

AFFIDAVIT

I, Andrew Brown, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

I. AGENT BACKGROUND

1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) in Kansas City, Missouri, and have been assigned to this office since February 2017, following graduation from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. I am currently assigned to Squad 13 (Domestic Terrorism, Weapons of Mass Destruction, and Special Events), which is a component of the Joint Terrorism Task Force. As part of my duties, I have participated in investigations of organizations and individuals engaged in domestic terrorism, terrorist activity, and other criminal activities. While conducting investigations, I have assisted with monitoring GPS tracking devices, interviews, surveillances, search warrants, and arrest warrants. Prior to being hired by the FBI, I was a practicing attorney for over five years. Through my experience, education, and training, I have become familiar with methods and tradecraft utilized by individuals to communicate online and engage in activities online in support of criminal behavior. I have gained this knowledge through my training at the FBI Academy and my daily work related to domestic terrorism investigations. As a Special Agent, I am authorized to investigate violations of laws of the United States and to execute warrants issued under the authority of the United States.

2. The facts in this affidavit come from my personal observations, my training and experience, and information obtained from other agents and witnesses. This affidavit is intended to show merely that there is sufficient probable cause for the requested warrant and does not set forth all of my knowledge about this matter.

3. Based on my training and experience and the facts as set forth in this affidavit, there is probable cause to believe that violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1111 and 1117 (Conspiracy to Commit

Murder), collectively referred to as the TARGET OFFENSES, were committed by Daniel K. ESKRIDGE (“ESKRIDGE”).

II. PURPOSE OF AFFIDAVIT

4. The FBI is investigating a plot to carry out an attack during an Ultimate Fighting Championship (“UFC”) event scheduled to take place Sunday, June 14, 2026 (“UFC Freedom 250”) on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, DC. I know this to be within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

5. During the course of this investigation, the FBI identified a group of conspirators, including ESKRIDGE, who have procured weapons and made plans to carry out an attack at the UFC Freedom 250 event on June 14, 2026.

6. On June 12, 2026, Tycen C. Proper (“PROPER”) was charged in the Southern District of Ohio for his involvement in this plot.

7. PROPER was interviewed by the FBI on June 11 and 12, 2026. During his June 11, 2026, interview, and as further described below, PROPER identified the online usernames of his co-conspirators, including the online username of a co-conspirator living in the Western District of Missouri who was involved in planning this attack. The FBI later identified ESKRIDGE as the co-conspirator using the online username PROPER had identified.

8. On June 13, 2026, the FBI searched ESKRIDGE’s residence and found additional evidence of his involvement in the conspiracy.

III. SUMMARY OF PROBABLE CAUSE

A. Ohio Law Enforcement Uncover a Plot to Assassinate Federal Officials at the UFC Fight

9. Based on my conversations with other law enforcement officers, review of relevant reports, databases, videos, photos, and extracted digital evidence pursuant to search warrants, I understand the following:

10. On or about June 10, 2026, at approximately 9:18 p.m., officers with the Knox County, Ohio Sheriff's Office and Danville, Ohio Police Department were dispatched to 105 S Mickley Street, Danville, Ohio 43014, in reference to a disturbance. The caller, identified as the mother of Tycen J. PROPER,¹ was concerned about her son, Tycen J. PROPER, due to his recent conduct, including firearms purchases and communicating with concerning individuals online.

11. Officers arrived on scene at approximately 9:38 p.m. and spoke to PROPER, his mother, and father. PROPER is a 19-year-old male who lives at that residence with his parents. When deputies spoke to the father of PROPER,² he stated that PROPER had recently met random people online and had been planning "recons" with these individuals. His father expressed how PROPER has met these individuals online and was planning to leave this upcoming weekend (the weekend of June 13, 2026) to meet up with these online individuals. His father further stated that PROPER had also recently acquired camping gear, food, ballistic plates, a new shotgun, a rifle, "lots" of ammunition, extra magazines, and plate carriers. PROPER allegedly spent approximately \$3,000 of his graduation money to purchase the previously described equipment.

12. In addition to the above behavior, PROPER's father stated that PROPER also quit his job recently in preparation to meet the individuals he had been interacting with online to

¹ I know the name of PROPER's mother, but in this affidavit, I refer to her as the mother of PROPER.

² I know the name of PROPER's father, but in this affidavit, I refer to him as the father of PROPER.

conduct “missions” and “recons.” His father did not have any additional information about the identities of the people with whom PROPER was speaking.

13. The Knox County Sheriff’s Office took photos of the equipment acquired by PROPER which included several boxes of ammunition (estimated by law enforcement to be in the thousands of rounds of ammunition), two plate carriers with AR-style magazines, an AR-style rifle, and a bullpup rifle painted with an American flag³. The equipment was turned over voluntarily by the family to law enforcement.

14. At the conclusion of the encounter, PROPER was transported by the Knox County Sheriff’s Office to a local hospital where they submitted an application for emergency admission based on homicidal ideations. The application detailed that PROPER had been thinking about joining the military or police force with the goal of being able to kill people.

15. On June 11, 2026, the Knox County Sheriff’s Office contacted the FBI as a result of its interactions with PROPER.

16. Also on June 11, 2026, a Task Force Officer with FBI Cincinnati Division contacted the mother of PROPER for a telephone interview for additional information. The mother of PROPER detailed that PROPER had recently began interacting with a group online that was comprised of individuals who represented themselves as ex-military and that may share some Christian-based ideology. She stated that she didn’t know the name of the group, but that they expressed ultra-religious and anti-government sentiments, specifically citing grievances about government corruption, the handling of the Epstein files, data centers taking up all the water in

³ According to employees at a store in Knox County, Ohio, who were interviewed by law enforcement, on or about June 5, 2026, PROPER came into the store and purchased a bullpup shotgun. Firearms tracing records from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives confirmed the purchase

communities, and other government actions. The mother of PROPER detailed that talking with these individuals online has caused PROPER to lean heavily into his religion and she believed that those individuals were using religion to manipulate and influence PROPER.

17. In addition to the equipment and firearms PROPER had recently purchased, she stated that she observed him recently engaged in physical training, which she initially thought was to further his aspirations to join the military or police, but later learned was in relation to the online group in which he was participating.

18. The mother of PROPER detailed that PROPER's communications with these individuals largely occurred on his cellular device and provided a phone number for PROPER as xxx-xxx-3044. She also stated that she recently observed PROPER researching and mapping locations in the area just northwest of Washington D.C. She stated that she also observed additional images and maps being sent to him from unknown individuals through texts and Discord messages and would overhear PROPER talking to these individuals verbally on his phone.

19. When the mother of PROPER asked PROPER what he was doing, he stated that he could not tell her exactly what he was doing, but that they were looking at multiple different locations and intended to conduct "recon" as well as "hit and run missions." A task force officer asked the mother of PROPER what she thought PROPER meant when he said, "hit and run missions" and she believed that it meant conducting shootings and then leaving.

B. Law Enforcement Searches PROPER's Residence

20. On June 11, 2026, the FBI, in coordination with the Knox County Sheriff's Office, CPD, and Danville Police Department, executed a local search warrant at the residence of PROPER, recovering a journal from his room that included pages in which PROPER wrote that the government wants to control people and that a larger group worships a demonic figure and

sacrifices children to it. The journal also had a list of approximately 46 names, which included celebrities and politicians. While on scene, investigators also observed a large quantity of boxes of spent ammunition, rounds of spent cartridge casings, and other tactical clothing. Investigators also spoke to PROPER's father and grandmother, who stated that PROPER had become more closed off from his family and spent most of his time online speaking to unidentified persons. PROPER's family members also highlighted concerning statements he made in recent months, such as making sympathetic comments about Adolf Hitler, and posting anti-Semitic comments on Facebook.

21. In addition to the search warrant on PROPER's residence, a search warrant was executed on the Apple iPhone belonging to PROPER which had been previously seized by the Knox County Sheriff's Office to preserve evidence. During a preliminary review of the device, investigators observed chats on Signal groups that laid out detailed plans to conduct an attack in Washington D.C. with several unidentified co-conspirators. In those chats, law enforcement saw detailed imagery of the National Capitol Region and maps of the area with different potential sniper locations highlighted, potential drone launch locations identified, and other detailed tactical planning.

C. Law Enforcement Interviewed PROPER Who Admitted that the Co-Conspirators Planned to attack the UFC Freedom 250 Event

22. FBI investigators traveled to Dublin Springs Mental Health center in Columbus, Ohio to conduct an interview with PROPER. The interview was consensual and took place in an unlocked room while a case worker was also present. During the interview, PROPER admitted to planning with others a coordinated attack against the United States government, to take place during the UFC Freedom 250 event scheduled to take place on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, June 14, 2026.

23. PROPER also provided additional details on the planned attack and stated that the plan as he knew it was to stage a demonstration on the north side of the White House. While the demonstration was taking place, the group would fly small, unmanned aircraft (*i.e.*, drones) laden with unspecified explosive devices which would detonate over the north side of the UFC arena. When the unmanned aircraft detonated, the intent was to force the crowd attending the UFC event and high value targets (“HVTs”) to evacuate to the south. PROPER stated that the plan was that members of his group would act as snipers and additional shooters, preferably with long guns, staged at the south to conduct shootings of the members of the crowd and HVTs as they fled from the explosive devices which had just been detonated.

24. Based on public reporting, I am aware that a UFC event is scheduled to take place on the lawn of the White House on Sunday, June 14, 2026. I am also aware that the President of the United States is scheduled to be in attendance at the UFC Freedom 250 event. Also, based on news reports and open-source reporting, that politicians, potentially including members of United States Congress and the President’s Cabinet officials, would likely be at the UFC Freedom 250 event. Based on the location of the UFC Freedom 250 event, which is on the White House grounds, I believe the area falls within the Special Maritime and Territorial Jurisdiction of the United States. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 7(3).

D. Information Obtained from PROPER’s Phone Corroborates the Existence of a Conspiracy to Attack the UFC Freedom 250 Event at the White House

25. Based on law enforcement reports, I know that the FBI has begun to review PROPER’s cell phone and that the review has revealed chats in the application SimpleX,⁴ wherein PROPER and several other co-conspirators, including ESKRIDGE, had planned the attack on June

⁴ Simple X is an encrypted messaging application.

14, 2026. For example, in chats on or about May 13, 2026, PROPER stated, “I got a possible target [U.S. Senator-Victim No. 1] is senator for [the name of a state],” and in response to a question asking why attack her, he stated, “She’s taken money from the Israel pro Israel lobby and supports them.”⁵ On May 31, 2026, PROPER sent several messages, leading with the text “These are people we’re going to focus on,” and then sent images of [U.S. Senator-Victim No. 2], [U.S. Senator-Victim No. 3], [U.S. Representative-Victim No. 1], and [U.S. Representative-Victim No. 2]. Images of these members of Congress appear to have been taken from the website “TrackAIPAC.com” and appear to include information about how much money each congressperson received “from pro-Israel PACS.”

26. PROPER told law enforcement that there would be other Signal chats on his cell phone and that the members of this group were primarily recruited through TikTok. Once an individual had proven himself to be an established member of the group on TikTok, they were then transitioned to a vetted (and more secure) Signal chat. PROPER stated that the group exchanged videos, pictures of tactical kits, physical training proof, and other material through TikTok direct messages.

27. PROPER also provided investigators with the TikTok usernames of other individuals in the group. Those usernames that PROPER provided included, among others, TikTok username: @fulcrumresist - UID 7584676845362103327 (believed to be associated with ESKRIDGE, as described in more detail below).⁶

⁵ I know the victims identified in this affidavit, but I have redacted their names for their protection.

⁶ I know that PROPER was communicating with a username identified as Fulcrum, but, for the reasons explained in this affidavit, I believe the user of the Fulcrum username is ESKRIDGE. Accordingly, in this affidavit, I often refer to Fulcrum as ESKRIDGE.

28. PROPER indicated that the user later identified as ESKRIDGE, and other TikTok users became members of the group who were vetted and participated in the chats in Signal regarding the planned attack on June 14, 2026.

29. PROPER also indicated to investigators that he had been planning to drive to Washington, D.C., from Ohio, travelling through West Virginia. In West Virginia, he planned to meet up with another member of the online group and then to drive with that individual the rest of the way to Washington, D.C.

30. Based on conversations with other law enforcement agents, I know that investigators ultimately identified that individual in West Virginia. On June 12, 2026, the FBI interviewed Co-conspirator 4 in West Virginia, who confirmed that he and others communicated online about attacking the UFC Freedom 250 event in Washington, D.C., but claimed that the members of the group had cancelled their attack plans on the morning of June 12, 2026.

31. A review of PROPER's cell phone also revealed chats in the Signal app, consistent with much of what PROPER described. In PROPER's phone, investigators could see that there was a large chat, consisting of approximately 19 individuals. There were also smaller chat groups, consisting of approximately 4-5 individuals. These individuals in these smaller chat groups were divided based on role assignments and locations, including the locations in which the co-conspirators would occupy and shoot from during the attack. The review of PROPER's cell phone also showed the group discussing exit, escape, and evasion resources for the attack, including the location of a potential "safe house," and also potential exfiltration or escape routes for members of the group after the attack. Some of the messages on PROPER's phone indicated that members of the group would travel from the area of the White House to the Potomac River and travel along the river to escape the area.

32. During his June 11, 2026, interview, PROPER also indicated that he had purchased equipment for the attack for other individuals.

33. On June 12, 2026, FBI personnel interviewed PROPER again at the Dublin Springs Mental Health center⁷. After receiving *Miranda* warnings, PROPER provided information that confirmed what he had stated to the FBI during his June 11, 2026, interview.

E. ESKRIDGE Identified as a Member of the Conspiracy

34. FBI personnel identified ESKRIDGE as a participant and conspirator in the TARGET OFFENSES using information from PROPER's TikTok account and information from an analysis of a search conducted on PROPER's cellular telephone. During his June 11, 2026, interview, PROPER showed investigators the TikTok profiles of some of the individuals with whom he was conspiring to commit the aforementioned activities, including the TARGET OFFENSES. One of the TikTok accounts that he identified had the screenname "@fulcrumresist." Upon viewing the publicly available @fulcrumresist account, investigators identified TikTok user @danieleskridge as a TikTok profile of interest. TikTok user @danieleskridge was the first account to both follow and be followed by @fulcrumresist, despite the fact that the @danieleskridge account was not very active. The @danieleskridge account has also reposted many of the posts from the @fulcrumresist account. A review of ESKRIDGE's Missouri driver's license picture indicates his picture is of the same individual whose picture appears on the @danieleskridge account, which is closely linked to the @fulcrumresist account.

35. Analysis of PROPER's phone identified a user, "FULCRUM," listed in various chats as 41 Fulcrum. In those chats, FULCRUM indicates he is 32 years old; lives an hour north

⁷ I am aware that since that interview, PROPER has been released from the mental health center and has been taken into Federal custody.

of Kansas City, MO; has a wife and 5 kids; lives on a rural property with a garage, that the property is 5-6 acres, right off the highway; and FULCRUM claims to be a union carpenter and previously a union boilermaker. A screenshot of these communications is below:

From: 41 Fulcrum

1.) Fulcrum-Kansas City, Missouri

2.) 32

3.) currently union carpenter foreman, previously union boilermaker welder/rigger/foreman/high angle rescue team. I currently build commercial and government buildings and previously worked in energy generation field building and maintaining all of the many different types of power plants and substations also built and maintained oil refineries.

4.) husband and father of 5, I live in the country on 6 acres with my wife and kids. capable of using my garage as a safe house. The only downside to the property where I live is it's right on the side of a major highway. I have 25 acres that is mostly timber and secluded also but it's not maintained to be of any real use to us I would need a tractor with a brush hog.

5.) have reliable transportation (sedan)

6.) like I said above I have a family and a job but when it's go time I'll have to leave them behind in hopes that I return home with a brighter future for them.

7.) full kit.

Main rifle- Smith and Wesson M&P15 5.56 custom build non FRT at the moment also non suppressed. 30 round mags-30, 450 rounds 5.56 62gr green tip, 500 rounds 5.56 55 gr fmj

Side arm- Taurus G3 9mm. 17 round mags-9, 15 round mag-2. 300 rounds 9 mm 115 gr fmj

Long range- Remington 700 .308 with Burris scope. Consistent 9" grouping at 1000 yds. 200 rounds .308 150 gr

Shotgun- Mossberg 590 breaching shotgun with magnetic holder. 150 rounds 00 8ball buckshot

Two plate carriers

Yakeda YT8796 with lvl 4 ceramic front back and side plates

Rothco with lvl 3+ front back and side plates

Camel pack, one day pack, 3 day pack/ruck

Baofeng UV-21r ham radio with PTT connected to walker razor helmet mounted muffs, level 3A ballistic helmet. Second set of headband style walker razors with walkie attachment.

IFAK loaded with all the ifaky goodies 5 CATs total, one mounted to my buttstock, one in my pack on my carrier, two in my IFAK and one banded to the front of my carrier and mounted combat knife. Battle belt with mag pouches dump pouches and my IFAK

8.) no official combat or tactical training but have been running battle drills with my local KC guys. Also set up a make shift range for running and gunning at the back of my property and have been solo training. Good at building anything and everything with anything and everything also good at demolition. Tons of outdoor experience- primitive living, fire starting, shelter building, water filtration, tracking trapping and hunting, fishing, foraging, land nav. Worked on high angle rescue team have experience with repelling and hoisting, first responders/ emt training.

9.) embedded in several other groups mainly for the purpose of scouting out serious prospects for this group. Involved with several group leaders and a member of Revolutions Network

10.) as soon as we are planned and manned

11.) Tier 1

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This information is consistent with the individual identified as Daniel Kenely ESKRIDGE, date of birth 4/8/1994, Social Security Number XXX-XX-8003. In the same chats, FULCRUM stated,

“[m]y name is Fulcrum on all socials.” The information about the property is also consistent with what I know about the ESKRIDGE’s residence, located in Kidder, Missouri, in the Western District of Missouri.

36. On June 13, 2026, the FBI searched ESKRIDGE’s residence and seized his cellular telephone associated with telephone number ending in 0925. Upon initial review of his cellphone, multiple messaging accounts were found, all of which included the name “Fulcrum” in the naming scheme. Due to ESKRIDGE’s cellphone not being connected to the internet during their review, law enforcement officers were unable to view many of the applications on his cell phone. However, investigators confirmed the following accounts associated with ESKRIDGE: X accounts @FulcrumResist and @deskridge94; Instagram account @fulcrumresist; and Telegram account @Fulcrum_MO. I believe ESKRIDGE to be the user of the TikTok handle @fulcrumresist and any direct messaging application involving the naming scheme “Fulcrum” in the context of the conspiracy.

F. Law Enforcement Identifies Chats with ESKRIDGE Actively Participating in the Conspiracy

37. On June 11, 2026, the Columbus, Ohio Division of Police, in conjunction with the Knox County, Ohio Sheriff’s Office, executed a state search warrant at PROPER’s residence and on his cellular telephone. The data from the cellphone was downloaded and reviewed, which revealed many direct messages and group chat communications on social media and end-to-end encrypted communication platforms. On or about May 13, 2026, on SimpleX, in a chat with user “Prox,” whom I believe to be PROPER, Prox asked ESKRIDGE, who was using an account with the username “Fulcrum,” how things were going for Fulcrum. ESKRIDGE responded that he was “pretty pissed” because he felt like the operation fell apart the previous night. ESKRIDGE advised that he was really banking in this being the trigger event and now it may not be safe to continue

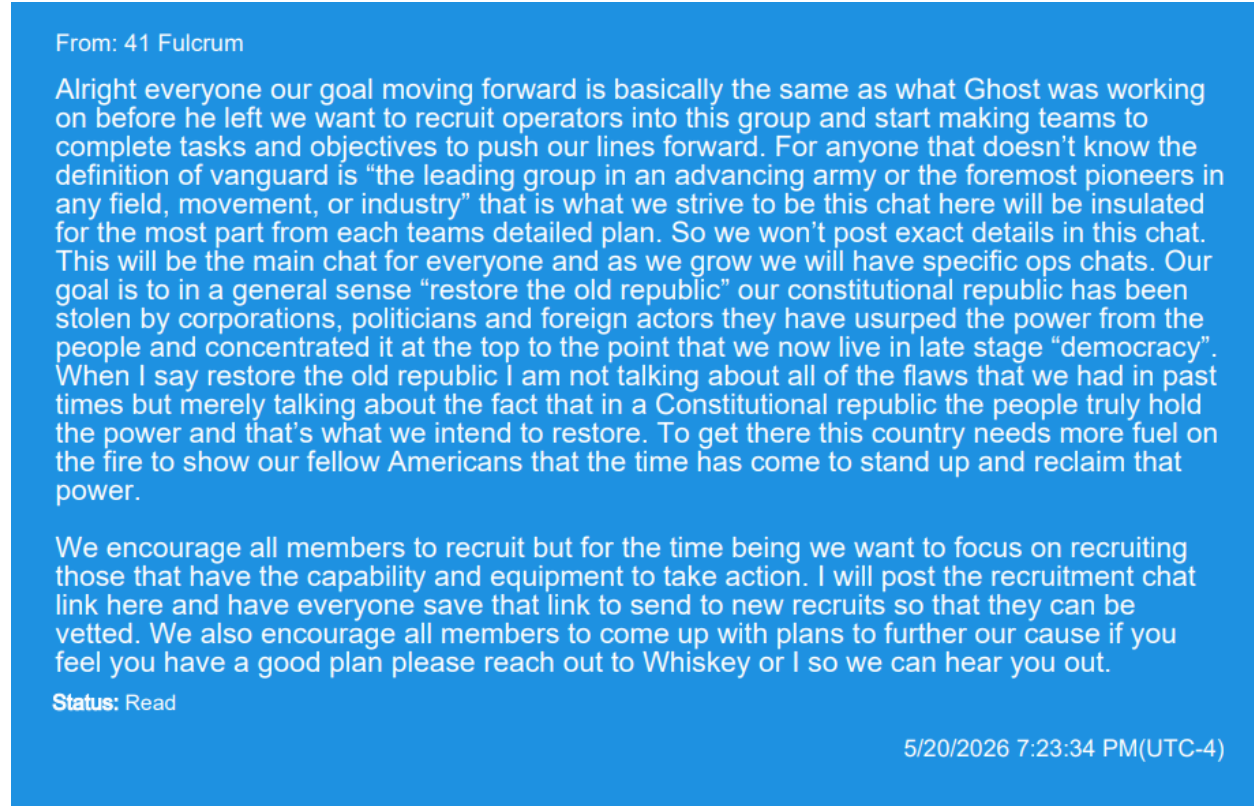
with “this specific op.” ESKRIDGE inquired of another user if they were an individual that he (ESKRIDGE) recruited. ESKRIDGE then advised “my name is Fulcrum on all socials.”

38. On or around May 13, 2026, to May 15, 2026, ESKRIDGE was engaged in a group chat with Prox (PROPER) and another user. In this chat, PROPER asked ESKRIDGE, “What are you thinking for a target?” ESKRIDGE said at the time he had no idea but that he was “heavily invested in [user inserted initials consistent with those of a sitting United States Senator].” PROPER then mentioned U.S. Senator-Victim No. 1 as a target because she has taken money from pro-Israel lobby. ESKRIDGE then advised that when it comes to a target it would need to be “big and someone a majority of the country knows.” ESKRIDGE went on to state that it would have to be someone that both Democrats and Republicans would unite over. The group went on to discuss other targets such as United States Senator-Victim No. 4 and the power grid. Further conversation about the power grid attack revealed that ESKRIDGE wished to use a fleet of drones to hit specific transformers. ESKRIDGE went on to state that the group needed to focus on how they could get their narrative out to “combat the governments narrative.” ESKRIDGE then inquired about obtaining an “EMP.”⁸ ESKRIDGE closed out this chat thread by advising that he was going to make a new chat with active members and that new chat would allow them to begin team formations to “accomplish objectives.”

39. On or around May 20, 2026, through June 8, 2026, in a group chat titled “Vanguard of the Old Republic,” ESKRIDGE provided a link to PROPER and advised that this link should be sent to anyone “you think [would]make a productive addition to the group.” ESKRIDGE expressed that focus would be on “operators.” ESKRIDGE (using the “Fulcrum” screenname)

⁸ EMP refers to an electromagnetic pulse device that can be used disrupt or permanently damage electrical devices and systems.

opened the group chat with the below screenshot message:



ESKRIDGE then provided a link for users to send to individuals that fit the description in the opening message. Another co-conspirator, herein referred to as Co-conspirator 1,⁹ affirmed that ESKRIDGE was "running the show."

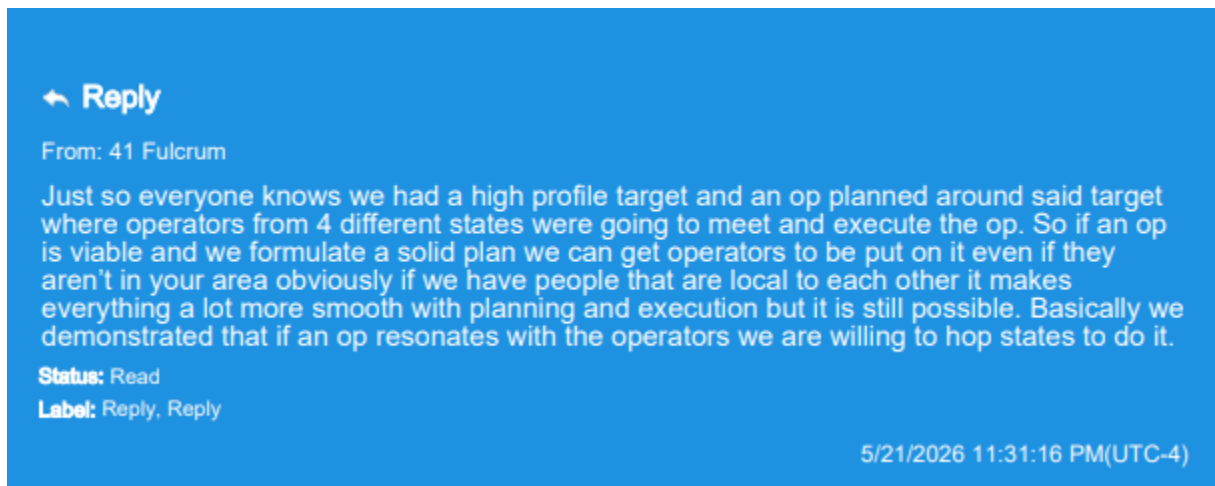
40. ESKRIDGE continued to talk about a corrupt system and how individuals in the group should put differences aside because they have all been "victims of the system in one way or another." ESKRIDGE then went on to state that the "revolution will not be televised" and this movement needs a "group like ours." ESKRIDGE then stated: "So right now in the historical

⁹ As part of my involvement in this investigation, I know the identity of the subject who is suspected to be a member of this conspiracy and who resides in California.

timeline I believe we are at the ‘trigger event’ point. Meaning to set this off we need an event or events that cause people to realize the revolution has officially begun.”

41. ESKRIDGE discussed how three companies owned everything and discussed how specific executives at large U.S. corporations were involved. ESKRIDGE then advised that “if a person [was] to be a target of an event we need to make sure it’s someone that can’t be easily turned into a right vs left thing we want someone both sides would celebrate.” ESKRIDGE then stated, “[another prominent business executive] is a very good target he fits the bill for someone both sides would cheer and support us for taking out.”

42. At the same time ESKRIDGE mentioned taking out “[another prominent business executive],” he stated (screenshot below):



43. The following day, ESKRIDGE posted the following (screenshot below):

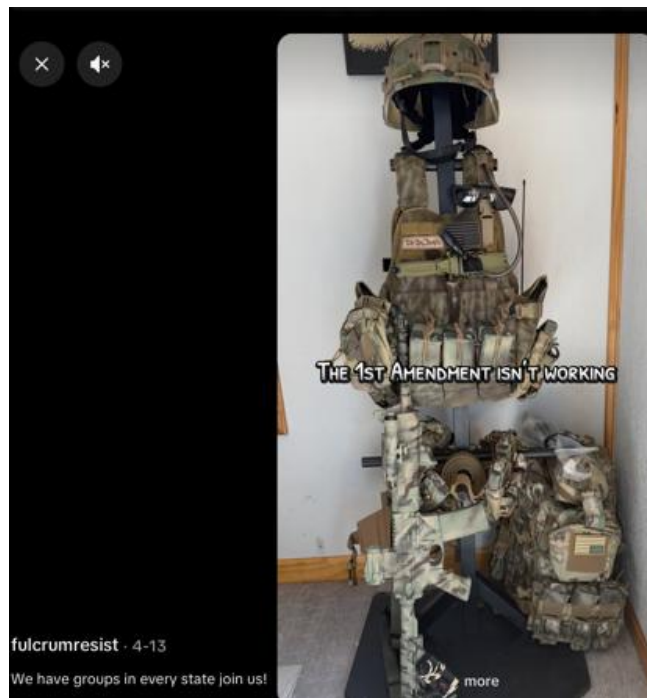
From: 41 Fulcrum

So the goal here is to get at least 3 trigger event ops fully planned and manned and to the best of our ability have them executed on the same day or in rapid succession so that our message is undeniably clear to our illegitimate government and our fellow Americans that we are waging war. We don't need to wait for resistance infrastructure, supply lines and all these other things. That's what every other group in this movement is working on and I'm sure one of them will get it right but they can't do that without mass support and they won't get mass support so long as people think all anyone is doing is holding signs and chanting. All we need is 3 small groups of fully committed operators with a fully fleshed out perfectly formulated plan and all real world on the ground intel they will need for each op to be successful. Once we have decided on what 3 events would provide the most impact and bring in the most support we will create special chats for those ops specifically so that only the people on those ops know the details.

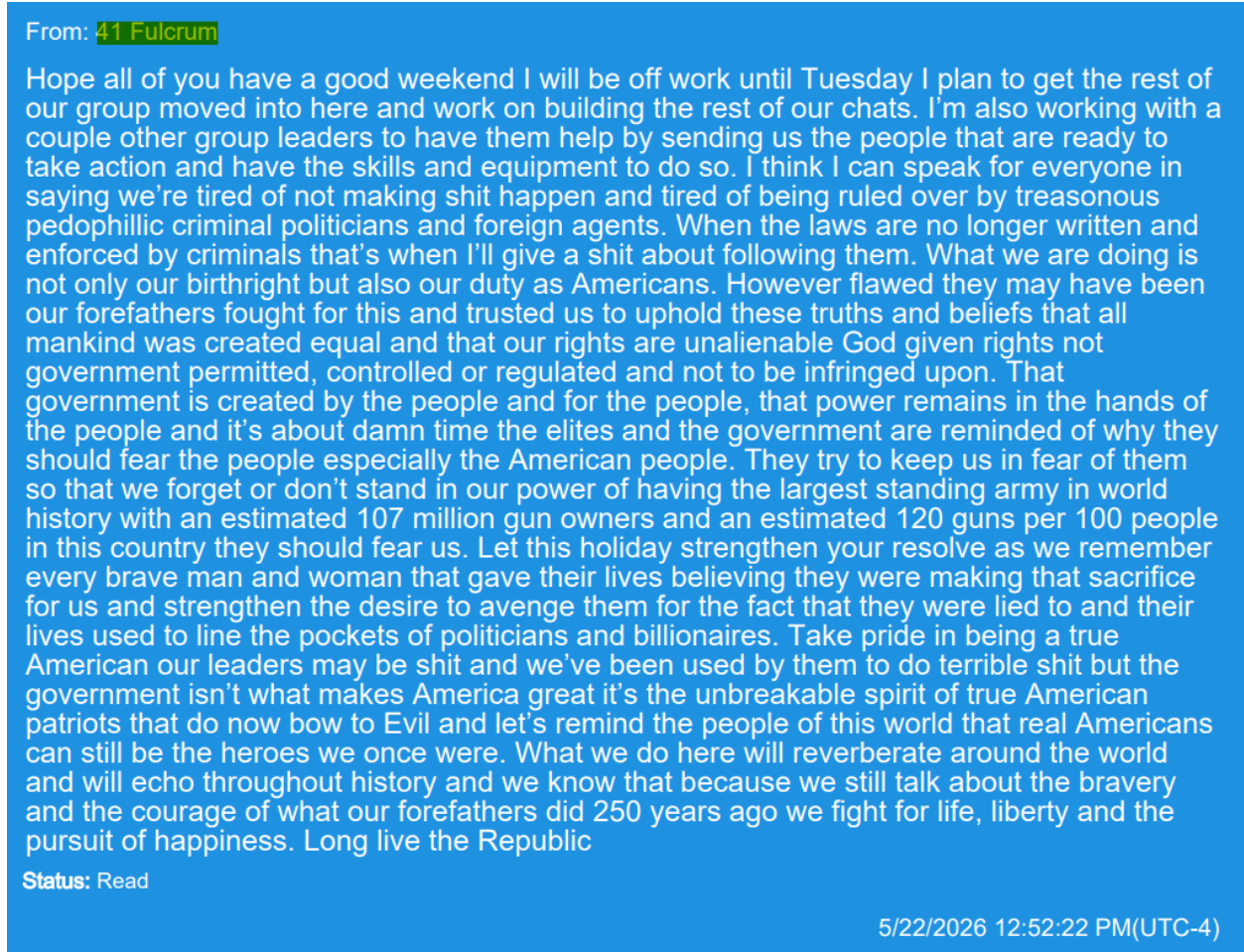
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44. Utilizing SimpleX, the group then started sharing photographs of what equipment they possessed in relation to the operation. On May 22, 2026, ESKRIDGE contributed a picture of tactical equipment, including a rifle, helmet, and ballistic vest. The photograph in the chat was nearly identical to a photograph posted on the @fulcrumresist TikTok page, which is found below:



45. ESKRIDGE then sent the following message to the group (screenshot below):



46. ESKRIDGE noted that when this “goes full scale” the group would likely have access to higher grade equipment. ESKRIDGE thought that half of the military would join their cause and not follow “unlawful orders.” ESKRIDGE goes on to state that after the trigger event there was a potential for three percent of the population to stand with their group.

47. On or around May 30, 2026, ESKRIDGE stated that he was preparing his garage to be a safe house and making a “bunker” under the floorboards of his shed. Below is a screenshot of the communication.

From: 41 Fulcrum
Good morning everyone, just woke up I was up late working on a few projects at home. Getting my garage set up as a **safe house** also plan on making a make shift bunker under my shed won't be fancy by no means just a hidey hole under the floor boards. This location won't be ideal because I'm right off the side of a major highway but it's out in the country and it will be an option if needed.
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48. The group continued to discuss different targets, recruitment, and operational strategy until approximately June 7, 2026, when the California based co-conspirator stated, “We’re planning something in a week. I don’t think I need a pilot anymore. Are you in? We’ll need drivers and support.”

49. In a separate group of approximately nine users, a conversation took place during the same time frame and contained Co-conspirator 1, ESKRIDGE, and some of the other chat group members, the members of the group laid out, in detail, their plan to attack the UFC Freedom 250 event at the White House on June 14, 2026. Specifically, Co-conspirator 1 stated, “Pensilvania avenue” and that he needed “as many as [he could] muster.” ESKRIDGE said the group should obtain \$1,300 in United States currency and they needed “5 teams of 3 each team consisting of 1 sniper, 1 tier one operator as support/ look out, [and] one drone operator.” ESKRIDGE said the money would provide them the funding to purchase “drones and charges,” and encouraged the group to all “pitch in.”

50. ESKRIDGE posted the following message which laid out the plan and “target” as the UFC Freedom 250 event:

From: 41 Fulcrum

Alright yall here's the idea we've come up with between us and a couple other groups but this is going to take everyone and it's going to put a hold on the other ops we have talked about. We need 5 teams of 3. One tier one operator working as a sniper, one tier one operator working as rifleman/spotter/ back up and one drone pilot per team. We select 5 locations that best suit our mission these 5 locations need to be ideal for precise sniper shots and for the drone pilot to operate from. Depending on these locations we may need to restrain the occupants for the duration of the attack. The target is ufc 250 if you don't know where that's being held look it up. Each team will get into position once each team is mission ready the green light will be given and the drone rigged with explosives will fly they will initiate the attack as soon as the drones have done their part and the attention of our opposition is on the skies and not the rooftops snipers will initiate their part of the plan eliminating HVTs first then the retaliatory forces such as SS, NG, and swat. There will be a protest going on outside the gates at that location which will help with keeping the chaos so that extraction teams can get out operators out and fall back to a location out of state to regroup and gauge the response. If all goes according to plan anyone who is willing will join the second wave as ground force. If we are successful this could be the first battle of the second American Revolution. Now who is willing and able to drop everything and be one of these 10 operators and who here is confident and capable of flying drones?

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51. ESKRIDGE then went on to state (screenshot below):

From: 41 Fulcrum

I will be on the ground leading from the front as one of the 5 snipers. I would never ask yall to do something I wouldn't do myself but I can't do this alone so I'm asking for volunteers

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52. The following day, June 8, 2026, ESKRIDGE stated (screenshot below):

From: 41 Fulcrum

This op is what we call the trigger event. The terrain is urban but after this we will have no choice but to go old school because they will send everything they have to hunt us. But if we pull this off correctly we'll raise an army

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53. The group continued to talk about the need for additional drone operators and the number of members "activating on the 14th."

54. On or around June 10, 2026, a Signal group chat was created that included Co-conspirator 1 and Fulcrum {MO} 1667 (ESKRIDGE), among three other users. The purpose of

the Signal chat was specific operational planning for the proposed June 14, 2026, attack. The messages included maps with pins to locate positions of attack, as well as planned routes of escape following the execution of the group's plan. Once the details were settled among other members of the group, ESKRIDGE stated, "I'm liking it, now if we can keep it all coordinated it should work."

G. Law Enforcement Search of ESKRIDGE's Residence on June 13, 2026

55. On June 13, 2026, law enforcement executed federal search warrants for ESKRIDGE's person and his residence, signed by the Honorable Lajuana M. Counts, United States Magistrate Judge. During the search of ESKRIDGE's residence, law enforcement seized the following, in relevant part:

- Smith and Wesson Model M&P-15 5.56mm caliber rifle S/N TF58735
- Remington Model 700 .308 Win caliber rifle S/N 6573389
- Yildiz YP12SC 12-gauge pump action shot gun S/N TF58735
- Taurus G3 9mm pistol S/N AEC135636
- Two tactical vests with ballistic plates and ammunition filled magazines
- Baofeng UV-21R Radio
- Multi-cam gun belt with medical kit

The tactical gear found was neatly packed in the corner of ESKRIDGE's kitchen, near the main entry room of the residence. This gear corroborates ESKRIDGE's May 22, 2026, SimpleX post (screenshot above) listing his location, background, equipment, and an "approximate activation date" of "as soon as we are planned and manned." A picture of the equipment from the June 13, 2026, search is below:



56. Law enforcement interviewed ESKRIDGE's spouse after the execution of the search warrants. During the interview, she stated that ESKRIDGE told her that he was a recruiter for the group. She was aware of ESKRIDGE's online communications on the Signal messaging application because she saw the messages pop up on a shared tablet connected to the application. She also indicated that ESKRIDGE purchased a large amount of tactical equipment over the past few months. He bought a \$700 rifle and painted it, as well as a large amount of ammunition. ESKRIDGE also built a firearms range on their property approximately 3 weeks ago. Due to a recent Child Protective Services call involving a domestic situation with his stepson, ESKRIDGE's

wife stated that ESKRIDGE removed all his tactical equipment from their residence and took it to his parents' house. However, she said he recently moved the equipment back to his residence.

57. Additional communications regarding the planned June 14, 2026, attack were found on ESKRIDGE's cell phone during the search. Between June 7, 2026, through June 11, 2026, ESKRIDGE was involved in a group Telegram chat with a co-conspirator, hereinafter referred to as Co-conspirator 1 and two other individuals. The channel was called "D ops," and was used to discuss the drone operations planning for the June 14, 2026, attack. On June 7, 2026, ESKRIDGE stated, "...I was thinking [Co-conspirator 1] and I are the ones that lead the operators group, [Co-conspirator 1] is doing night op training right now. He had mentioned that we may have explosives taken care of along with this drone purchase just making sure I understood him right and that I don't need to keep looking for a cook."¹⁰ Another member of the group stated that he knew how to build drones connected via fiber optic cable and capable of carrying explosive charges but did not have access to the materials needed for explosive charges. That member suggested that they "may need to hit an MIC¹¹ facility for the things we need." ESKRIDGE responded, "10-4 I'm liking the sound of this."

58. The group continued to discuss the benefits and detriments of obtaining a "cook" for explosive charges versus stealing military ordnance from a manufacturing plant. The group member who suggested hitting a military ordnance manufacturing facility forwarded a list of 4 ammunition plants, including the Parsons, Kansas Assembly Facility, located in Parsons, Kansas, and suggested the location was the "most viable." Another member of the group, hereinafter

¹⁰ I know from my training and experience that the reference to a "cook" is a reference to an individual with the knowledge and capability to make homemade explosives.

¹¹ The member clarified that MIC stands for Military Industrial Complex.

referred to as Co-conspirator 2,¹² suggested that ESKRIDGE “set it up.” ESKRIDGE responded, “that’s about 4 hours from me but I know we have some people in Kansas let me look into that plant and see who we have out there or capable of getting on the ground intel for it.” Co-conspirator 1 then stated, “Call up your guy, see if he can scope it out tonight. We’re running out of time.” During initial FBI search of ESKRIDGE’s cell phone, the most recent search conducted in the Google Maps application was for the Kansas Army Ammunition Plant in Parsons, Kansas. ESKRIDGE followed up by stating, “[g]ot a guy digging into Parsons assembly facility he good I’ll update as soon as I have something.”

59. The D ops group chat continued to discuss the use of fiber optics to prevent jamming as well as the size of the explosive charges. ESKRIDGE weighed in stating, “[y]es I definitely agree and I also agree that we need something that will do massive damage it’s not worth losing our lives over just maiming these shit bags.” In response to a comment that stated “[g]o big or go home as they say,” ESKRIDGE stated, “[e]xactly I want the message loud and clear.”

60. On June 11, 2026, another co-conspirator, herein referred to as Co-conspirator 3,¹³ began driving toward Washington, D.C., which was confirmed by traffic cameras observing his registered vehicle in Barstow, California, approximately one hour from his residence. On June 13, 2026, the FBI searched Co-conspirator 3’s residence and found evidence of his involvement in the conspiracy. During Co-conspirator 3’s interview with the FBI, he confessed to attempting to drive to Washington, D.C. but denied that he intended to conduct an attack. Based on my training,

¹² As part of my involvement in this investigation, I know the identity of the subject who is suspected to be a member of this conspiracy and who resides in Nebraska.

¹³ As part of my involvement in this investigation, I know the identity of the subject who is suspected to be a member of this conspiracy and who resides in California and is different from Co-conspirator 1.

experience, and knowledge of this investigation, I believe Co-conspirator 3 was driving to Washington, D.C. to participate in the conspiracy to conduct an attack at the UFC Freedom 250 event.

CONCLUSION

61. Based on the foregoing, there is probable cause to believe that violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1111 and 1117 (Conspiracy to Commit Murder), was committed by Daniel Kenely ESKRIDGE. I therefore respectfully request that a warrant be issued authorizing the arrest of Daniel Kenely ESKRIDGE.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Brown
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 15th, 2026 Sworn to by telephone
5:33 AM, Jun 15, 2026



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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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