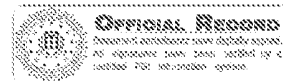


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Date of entry 11/02/2017

(U//~~LES~~) EMILY FLORENCE GORCENSKI, DOB 5/28/82; address [Redacted], Charlottesville, [Redacted] phone number [Redacted] was interviewed by the reporting investigator and SA [Redacted] at the Charlottesville RA. GORCENSKI was accompanied by her attorney, [Redacted] during the interview. GORCENSKI and [Redacted] were aware of the identity of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. The following information was provided by GORCENSKI.

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(U//~~LES~~) GORCENSKI stated she has resided in the Charlottesville area for approximately 10 years. She said she is currently employed by Simple Financial Technical Corporation, which she described as an on-line bank. GORCENSKI said she typically works from home, "from my bed."

(U//~~LES~~) GORCENSKI was asked when her first encounter with [Redacted] occurred, and she stated she [Redacted] GORCENSKI stated she learned that the meeting of white supremacists, [Redacted] was to take place [Redacted] GORCENSKI said she went to [Redacted] "to get a sense of who was going to be there" (at the 8/12 Unite The Right rally scheduled for the next day.) GORCENSKI was asked whether or not she verbally engaged with [Redacted] and she said she did not engage with him at all. She said she remained in her vehicle in the parking lot and observed the group of people from a distance. She said a short time later officers from the Albemarle County Police Department (ACPD) arrived, one of whom parked his police vehicle adjacent to hers. GORCENSKI said she was able to overhear the police radio from that vehicle when the officer called in an identification check on an individual [Redacted] [Redacted] GORCENSKI said there were approximately [Redacted] She advised she remained in the parking lot observing for approximately 15 minutes. She said this occurred at about 12:10 pm on Friday, August 11, 2017. GORCENSKI said she observed [Redacted] [Redacted] She said she left at this time.

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Investigation on 10/25/2017 at Charlottesville, Virginia, United States (In Person)

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(U//~~LES~~) GORCENSKI said she then proceeded to go about the rest of the day preparing for the ensuing Unite The Right Rally that was to take place the following day on 8/12. GORCENSKI said later that day, she and her friends and community members knew that a "torch march" was happening that night, although they did not know where it was going to occur. She said they were able to learn additional details about the proposed march through the website "Daily Stormer," where someone posted that the torch march was going to occur that night. She said they knew it was going to happen after dark, but they didn't know the location. She said they knew that  who was attending the torch march, "wanted a photo op." She said they narrowed down to two possible locations for the march to the two parks in the city that do not have statues. She said they also speculated that they could march on the Jefferson statue at the University of Virginia (UVA)  GORCENSKI said they were finally able to learn the destination of the march was, in fact, the Jefferson statue on the North side of the Rotunda on the grounds of UVA. She said they learned this through monitoring Unicorn Riot and Dischord chat logs. GORCENSKI stated her intention was to attend the torch march for the purpose of seeing it and broadcasting it so people could see it for themselves and be aware it was happening. She stated she went there and did not have a specific plan, that her actions were spontaneous. She said she parked her vehicle and walked to the Jefferson statue between 8:30 and 9:00 pm, but there was no one there. GORCENSKI said she later discovered the white supremacists were gathering at Nameless Field on the grounds of the University of Virginia. (Nameless Field is situated between Alderman Library, Newcomb Hall, and Memorial Gymnasium.)

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(U//~~LES~~) GORCENSKI said when she arrived at Nameless Field, she noticed media personnel were also present, so she stayed with them for safety purposes, walking around with some reporters. She said she also saw someone she knew whom she stayed with for security purposes. GORCENSKI stated that for the most part, while at Nameless Field, she remained by herself, live streaming through Periscope. GORCENSKI stated she saw   assembling people and giving them security instructions, such as "Here are your two captains..." and "If we get attacked...." She said the only weapons she observed were some individuals were wearing weighted fighting gloves similar to what MMA fighters wear. She said there were a lot of white polos being worn by the group, some individuals were wearing "88" pins on their shirts, and one individual was wearing a swastika pin. She also observed some in the group wearing "Radical Agenda" t-shirts. GORCENSKI said as she moved around filming the gathering, some in the group began shouting derogatory statements at her, such as, "Oh you're the tranny." GORCENSKI was asked why she would consider this

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derogatory, she stated that she "identifies as non-binary," and that they knew who she was. [REDACTED]

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(U//~~LES~~) GORCENSKI indicated she heard the group say they were going to march up the hill, thus she and the other observers, including some media personnel marched along with them and listened to them as they chanted. She said they followed the march through the grounds of UVA, passing the Engineering building along the way. She said as the marchers arrived at the Rotunda, she saw a group of counter-protestors gathered around the Jefferson statue. She said she was not expecting this and was quite surprised. She estimated that there were approximately 20 counter-protestors around the statue, some whom she recognized as students, community members and UVA faculty. GORCENSKI anticipated that the white supremacist group, [REDACTED] would use the opportunity of the torch march around the Jefferson statue as a photo op and that speeches were planned and they were allegedly going to sing "Dixie." She said the first group of torch marchers came down the stairs, and she moved closer because she wanted to hear what they had to say. She indicated that as the main group of torch marchers came down, they split and surrounded the statue, and effectively surrounded the counter-protestors. GORCENSKI then realized they were surrounded and that they were in a bad position. She stated that she made her way back to stand next to someone she recognized and put herself in front of her.

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(U//~~LES~~) GORCENSKI was asked whether or not there was any law enforcement present at this time, and she stated that Charlottesville Police Department officers were across the street, and UVA PD officers were following along with the marchers. She said she also observed a drone pilot, but she did not know who this individual was associated with. GORCENSKI said she stood there at the base of the statue and continued to film, as the torch marchers were yelling sexist, trans-phobic statements at her. GORCENSKI said at this time she put her arms up in what she described as a "non-violent pose" because the torch marchers were beginning to "encroach" in the counter-protestor's space. She stated that at this time, the "Swastika pin dude" physically shoved her back against the group of counter-protestors. The counter-protestors behind her, some of whom she said were from Black Lives Matter (BLM) were chanting. She said that is when the fights broke out to her right. She stated that during this melee the "Swastika pin dude" punched the phone from her hand. She said she "kind of retreated" and realized she couldn't escape

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and there were "torches everywhere." GORCENSKI said, "As I went back to get my phone, I felt my face burning." She said she went in and retrieved her phone and that is when someone hit her in the head with a torch. She said she retrieved her phone and was able to escape the crowd, and by that point her face was "on fire, snot was coming out of my nose and I couldn't see." She said someone poured water on her face in order to alleviate her symptoms, then she was able to get her glasses on so she could see again.

(U//~~LES~~) GORCENSKI stated that the next day, August 12th, she was looking at her Twitter feed when she saw a photograph of a person whom she remembered because he was standing near her at the base of the Jefferson statue. The photograph [Redacted]

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[Redacted] GORCENSKI described [Redacted]  
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[Redacted] She said she saw him later on the 12th as he was walking towards Emancipation Park. She indicated she never went near Emancipation Park that day, instead she remained in Justice Park. She said as he was walking by, [Redacted]

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[Redacted] GORCENSKI was asked whether or not [Redacted]

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asked to elaborate on the types of statements the torch marchers were shouting on 8/11, and she said they were saying such things as, "Fuck you, AntiFa, we'll fuck you up!" and "We outnumber you, commie scum." GORCENSKI stated she did not seek professional medical attention after the pepper spray incident on 8/11, but did say she has "done a lot of therapies since that night."

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10/25/17 2:00 pm

Emily Stenace Janczek

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

10 years in area

5/28/80

[Redacted]

Simple Unarmed Juvenile Corp.

8/11 to

My first encounter

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[Redacted]

I went to [Redacted] to get a sense of who was going to be there

I didn't engage w him at all  
as I was there ACPD showed up.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

car parking lot about 15 minutes

They ran ID check on him

12:15 pm - several ACPD police cars were there.

A friend told me that they were doing some shopping and asked if I was ok.

went about the rest of the day happening for the next day the 12th

Around 4:30 that day Agent [Redacted] called me.

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We knew, we = community members, knew that a teach march was happening that night.

Daily Strives - protest that was going to happen

that night.

We knew it was going to happen after dark  
Didn't know the location - knew [redacted] wanted photo  
Narrowed down to 2 parks that had no statues. b6  
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We also speculated the Jefferson statue by [redacted]  
Unicon Riot - Discard logs

My intention was to see it, and broadcast, so people  
can see it.

I went there, there was no plan.

Arrived and walked to statue about 8:30 or 9:00

Found some cops at Namobas Field

Stayed w/ media for safety

Walked around w/ some reporters.

Saw someone I knew who I stayed w/ for security  
purposes.

For most part while in Namobas Field I was by myself

live streammed - Periscope

I saw [redacted] assembling people and giving  
security instructions - b6  
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"Here are the cops."

"If we get attacked..."

Only weapons were weighted fighting gloves people  
were wearing MMA style.

Lots of white polo

SS pins

Sweetika  
Hill, pin

a few Radical Agorista ~~and~~ shirts

wearing grey t-shirt, jeans, carrying my phone.

"On your hands the tranny"

"I identify as non-binary. for example:"

They know who I was

I said

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I heard them say they were going to march straight up the hill.

We walked along and listened while they chanted as they marched.

We all followed the march thru UVA, passed the Engineering building

When we came around the Rotunda, there was a counter demonstration already in place.

So counter-protesters encircled the Jefferson statue.

I knew there was a photo op, speeches planned, they were going to sing Dixie.

Just group of people who came down stairs, had sign in front of stairs

I wanted to hear what they had to say.

Minute or so I returned around.

As the main group of teach met came down steps, they split

I realized we're surrounded, this is really bad.

I made my way back to someone I recognized and put myself in front of her.

CPD officers across street, UVA PD officers along the march.

Drone pilot - suspect he was up march

So I just stood there and kept filming

They was yelling sexist, homophobic stuff at me

I put my arms up in a non-violent pose.

They were beginning to encroach.

The Swastika pin clude shoved me back into the group. People behind me were chanting (BLM) a fight broke out to my right.

Swastika pin clude punched the phone out of my hand.

I kind of retreated, I can't get out, torches everywhere

As I went back to get my phone, I felt my face burning.

I went in and grabbed my phone, somebody hit me in a torch.

Got my phone and got out. By that point my face was on fire, sweat was coming out of my nose ground somebody w/ water, I saw a group of students they had water.

Poured water on my face - was able to get my glasses on, eyes open to see what was going.

Wait until next morning on <sup>photo</sup> Twitter when I saw a person and I remembered because he was near me at the statue, [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

I saw him [redacted] the next day as he was marching towards Emancipation Park - I stayed at Justice Park.

As he was walking in, [redacted]

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Run specific about threats " fuck you antisfa, well fuck you  
up, we end number you, commie acum. "

A bruise on my chin

Did not seek any medical attention

I've done a lot therapies since that night.

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