

CONCERN 40: WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT & PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT AS A RESULT OF BUREAUCRACIES RELYING ON SPLC LABELS, LISTS, TRAINING, & INTELLIGENCE.

As previously demonstrated, SPLC's Ryan Lenz gave conflicting interviews⁵⁷ to BLM & FBI investigators concerning an alleged conspiracy to incite the 2014 Bundy Standoff, that led to 3 court cases against multiple defendants. The SPLC was never deposed in court because this evidence was withheld from defendants by Federal prosecutors and the FBI.

At the time, BLM lead investigator, Larry Wooten, for the Bundy Standoff, became a whistleblower, noting in two separate memos⁵⁸⁻⁵⁹, multiple instances of SPLC's connection to the Bundy Standoff and concerns with law enforcement and prosecutorial bias and misconduct.



RYAN LENZ (SPLC) April 12, 2014 – Bundy Standoff

CONCERN: To this day, Agent Wooten has not been deposed under oath.

Federal judge Gloria Navarro, citing numerous Brady violations, 'gross due process violations,' and 'prosecutorial misconduct,' dismissed with prejudice⁶⁰ the criminal case against the Tier 1 defendants, the leaders of the Bundy Standoff. They spent 2+ years in prison.

Despite the dismissal, however, the 'least culpable' defendants from previous Tier 3 & Tier 2 cases, were either found guilty or plead guilty – one of them, Greg Burleson, the only 2014 defendant still in prison, was sentenced for 68 years⁶¹.

CONCERN: The FBI, allegedly using a fake media company – **Longbow Productions**⁶², lured Mr. Burleson to an interview, offered him alcohol, and used the footage as evidence in court – the primary evidence used to convict and sentence Mr. Burleson to 68 years in prison.

Another defendant, Todd Engel had his case overturned⁶³ by the Federal 9th Circuit – citing violations of 6th amendment – was released from prison and initiated a Federal 'wrongful imprisonment' lawsuit.

Another defendant, Eric Parker was thrown off the stand by Federal Judge Navarro for mentioning Federal snipers. He took a plea deal⁶⁴ before he knew the prosecution withheld evidence concerning snipers.

CONCERN: How much influence did SPLC's 2014 & 2015 BLM & FBI interviews, contribute to 'conspiracy' charges against Tier 3 & 2 Bundy Standoff defendants?

CONCERN: Did SPLC enable the FBI, BLM, and DOJ to engage in a multi-agency criminal conspiracy to commit fraud upon the court?

⁵⁷ <https://www.centerforselfgovernance.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/44-CSG-Concern-32-SPLC-Coordinating-wFederal-Govt.pdf>

⁵⁸ Wooten, L. (2017). MEMO #1 - *Whistleblower Larry Wooten Former Special Agent Bureau of Land Management Email*.

<https://www.scribd.com/document/367299399/Whistleblower-Larry-Wooten-former-Special-Agent-Bureau-of-Land-management-Email>

⁵⁹ Wooten, L. (2023). MEMO #2 - Wooten 2. Idaho Tribune. https://idahotribune.org/s/wooten-ii-compressed_1.pdf

⁶⁰ United States v. Bundy, et.al., Case No.: 2:16-cr-046-GMN-PAL. (2018). <https://media.oregonlive.com/oregon-standoff/other/2018/07/03/Navarrodenialgovtmotreconsider.pdf>

⁶¹ United States v Greg Burleson, No. 17-10319 (9th Cir. May. 24, 2023). <https://casetext.com/case/united-states-v-burleson-21#:~:text=Burleson%20was%20found%20guilty%20by,relation%20to%20a%20crime%20of>

⁶² Weiss, D. (2016). *Was Longbow Productions an FBI operation? Lawyer for standoff defendant seeks to toss interview*. ABA Journal.

https://www.abajournal.com/news/article/was_longbow_productions_an_fbi_operation_lawyer_for_standoff_defendant_seek

⁶³ United States v. Engel, No. 18-10293 (9th Cir. 2020). <https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/appellate-courts/ca9/18-10293/18-10293-2020-08-06.html>

⁶⁴ Ritter, K. (2017). *2 in Nevada standoff case take plea deals, avoid 3rd trial*. KMTV11. <https://www.kmvt.com/content/news/2-in-Nevada-standoff-case-take-plea-deals-avoid-3rd-trial-452853833.html>

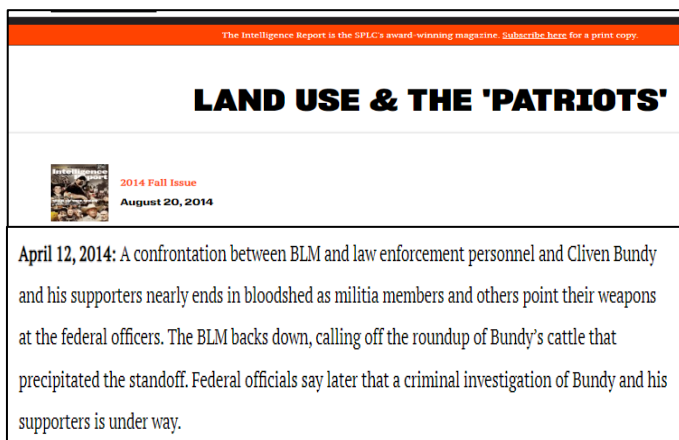
After the Bundy Standoff, SPLC, in its 2016 Intelligence Report⁶⁵, published an article written by Ryan Lenz, who gave conflicting 2014 & 2015 interviews to the BLM & , FBI, respectively, concerning the Bundy Standoff,

The SPLC Intelligence Report is sent to thousands of Local, State, and Federal Law enforcement entities across the United States, including the Department of Defense, and, to this day, SPLC capitalizes on the 2014 Bundy Standoff to (1) market itself as the primary arbiter of defining ‘Hate,’ ‘Extremism,’ ‘Anti-Government, and ‘White Supremacy,’ (2) identifying, labeling, and listing those who fit their ‘extremism’ definitions, and (3) providing intelligence and training to Federal, State, and Local bureaucrats nationwide.

CONCERN: The full magnitude and impact of SPLC’s influence on the Bundy Standoff case has yet to be fully investigated and understood.

At present, Tier 3 & 2 defendants have an ongoing ‘wrongful imprisonment’ lawsuit⁶⁶⁻⁶⁷⁻⁶⁸ against the Federal Government. The Federal judge advanced the case, beyond dismissal, to discovery and depositions.

CONCERN: As a result of the Federal judge’s decision to move forward with the case, the Federal Executive branch may decide to settle with Tier 1 & 2 defendants. If this happens, Agent Wooten will not be deposed under oath – again.



April 12, 2014: A confrontation between BLM and law enforcement personnel and Cliven Bundy and his supporters nearly ends in bloodshed as militia members and others point their weapons at the federal officers. The BLM backs down, calling off the roundup of Bundy’s cattle that precipitated the standoff. Federal officials say later that a criminal investigation of Bundy and his supporters is under way.



⁶⁵ Lenz, R. (2016). *The Bundys of Nevada orchestrated two armed standoffs with the government. After almost two years, they finally face justice.* Intelligence Project. <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/intelligence-report/2016/670-days>

⁶⁶ Engel v. United States, 2:22-cv-01040-WQH-EJY (D. Nev. Nov. 20, 2023). <https://casetext.com/case/engel-v-united-states-28>

⁶⁷ O’Shaughnessy et al v United States. Case No.: 2:22-cv-01039-WQH-EJY. <https://www.anylaw.com/case/o-shaughnessy-et-al-v-united-states/d-nevada/11-19-2023/v8qbRYwBqcoRgE-I3SrA>

⁶⁸ Newberg, K. (2023). *Bundy sues government over Bunkerville standoff prosecution.* Las Vegas Review-Journal. <https://www.reviewjournal.com/crime/courts/bundy-sues-government-over-bunkerville-standoff-prosecution-2929014/>