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STATE OF MICHIGAN 86TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	COMPLAINT FELONY	DISTRICT: <u>20-2924-FY-3</u> CIRCUIT: CTN: 96-20900979-01 MSP #:
District Court ORI: MI050015J	Circuit Court ORI: MI050025J	AG ORI: MI820025A

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN v BRIAN HIGGINS [REDACTED] WISCONSIN DELLS, WI 53965		Victim or complainant: STATE OF MICHIGAN
Co-defendant(s) William Grant Null, Michael John Null, Eric Molitor, Shawn Michael Fix		Complaining Witness D/SGT. MIKE FINK
City/Twp./Village Elk Rapids Township	County in Michigan Antrim	Date: On or about 03/01/2020 to 10/12/2020
Charge(s) See Below	Defendant SID	Defendant DOB 10/27/1968
		Maximum Penalty See Below

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ANTRIM

The complaining witness says that on the above date range and in Elk Rapids, Antrim County, MI, the defendant, contrary to law,

COUNT 1: TERRORIST ACTS - PROVIDING MATERIAL SUPPORT

did knowingly provide material support or resources to a terrorist or a terrorist organization, to be used in whole or in part, to plan, prepare, carry out, facilitate, or avoid apprehension for committing an act of terrorism against the United States or its citizens, this state or its citizens, or a political subdivision or any other instrumentality of this state or of a local unit of government; contrary to MCL 750.543k(1)(b). [750.543K1B]

FELONY: 20 Years and/or \$20,000.00; reimburse government for expenses incurred from violation (see MCL 750.543x & 769.1f)

Court shall order law enforcement to collect a DNA identification profiling sample before sentencing or disposition, if not taken at arrest.

The complaining witness asks that defendant be apprehended and dealt with according to law.

Warrant authorized on <u>10-12-2020</u> by: <u>[Signature]</u> Date	<u>[Signature]</u> Complaining witness signature
Gregory J. Townsend (P35657) Assistant Attorney General Criminal Trials & Appeals Division Cadillac Place, 3030 W. Grand. Blvd., Suite 10-200 Detroit, MI 48202 313-456-0180 <input type="checkbox"/> Security for costs posted	Subscribed and sworn to before me on <u>10/14/2020</u> Date <u>[Signature]</u> 59128 Judge/Magistrate/Clerk Bar no.

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State of Michigan	AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF COMPLAINT	Case No: District: 86th Circuit:
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THE COMPLAINING WITNESS, ON INFORMATION AND BELIEF, SAYS:

1. I, Detective/Sergeant Michael Fink, am a Detective Sergeant with the Michigan Department of State Police and been employed as a law enforcement officer for over 26 years. Affiant has served in multiple capacities during my career with the Michigan State Police.
2. The Michigan State Police (MSP) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) have jointly investigated an anti-government militia group within Michigan called the Wolverine Watchmen, an anti-government, anti-law enforcement, militia group who have performed tactical training at 8008 Dunn Rd., Munith, Michigan (Jackson County). The Wolverine Watchmen and associates have made terroristic threats towards government officials and organizations and provided material support for planned acts of terrorism. The facts of this affidavit and my knowledge of this investigation come from training, experience, and information provided to me by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agents (SA) Henrik Impola and Jayson Chambers, MSP D/Sgt. Brian Russell and other investigators as part of a joint domestic terrorism investigation.
3. In early 2020, FBI became aware of groups of individuals in several states that were discussing a violent overthrow of government and law enforcement entities. These groups agreed to unite others in their cause and take violent action against government entities they believed to be violating the U.S. Constitution.
4. The "Wolverine Watchmen" is a militia group who recruited members using a social media platform, FaceBook, since November 2019. Once recruited, members communicated via a secure, encrypted messaging platform. Members of Wolverine Watchmen periodically met for "field training exercises" (FTXs) on private property in remote areas where they engaged in firearms training and tactical drills to prepare for the "boogaloo," a terms referencing a violent uprising against the government or impending politically-motivated civil war. Joseph Morrison and Pete Musico are founding members of the Wolverine Watchmen. Joseph Morrison is considered Wolverine Watchmen's "Commander" and is known by the online moniker "Boogaloo Bunyan."
5. The Wolverine Watchmen have called on members to identify law enforcement officers home addresses in order to target the officers, have made threats of violence to instigate a civil war leading to societal collapse, and have engaged in planning

and training for an operation to attack the Capitol of Michigan, and kidnap Government officials including the Governor of Michigan.

6. Joseph Morrison and Pete Musico are individuals that reside at 8008 Dunn Rd., Munith, Michigan located in Jackson County where FTXs have been conducted. Joseph Morrison and Pete Musico have hosted multiple tactical training sessions with other members of the Wolverine Watchmen at their property. During these trainings, specific training was provided for members to learn and practice tactical maneuvers. The group has drawn upon their members' individual skills for trainings including tactical skills, medical knowledge, communications knowledge, and weapons expertise. For instance, member Paul Bellar, who was appointed the role of "Sergeant," had specific expertise in medical and firearms training and designed tactical exercises for training.
7. Wolverine Watchmen members together with another group led by Adam Fox, the "Michigan III%ers," engaged in planning and training for various acts of violence, including kidnapping politicians and storming the Michigan Capitol Building in Lansing.
8. Ultimately, participants of these trainings and meetings, led by Michigan resident Adam Fox, went on to engage in a plot to kidnap the Governor of Michigan by the November 2020 national election. In preparing for this plot, Shawn Fix, William Null, Michael Null, Eric Molitor and Brian Higgins all aided in physical surveillance of the Governor's private vacation home. Several other members of this conspiracy are being charged federally for their part in the plot to kidnap the Governor.
9. Based on my training and experience, as well as other information received from other law enforcement officers and the facts outlined in this affidavit, your Affiant believes that Brian Higgins and others provided material support and resources in the furtherance of terrorist acts. In particular Brian Higgins, while on a nighttime surveillance of the Governor's home, provided the use of his night-vision goggles for the surveillance. Additionally, he used a mounted digital dash camera located in his vehicle to record the surveillance of the Governor's home in order to aid in kidnapping plans.
10. Your affiant believes, based upon the facts of this investigation, that the Wolverine Watchmen as an organization, sub-groups of Wolverine Watchmen, or associates of Wolverine Watchmen have provided the means and opportunity to commit material support for terrorism, in violation of MCL 750.543k
11. By pooling the skills of its members and providing training, the Wolverine Watchmen organization and its associates have provided training and expertise to materially support and provide resources to plan, prepare, carry out or facilitate acts of terrorism.

Count 1 - Providing Material Support for Terrorist Acts

Did knowingly provide material support or resources to be used by a terrorist or terrorist organizations , to be used in whole or in part, to plan, prepare, carry out, facilitate, or avoid apprehension for committing an act of terrorism against the United State or its citizens, this state or its citizens, or a political subdivision of any other instrumentality of this state or of a local unit of government; contrary to MCL 750.543k(1)(b).

FURTHER AFFLIANT SAYETH NOT.

Dated: 10/13/20



Detective/Sergeant Michael Fink

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF _____
Subscribed and sworn to before me
This ___ day of October, 2020.

_____, NOTARY PUBLIC
_____, COUNTY, MICHIGAN
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____

RETURN

As ordered in this warrant, the defendant was arrested on _____ at _____
Date Time
at _____
Place of arrest

Date

Peace officer

PROSECUTION TO BE HANDLED BY:

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