

An Exploration of BlueLeaks: Additional Insights on Gang Databases and Police Surveillance

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GEORGE FLOYD-RELATED DEMONSTRATIONS NATIONWIDE

Broward Sheriff's Office Strategic Investigations Division (BSO SID) developed this product to provide situational awareness of George Floyd-related disruptive demonstrations nationwide. These are some of the demonstrations that occurred, between Friday, May 29, 2020, to Sunday, May 31, 2020. Please note, this situational awareness will be updated with more events to follow.

Atlanta, Georgia



[\(Source: FOX5 – May 29, 2020\)](#)

Protesters were seen peacefully marching for George Floyd, but turned violent overnight. Police officers were seen grappling with protesters. Protesters vandalized and shattered the windows of the CNN Center and various businesses. A demonstrator burned an American flag, and a police vehicle was set on fire. The police exposed tear gas to disperse the crowds.

Boston, Massachusetts



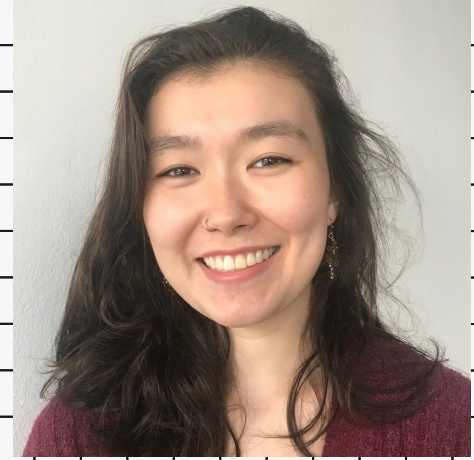
[\(Source: NBC Boston – May 29, 2020\)](#)

A peaceful Boston protest turned violent, with demonstrators and police clashing. The rally drew about a thousand people, resulting in 10 arrests. Protesters and police were seen on camera pushing and shoving before pepper spray was used. Four officers were hurt. The protest did not result in property damage seen elsewhere around the country.

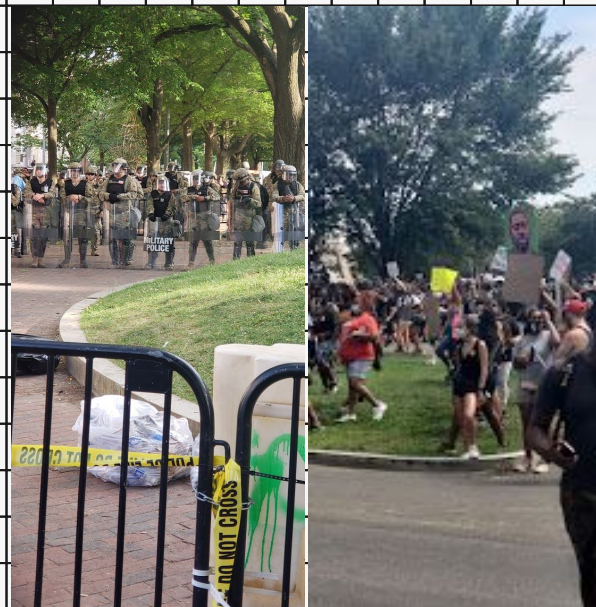
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- **Abolitionist, community organizer**
- **Inspired by Chicago Erase the Database movement**



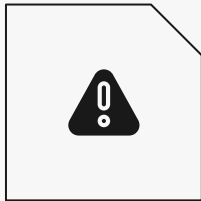
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- **Data trainer**



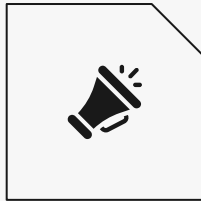
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***Difficult to
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[HOME](#) | [ABOUT THIS SITE](#) | [THE GANG THREAT](#) | [THE CURRENT EFFORT](#) | [WE NEED YOUR HELP](#) | [PARTNER LOGIN](#)



Help Capture Wanted San Antonio Gang Fugitives

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Report Gang Crimes

Help us identify gang related crimes within our community by submitting an anonymous tip. Click on the button below to submit a tip.

If this is an Emergency - Dial 911

[Submit Anonymous Tip](#)

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(U) SOCIAL MEDIA PRIVACY FEATURE REFERENCE GUIDE

(U//FOUO) New features in social media platforms enhance users' ability to share information privately, making it more difficult for law enforcement personnel to access the data for investigative purposes. This Snapshot provides a guide to the privacy features of some of the most popular social media applications, and an overview of the challenges they may present to investigators engaged in open source research.

The JRIC Snapshot



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(U) PLATFORM	(U) FEATURES	(U) CHALLENGES
 (U) FACEBOOK ^(U//FOUO) (U) Social networking Web site based in Menlo Park, CA. (U) Image source: Facebook.com	(U) Private messaging (U) Closed and secret groups (U) Varying degrees of privacy	(U) Private messaging: Hidden from public view. (U) Closed groups: Content and membership hidden from public view. (U) Secret groups: No overt indication of group's existence; non-searchable.
 (U) TWITTER ^(U//FOUO) (U) Micro-blogging Web site based in San Francisco, CA. (U) Image source: Twitter.com	(U) Direct messaging (U) Protected Tweets	(U) Direct messaging: Hidden from public view and displays no indication of use. Historical content is lost if deleted by one of the users. (U) Protected Tweets: Hidden from public view; do not appear in public search results on Twitter.
 (U) YOUTUBE ^(U//FOUO) (U) Video sharing Web site based in San Bruno, CA. Owned by Google ^(U//FOUO) (U) Image source: YouTube.com	(U) Private messaging (U) Private or unlisted videos	(U) Private videos: Not included in public search results; only available to specified Google users. (U) Unlisted videos: Not included in search results; viewable to anyone with link, including non-Google users.
 (U) INSTAGRAM ^(U//FOUO) (U) Photo/video sharing application based in San Francisco, CA. Owned by Facebook. (U) Image source: Shapcollage.com	(U) Instagram Direct (U) Private profiles	(U) Instagram Direct: Hidden from public view. (U) Private profiles: Require user's approval prior to gaining access.
 (U) SNAPCHAT ^(U//FOUO) (U) Photo/video sharing application based in Venice, CA. (U) Image source: NYTtimes.com	(U) Restrictive sharing and retention (U) Encrypted snaps and "stories"	(U) Retention: Sender may save photo/video prior to sharing. Receiver can take screenshots to save photos; sender is notified if screenshots are taken. (U) Snaps: Deleted within 10 seconds after viewing; after 30 days if unviewed. (U) Stories: Deleted after 24 hours.
 (U) SKYPE (U) Video chat service based in Luxembourg. (U) Image source: IconArchive.com	(U) Video and/or voice calls (U) Group chat and instant messaging (U) Video recording (U) File and screen sharing	(U) Intractable encryption: Instant messaging, file sharing, screen sharing, and video are secured with intractable encryption. Although voice messages are encrypted, once listened to, they are transferred from Skype's servers to the user's local machines and stored as unencrypted files.

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planned demonstrations, protests, rallies and marches



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All event information is subject to change.

Please keep in mind that social media acknowledgments are not accurate indicators of participation of these events. Please share with concerned personnel.

Information has been received that protestors may agitate officers to heighten the situation.

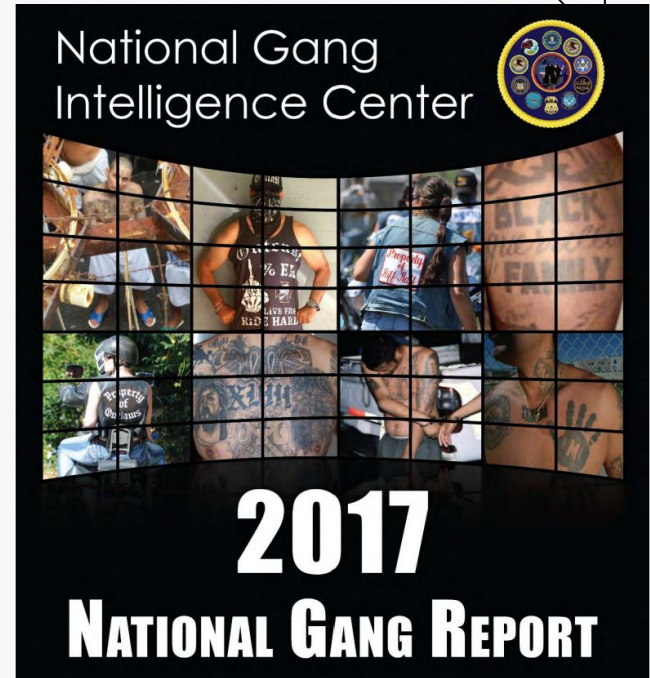
Daily Event Planned	** Daily Event ** Planned Protest At the Torch of Friendship 301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33132
Event: Date: Location:	White Coats for Black Lives Thursday, June 4, 2020, at 12:00 PM Alamo Park (across from Panera – 1611 NW 12 Avenue) https://twitter.com/07koofreedom/status/1266626650374631104?hsc=1 <i>At the present time, there is no indicator of how many people are interested in attending this event.</i>
Hosted by: Event: Date: Location:	The Dream Defenders Donation Drop for ACAB (All Cops Are Bastards) Thursday, June 4, 2020, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Kennedy Park, 2400 S. Bayshore Dr., Miami, FL 33133 https://twitter.com/marcelinefsteel/status/1267953434176680224 <i>At the present time, there is no indicator of how many people are interested in attending this event.</i>
Hosted by: Event: Date: Location:	Marceline Steel Key Biscayne Black Lives Matter Thursday, June 4, 2020, at 5:00 PM Mobil Gas Station, 38 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL 33149 <i>At the present time, there is no indicator of how many people are interested in attending this event.</i>
Hosted by:	Unknown at this time.

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Moving Forward

- **If we had more time and resources we would**
 - Submit FOIA requests for more recent gang database usage and social media surveillance outcomes
 - Do a deeper dive in Blueleaks to examine other surveillance funnels into gang databases
 - Compile a wider understand of how citizens' participation can contribute to surveilling their own communities



Sources



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