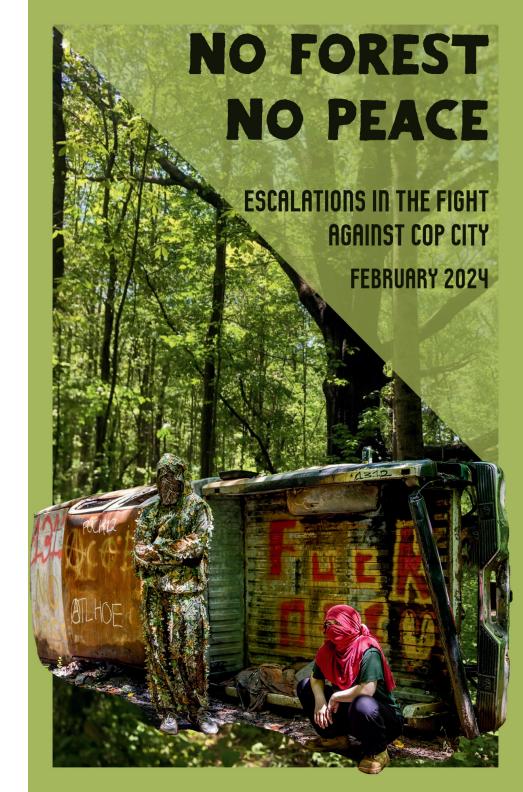


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"If the cops kill me I want you to riot Burn down their stations and set their cars alight Know that I went out fighting and wish we all Could just have peace and be free

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We cannot have peace until this empire falls. Even then, peace takes work and freedom is a constant struggle. If the cops kill me I want you to riot, to kill as many of them as you can." – Tort's diary p. 121

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Federal and State Police Raid Three Homes in Atlanta Leading to One Arrest Amid 'Cop City' Investigation

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Atlanta, GA — A multi-agency task force raided three homes in Atlanta early Thursday morning as part of an ongoing investigation surrounding resistance to 'Cop City.'

At around 6:00 a.m., law enforcement agents with the Atlanta Police Department, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Georgia State Patrol, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and FBI carried out search warrants at three separate homes across the city seeking evidence related to a July 2023 arson targeting police motorcycles at an Atlanta police precinct.

One 30-year-old Atlanta local, John Mazurek, was arrested and charged with first-degree arson in connection with the 2023 sabotage. Another unidentified person has been in police custody since the raids, though they have not been charged or booked, sources told Unicorn Riot.

Police detained residents of the homes and searched the people and property at the locations, sources in one of the homes raided told Unicorn Riot. Unicorn Riot spoke to two residents from one of the houses. One resident described being woken up by a housemate who alerted him to the raid. After getting partially dressed, he could hear police entering the home while he was in his room.

"I told them I was coming out before I opened the door," the resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told Unicorn Riot. He opened his bedroom door and was met with lasers from police guns on his body and the sounds of a barking police dog. Officers told him to lie down and crawl toward them before grabbing him by the hair and dragging him outside, he said. Once on the back porch of the home, officers continued to shake the resident by the hair until he lost his glasses. He was then detained for nearly three hours while agents searched the home.

Another resident described a similar experience. After hearing sirens and an announcement over a loudspeaker, the resident saw police from Georgia State Patrol approaching the structure she lives in, behind the house.

After watching police break open the home's back door and throw a concussion grenade inside, the resident was met with flashlights and lasers from police guns shining through her window, she said. She was searched and detained for about three hours while police searched her home and car. Despite asking several times, police never showed her a copy of the warrant they said they were executing, she told Unicorn Riot.

Once released and back inside the house, residents found their home tossed and disheveled. Police seized computers from the home. One resident said police had removed a revealing Polaroid picture of herself, which she had kept in storage under her bed, and put it "on display" in her room.

A copy of a warrant served at one of the three homes raided early Thursday shows police seized computers, electronic equipment, and stickers and fliers against 'Cop City' as evidence. A copy of a warrant served at a separate raided home, shared by Atlanta Community Press Collective, shows that police took computers, cell phones, and data storage devices among other things.

At a press conference Thursday morning, Atlanta Police Chief Darin Schierbaum did not comment on what, if any, evidence related to the July 2023 arson was found during the raids.

While police from multiple agencies participated in the raid, the two residents told Unicorn Riot that it seemed clear that the ATF was leading the operation. Once the raid itself was done, state and local agents left, but ATF agents remained to continue searching the home, the residents said. The federal agency is often tasked with arson investigations that span state lines.

The raids come on the heels of an escalation in Atlanta and beyond to find people who have carried out a string of clandestine attacks against those involved in the creation of 'Cop City' — including the

The Raid of Luke O'Donovan's House

Following the arson of an APD vehicle on Saturday morning, residents in the Lakewood neighborhood of Atlanta reported seeing enhanced police presence throughout the day. There were reports of police cars following vehicles for seemingly arbitrary reasons, and a report of at least one vehicle being towed.

One house in the Lakewood neighborhood was raided. Police alleged that two anonymous individuals suspected of participating in the arson ran to this house in the early morning hours. Residents were not home during the time of the raid, but one resident, Luke O'Donovan, spoke to reporters afterwards. He said the APD came to his house looking for explosive devices. They did not find any. He stated multiple times to reporters that he did not know anybody connected with the arson and that nobody came to his house. He invited news crews into his home to witness the destruction created by APD.

Luke made it clear that he believes his house was targeted not because of any degree of evidence the APD may have, but simply because he is a neighbor who opposes the construction of Cop City. His beliefs are the grounds for the illegal search of his home in response to police being completely caught off guard by the individuals who retaliated against the arrest of Jack Mazurek.

The police and the city of Atlanta are floundering as the community has remained steadfast in it's opposition to Cop City, but the fight is far from over. In fact, cities around the country are beginning to break ground on their own Cop Cities.

This response from the police makes sense if we look at history. In the wake of the riots of the 1960s, the military built mock cities to train National Guard troops and police in order to be able to put down future unrest. This has been documented in the film "Riotsville, USA."

Atlanta was just the beginning of the Cop City project. It is up to all of us to get organized, develop resistance networks, and prepare to fight back against Cop City wherever it attempts to emerge.

Atlanta Police Department, contractors hired to construct the facility, and financial backers of the project.

In January, the Atlanta Police Department announced a national billboard campaign, funded by the Atlanta Police Foundation, seeking information on arson attacks against the facility. The billboards offer rewards of up to \$200,000 for information leading to arrests and convictions related to attacks against the facility.

Six days before the raids at the three Atlanta homes, flight data obtained by Unicorn Riot shows an Atlanta Police Department helicopter circled the residences targeted with search warrants. Flight data obtained by Unicorn Riot shows a police helicopter circled the three residences in the days before raiding the homes.

Those in the movement against 'Cop City' began coordinating responses to the early morning raids in the hours afterward. Supporters have called for a rally outside the Atlanta Police Foundation's headquarters Thursday afternoon to support Mazurek and denounce the raids, while others have called for further attacks in response to the raids.

A message circulating among movement-adjacent chat loops reads:

"[I]f you have been working on a plan with your comrades, now is the time to execute it. If you have not, without hesitation or impediment, now is the time to make a plan with your comrades that you can put into action immediately. The contractors, politicians, and their support networks must have consequences for what they've done this morning. If you are unable to mobilize in that way; organize fundraisers, make propaganda, mobilize media contacts, and do research than can undermine the police and contractor's initiatives."

Schierbaum told reporters at a press conference Thursday that there will likely be more arrests in coming weeks as the investigation continues.

Stop Cop City Movement Press Conference

Atlanta Press Collective February 8, 2024

Activists within the movement to Stop Cop City held a press conference on Thursday evening, following the raids on homes in the Lakewood neighborhood of Atlanta conducted by a joint task force that included the Atlanta Police Department (APD), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI,) the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI), and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF).

The press conference was held in front of the offices of the Atlanta Police Foundation (APF). The APF is the non-profit entity the city is using to build the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center, dubbed "Cop City" by opponents.

A reporter in the crowd asked Mary Hooks, a local organizer and activist, if she condemned the arsons against police motorcycles that Jack Mazurek is accused of doing. Below is the transcribed text of her response:

"Hell no. No, not at all. And if I'm being honest with you, Atlanta deserve more than that. Real talk. They're lucky. This city is lucky. This country is lucky. Atlanta has its hands in literally murdering Palestinians right now. You think we give a damn about some equipment? Not at all! Not at all! But some of us, we cannot take that risk. And those who can? Bless 'em. Bless 'em. I cannot take that risk, but lord knows I'll sit with my lighter and be like, "damn!"

So the best thing that I can do is use my voice, use my feet, use my heart, and to talk to my people, and to organize. And I put my body on the line and show up as much as we can, because we need every, every means necessary to deal in the police state in which we are dealing with. So I don't care, no! And I would imagine my comrades would say the same.

Statement From an Anonymous Comrade

"One of the reasons this [Jack's arrest] is relevant is how playing in a punk, hardcore, etc band is grounds for conspiracy.

Running a DIY space is grounds for conspiracy.

Having ACAB on a band flyer or t-shirt is grounds for conspiracy.

Jack was a long time Chicago resident who ran a DIY show space, played in bands you may know (Tigress, Creative Control), and has consistently fought for the earth and its people.

In the wake of the murder of Tortuguita, the orchestrators behind one of the largest looming threats in the country, Atlanta's Cop City, have increased suppression and surveillance against its opponents. Jack is a victim of these tactics.

What "started" in Atlanta won't stay there. Cop City is the lodestone of the total control they seek, much has already been written on how methods and tactics developed here will be shared with the Zionist state and vice versa. If they succeed, every town will be cop city.

Jack was arrested for his political beliefs and activities. In the Cop City World, this can mean things that a lot of punks take for granted like playing in bands, running DIY community spaces, or throwing up ACAB.

Whatever comes next, I believe he's far from the last example to be made. In the face of the genocide of Palestine, the endless sanctioned murders of Black people, the planned and plotted destruction of our earth, we cannot afford to turn away. Make these connections. Prepare yourself for what's next. Find your people and make plans beyond the next fest. And for the love of god, start making moves outside of the infrastructure that these same planners and collaborators (Meta, Google, et al) have laid out for you."

The cop car we burned was part of the APD's "take-home car" program. There are at least 40 (well... 39) cops around Atlanta with patrol cars parked right in front of their houses. The opportunity to have a shiny new take-home car is reportedly the number-one reason for police retention. It is also intended to act as a crime deterrent in the neighborhood; we think that's funny. This particular car was in Lakewood, the same neighborhood where two of the house raids took place. Our message is simple: if our comrades cannot sleep soundly in their homes, neither can the pigs.

We are not special. Our skills are not overly technical or advanced, and our tools are simple to acquire. If you are reading this, you are capable of doing what we do. We all have something to lose; it is simply a matter of living out our beliefs or submitting to the police state. Inaction is a choice just as much as action, and we all have to live with the choices we make.

Two Home Depot Distribution Trucks Torched in St Paul

Posted anonymously to scenes.noblogs.org February 10, 2024

St. Paul, MN — In the early hours of the morning on Saturday February 10th, two trucks & trailers loaded with lumber parked at a home depot distribution center in St Paul, MN were incinerated.

This was done in retaliation for the raids of three homes and arrest of a forest defender that took place on Thursday, February 8th.

FREE JACK

THE TIME HAS COME TO DESTROY THOSE WHO DESTROY THE EARTH

Nichts als Gottes Gerechtigkeit

No, we're not gonna condemn nobody for burning nosorry brother - we're not gonna condemn nobody for doing righteously what they need to do, when our city has silenced every quote unquote 'democratic proper democratic' process. As one of the students say, if we don't get this in the courts, if we can't get this at council, then we gonna take it in the streets! Because our people, our children, my babies are worth the risk."

APD Patrol Car Torched in Lakewood

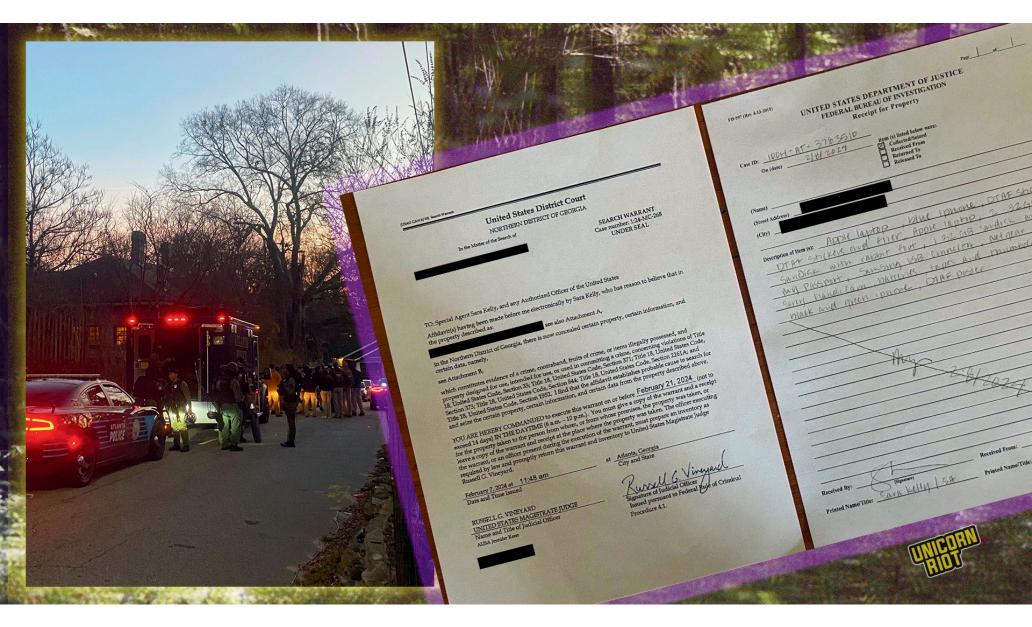
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Atlanta, GA — One APD vehicle was burned overnight as an initial response to the repressive operation of February 8, which involved three house raids and the arrest of John "Jack" Mazurek, who is being held without bail.

We wish to dispel any notion that people will take this latest wave of repression lying down, or that arresting alleged arsonists will deter future arsons.

Jack is accused of participating in the arson attack of July 1, 2023, when eight APD motorcyles were burned at the current police training center that Cop City is intended to replace. The group that claimed responsibility for that action called for the movement against Cop City to develop into an urban guerrilla struggle. This is still the only sensible course of action for anyone in Atlanta who considers themselves a serious revolutionary.

In light of recent arsons of construction equipment belonging to Cop City contractor Brent Scarbrough, the police needed to make a move to reassure their contractors and funders. Let's not panic or be discouraged; we have them on the back foot. We will answer their aggression by keeping up the pace of attacks.



Police from local, state and federal agencies raided three separate Atlanta homes early on the morning of Feb 8. Source: Atlanta Community Press Collective A copy of a warrant served at one of the three homes raided early Thursday shows police seized computers, electronic equipment, and stickers and fliers against 'Cop City' as evidence.