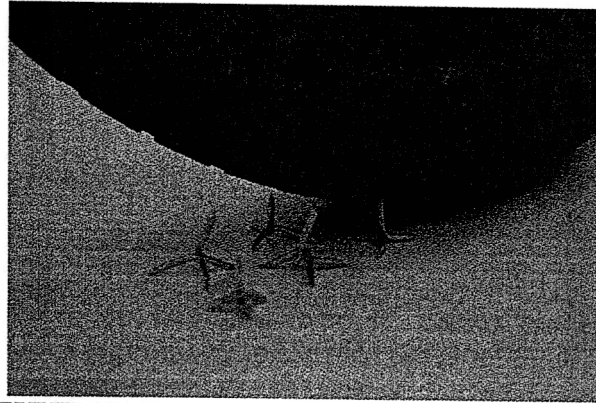


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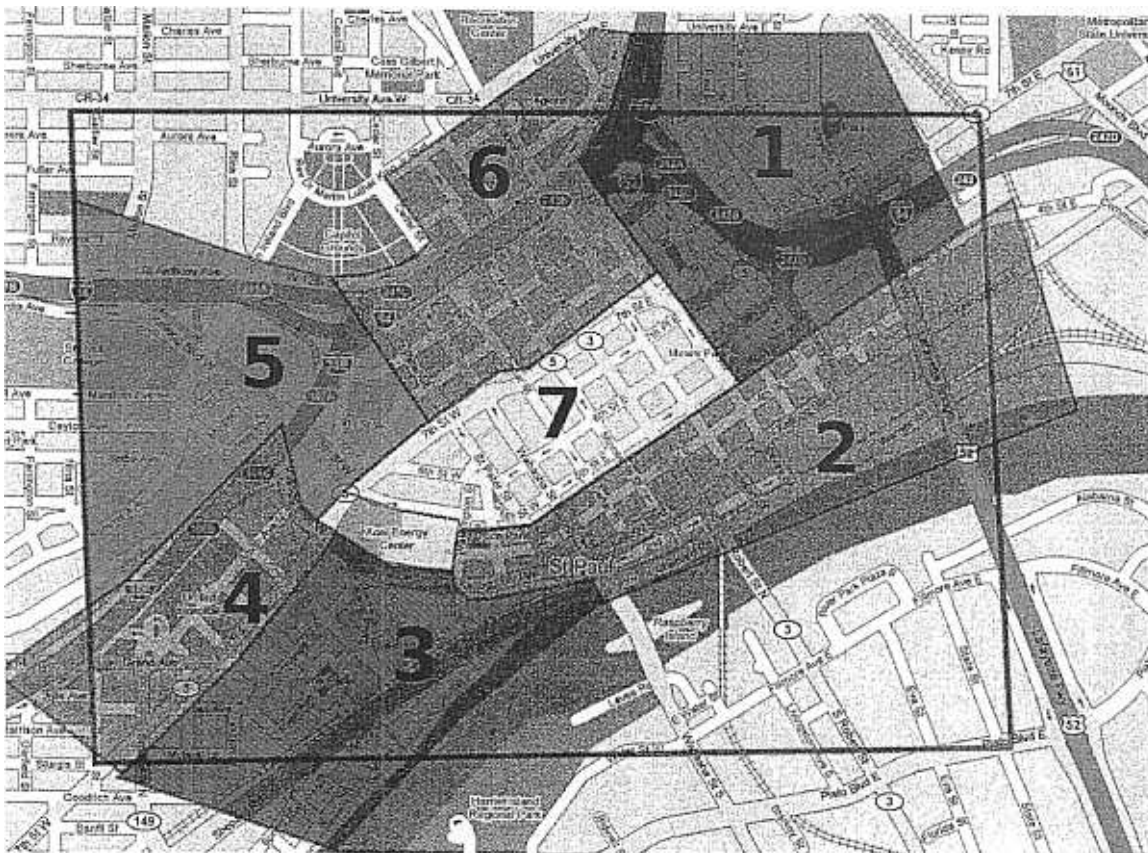


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