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*Advocating for Life, Faith, and Freedom in the Public Square*

To: Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee  
From: Chris Long, Ohio Christian Alliance President  
Re: Supporting testimony on S. B. 34 Statehouse Security

Thank you, Chairman Manning, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Minority Member Thomas, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, for receiving our testimony in support of S.B. 34, the Statehouse Security Bill. Eleven months ago, protests turned into riots in downtown Columbus. This committee represents the first time that the State Legislature has attempted to address the events that occurred at the Ohio Statehouse and our State Capitol in May and June of last year. In this testimony, we focus on the Statehouse vandalism and destruction of May 28<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup> of 2020.

Ohioans were shocked and dismayed that the People's House had become a target of vandalism by anarchists who were attempting to use the People's House to send a message, and that message was sent through violence and vandalism. Ohioans were stunned, wondering why such security breaches occurred and were allowed, resulting in vandalism and destruction at the historic Ohio Statehouse.

The vandalism and destruction that the Ohio Statehouse suffered in May and June of 2020 was the first time that the Ohio Statehouse had become a target of such wonton vandalism and destruction in its 163-year history. The Ohio Statehouse actually housed Union troops during the Civil War, and Abraham Lincoln, the great abolitionist President, visited the Statehouse in 1859, speaking for two hours against the evils of slavery. He visited again on his way to Washington to take his oath of office, and his final visit was when his body laid in state at the Rotunda after his assassination. The Ohio Statehouse does not represent oppression or slavery or racism. It represents the People's House in a representative form of government. The doors are open to the public to share their views on public policy. There was no reason for the violence or vandalism, but one cannot argue with a mob. S.B. 34 represents another step forward in the rule of law. It will increase the penalties for arson and related offenses, criminal damaging and endangering, and provides additional modern high-definition security cameras.

As you will read in this report, the current cameras were of no use to law enforcement in pursuing charges against the perpetrators for the damages that occurred on May 28<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Included in this report are the following exhibits:

Exhibit 1 A transcript interview with County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien. Please note pages 4 – 8 with attention on pp 7 and 8 to the description of how Prosecutor O'Brien had to use other surveillance sources to identify the perpetrators of the June 18<sup>th</sup> painting vandalism. This highlights the need for the high-definition security cameras for Statehouse security.

- Exhibit 2      Copies of the Ohio State Highway Patrol incident report for both May 28<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>. Included is Governor Mike DeWine's statement urging Superintendent Fambro and the Ohio State Highway Patrol to protect the People's House.
- Exhibit 3      The Columbus Police Department call log of May 28<sup>th</sup>. A link is provided to the full 35-page call log that was obtained by public records request. Included in this exhibit are the 2 pages highlighting the calls and description of the destruction that occurred at the Ohio Statehouse. Special note: Highlighted on second page is a report that rioters were planning to break into the Statehouse and set it on fire (live feed).
- Exhibit 4      War Zone Columbus, a report from eyewitnesses and local residents who live in the immediate downtown area on the events of May 28<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>.

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Speaker 1:

Welcome to News in Focus with your host, Chris Long, President of the Ohio Christian Alliance. Stay tuned for an analysis and conversation about the issues that matter most to you and your family.

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Here now with this week's edition of News in Focus is Chris Long.

Host Chris Long:

And good afternoon, and welcome to this edition of News in Focus. We're glad that you've joined us. We're going to be talking about what happened in Columbus earlier this year during the protest that turned riots in downtown Columbus. And of course, Columbus hosts our State Capitol, where our State Capitol is, the State Supreme Court, the Rhodes Center which is where the attorney general's offices are and other state offices. And on May 28th, there was a protest that turned riots that became very destructive in downtown Columbus.

Host Chris Long:

We've reported that on this program, and of course, as the State House itself became the target of severe vandalism that night as windows were broken and the front door was compromised, and actually, anarchists, at that point, entered the building. There was only a handful of highway patrol on guard that night and needed assistance by Columbus Police to discharge those who had broken into the building.

Host Chris Long:

Again on June 18th, there was another act of vandalism, again, which we have reported on this program, and that was in broad daylight as protestors then went onto the State House grounds with buckets of paint and began to smear the pillars, the steps, the monuments, the state motto on the State House grounds, actually creating damages that amounted upwards of \$160,000, and that price has gone up of what it's going to charge the taxpayers.

Host Chris Long:

Well, the city prosecutor did not follow through with... as no arrests were made, at least, on May 28th. There were no arrests immediately on June 18th. But we have a report for you, an update, but let's go to that Channel Six report of when this all first happened. This is ABC Channel Six in Columbus.

Speaker 3:

The State House has been a repeated target, and Governor DeWine is vowing to put a stop to it. Geoff Redick, live at the State House tonight with more.

Speaker 3:

So Jeff, how does he plan to do that?

Geoff Redick:

Well, you're going to see a lot more armed presence from troopers with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. For example, you can see them now. Four to six of them have been posted by the McKinley Monument

here out front. They're also posted at the main entrances to the State House and way up there, you can see they're also still posted outside the Columbus Monument which has seen some vandalism too.

Geoff Redick:

This is all a much greater police presence than we had seen over the last two weeks. And that's because vandals had, again, splashed paint, including red hand prints and words against police across the building last week. And eventually, it took a private company to wash off much of the vandalism.

Geoff Redick:

This is a part of protesting that the governor believes has no place in Columbus. He says he will not tolerate it and neither will the highway patrol.

Governor DeWine:

My instructions to them is that when there is vandalism, when there is any act that's illegal, they are to investigate it, and they are to take that... once they get the case and to take that to prosecution, and we're going to seek prosecution [inaudible 00:03:31].

Geoff Redick:

The governor had also noted that small businesses in Columbus have seen vandalism as well. He said that that is also not to be tolerated because these are businesses owned by men and women who've put work into them for many years and don't deserve to see their dreams dashed by vandals.

Geoff Redick:

Now, the governor also said he had spoken with Mayor Ginther about what's gone on in the city and says that he's instructed the highway patrol to also take action against anybody who carries out any kind of violence out here where protests have happened. Violence against police, he says, will also not be tolerated near the grounds of the State House and will be prosecuted as well.

Geoff Redick:

Live at the State House, I'm Geoff Redick, ABC Six News.

Host Chris Long:

And of course, that was a report by ABC Channel Six in Columbus earlier this summer. Since that time, of course, the city attorney has not followed through with arrests and/or prosecutions, even though there were arrests on the night of May 28th. There were 14 arrests, originally, on May 28th of the damages at the State House, but those charges were dropped, were not pursued by the city attorney.

Host Chris Long:

Now, the county prosecutor is Ron O'Brien. He's with us on the phone, and he did take up the cause, and he has pursued the investigation.

Host Chris Long:

Let me read this to you from the highway patrol after the governor had made a statement. In fact, the governor stated this, "I have spoken with Ohio State Highway Patrol, Colonel Richard Fambro, about

security at the Ohio State House. And I shared with him my anger and disgust at the vandalism that occurred there yesterday. I support the right to peacefully protest. However, defacing, damaging, and vandalizing our State Capitol and its grounds are wrong, and such actions are criminal. The Ohio State Highway Patrol is conducting a criminal investigation into these yesterday's acts, and they will send their findings to the appropriate authorities for potential prosecution."

Host Chris Long:

Well, we have good news in that there has been indictments that have come down. Arrests have been made. Indictments have come down and really, that's thanks, in large part, to the gentleman that's on the phone with me right now, and that's Franklin County Prosecutor, Ron O'Brien.

Host Chris Long:

Mr. O'Brien, welcome to the program.

Guest Ron O'Brien:

Thank you, Chris. I appreciate the invitation to talk a little bit about these cases that arose from the protests and the riots here in Columbus.

Host Chris Long:

You had talked about... when we were on the phone and talked about downtown, these days, recently, has looked like a war zone as many buildings have been boarded up due to all the broken glass on the frontage of many businesses and restaurants downtown, and being a public policy representative myself with the Ohio Christian Alliance, representing people of faith across the state in the many travels I've taken to Columbus and to our state house, it was really disturbing to see our State Capitol in the downtown area look this way.

Host Chris Long:

Your thoughts?

Guest Ron O'Brien:

Well, I think what I used in our conversation is exactly how it looked. It looked like a war zone with or plywood and boards all over buildings in the downtown area, whether they are office buildings, churches, restaurants, and broken glass laying on the ground in front until it was cleaned up. We had the problem that you related to where, actually, someone was arrested inside the State House in auditor Keith Faber's office in the State House and others who went in after they took a heavy iron trashcan and broke out a window in the State House on the side that faces High Street and actually crawled through the window there and were arrested inside.

Guest Ron O'Brien:

So we have taken... much like the news clip that you just played for your listeners, I, at least, have taken the view that certainly everybody has a right to protest peacefully, and most of the people here in downtown Columbus were protesting peacefully and exercising their First Amendment rights. But there were some others that used that peaceful process as a vehicle to engage in violent conduct, to vandalize businesses, vandalize the State House and other property. And if we could prove a case, I told the highway patrol, the Columbus Police and actually, I was working with the Columbus Police daily through

this timeframe that if we have a case and someone's engaged in violent conduct or property damage, we want to prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law.

Guest Ron O'Brien:

And we have, I think today, 20 indictments against individuals who engaged in various crimes of either vandalism, arson, looting, robbery, and fleeing the police when the police may chase them, weapons offenses. We had one man who was arrested on the corner where City Hall sits at Broad and Front with a AK-47 kind of weapon. And we indicted him for... he was on probation for robbery. We indicted him for having a weapon under disability, [inaudible 00:09:09] the prior robbery conviction, and actually, after his arrest and indictment here, we worked with a federal prosecutor, Dave DeVillers, who used to be in charge of our Gang Unit here in our office. He was appointed by President Trump to be the United States Attorney last year. And we dropped our case because he took the case federally where the penalty can be up to 20 years in prison if you're a felon in possession of a firearm in a riotous kind of situation.

Guest Ron O'Brien:

So we have tried to work not only with the FBI on people that we believed had traveled to Columbus to engage in violent conduct as part of infiltrating the protests, and the US Attorney's office, Columbus Police, and the highway patrol have agreed wholeheartedly with Governor DeWine that violent conduct, as part of the protest, won't be tolerated if we can prove it.

Guest Ron O'Brien:

As you might suspect, and here's part of the problem, Chris, is people who were engaging in this conduct, even if the police had on body cams or if you have surveillance video, they were wearing masks because of the pandemic. And we're having difficulty identifying who they were. And that's what took us so long to charge the people that defaced with red paint the State House grounds you talked about earlier.

Host Chris Long:

Let's talk about that in just a minute about... because there's two dates of real incidents. May 28th, of course, was the major rioting that took place in downtown Columbus. We previously had on this program members of the NAACP of Ohio, Pastor John Coats who serves as an officer of the state commission. And he said, "We were not invited to this so-called peaceful protest." He said, "I went down there. I heard about it on the news that night. I am a resident of Columbus," he says, "a long-time resident. I went downtown to see what was happening." And he said, "I saw instruments of destruction. I saw frozen water bottles. I saw boards with nails in them. I saw pallets with concrete," and he said, "I saw people urging others to commit acts of vandalism and destruction and rioting downtown." He eyewitnessed that.

Host Chris Long:

We put that in a report we called War Zone Columbus Still Boarded Up. And we took the eyewitness reports that we had gleaned by talking to law enforcement, actually, that were on duty that night, the men that actually arrested those at the State House, that also people who live downtown in condominium units. And it's block after block after block.

Host Chris Long:

And I know, Ron, you care about your county. You care about this city, and I know it breaks your heart to see it. And obviously, we agree with the right of peaceful protest, but this wasn't. This was anarchy, and it was those who... actually, there were outside agitators, according to some that came in, to actually instigate and urge people on for destruction.

Host Chris Long:

But the State House itself is a symbol of the people's house of where we do peaceful civil dialogue. We may disagree on issues, but we do it in a peaceful way of exchange. That is our form of representative government. And for that to show 26 windows broken out, all the first floor windows broken out that night, the front doors compromised, destruction that took place inside is very disturbing.

Host Chris Long:

And indeed, and we appreciate that you have followed up where city government actually has failed the state government in not pursuing prosecutions of these individuals. Your office has pursued them, and we're appreciative of that.

Host Chris Long:

I was able to obtain a police report through our network of volunteers. It was actually the call log, the Columbus Police call log from May 28th, that night. It's 35 pages long. It basically is the transmission between the officers in the street back with dispatch with each line item of each alarm, Ron, that went off in every building that was going off because those alarms go back to the police station. It's 35 pages of it. And then, of course, all the different destruction that was going on your office is pursuing.

Host Chris Long:

How many indictments do we have right now from those who have committed destruction? What's your office have? 20... how many, again? 20?

Guest Ron O'Brien:

It's a total of 20 individuals that are indicted. Some of the indictments have multiple counts. For example, disrupting public services, inducing panic, vandalism, and tampering with evidence because they attempted to dispose of the pellet gun they used to shoot out the window of the bus. That's just one case I mentioned.

Guest Ron O'Brien:

But the most egregious case I would like to tell you about is a fellow who, on his way downtown, decided to come downtown. He stopped at a corner grocery store, bought some lighter fluids, some Corona beer, and some socks, went outside, dumped the beer out of the bottles, put the lighter fluid in the bottles and then put the socks in the bottles as a wick and came downtown with six Molotov cocktails he made, carrying them, walked downtown.

Guest Ron O'Brien:

When he got in the area of Broad and Grant or between Grant and Cleveland Avenue, he started throwing these Molotov cocktails, after he lit socks, at police officers who were wearing riot gear as luckily, they were. And over a period of the next several hours, he threw rocks, bottles, Molotov cocktails at police.

Guest Ron O'Brien:

And then, and luckily this is on social media, he broke into the ADAM-H Building, which is the Alcohol Drug Abuse Mental-Health Agency, for Franklin County. Broke into the building, and we have that on video. And he set a couch in the lobby on fire, and you can actually see him standing over this fire that is arching upward. And we ended up... when everything was put out by the fire department, both the fire and water damage was a quarter million dollars. Luckily this person, because we had his photo on social media, we were able to identify him, arrest him, and he's charged with aggravated arson. He's charged with felonious assault for attempting to cause harm to the officers by throwing Molotov cocktails at them. He also lit on fire a nearby building after he started the fire on the couch in the ADAM-H Building.

Guest Ron O'Brien:

And here, what was that doing to remedy the incidents that he or anybody else was protesting? It was just violent conduct that luckily didn't cause harm, serious harm to officers. And then burning down a county building that's designed to service those that need help the most. It's just... disturbing understates it.

Host Chris Long:

Is that individual being held in jail while he awaits trial?

Guest Ron O'Brien:

He was in jail, and we filed a motion he be held in jail, but there was a very large bond set to, I'm going to say, a million dollars, I think it was a million and a half, by the municipal court judge. But when he got over to Common Pleas Court, the bond was reduced. It was still substantial, and his family posted it, so he is out of jail and actually is, they say, in some kind of rehab treatment program, but he is not in jail. He was probably for maybe two or three weeks after his original arrest.

Host Chris Long:

And he is awaiting trial on these very serious charges.

Host Chris Long:

We're talking with Franklin County Prosecutor, Ron O'Brien, and of course, Franklin County is where the City of Columbus is in central Ohio and where our state government is hosted and of course, unfortunately, the scene of riots on May 28th and then again on June 18th as paint vandalism took place to the State House.

Host Chris Long:

Now, Ron, as we heard on that audio clip earlier in the program, this paint actually... they had to hire a contractor with special equipment. When they first came out to try to power wash it out the next couple of days, they realized that the power wash unit was destroying some of the sandstones, so they had to rethink how they were going to do it, and they had to hire and acquire some special equipment for the paint removal. This is not just simple paint. And of course, this was really expensive damages and between the broken windows and the paint vandalism, it amounted to \$160,000, but that cost is bound to go higher.

Host Chris Long:

You have some indictments on the June 18th event. Let's talk about that, the painting incident. In fact, in other words, we could say you caught them red-handed. Tell us how that happened.

Guest Ron O'Brien:

Yes, actually, how the people were identified because the highway patrol stopped some people who were heading towards the steps in the front of the State House and thought that they had prevented them from doing that. And while they went inside, another group arrived, and they painted, put their hands in the red paint in the cans and then put their red paint handprints on those probably six-inch diameter columns that are across the front of the State House and then on the steps, probably 8 or 10, 12 steps.

Guest Ron O'Brien:

Some of that is marble going up to enter the State House which that material was porous. And so when you got paint on it, it went into the columns and went into the concrete and the marble. And it was very difficult, as you just mentioned, to remove.

Guest Ron O'Brien:

So they had and did hire a special cleaning crew to do that. And they did get it cleaned up, but the delay in getting some charges filed on that and actually on the fellow that broke into the State House. The question initially was was it a criminal trespass, which is a misdemeanor, that would be handled by the city attorney's office, or was it something more serious, such as vandalism with damage to government property, that would make it a felony, where we would handle it?

Guest Ron O'Brien:

And so we did further investigation, first trying to identify the people and luckily, the people that had the red paint in front of the State House, they bragged about it to some news media, and we were able to, through that process, identify who two of them were. And then the highway patrol and the Columbus Police reviewed their body cams to see if they could see who the individuals may have been that were... and they identified two other people that way.

Guest Ron O'Brien:

So right now, there are three people charged with vandalism, criminal damage, and then criminal mischief for the red paint incident. And there is a fourth that we have a file on who's not yet been charged, but he was just identified through that process of looking at the surveillance video which, I might add, as a result of these incidents that we found that the surveillance cameras inside the State House itself were old enough that they were very poor pictures in. You actually couldn't identify the people that were trespassing in the State House after they broke in. And I've had a conversation with Senator Andrew Brenner who is going to get some money in the budget this year to improve the surveillance cameras-

Host Chris Long:

That's right. High resolution cameras for the State House.

Guest Ron O'Brien:

... exactly because we'll have a robbery at a small grocery store, and they had better video equipment to identify the robber of a small corner grocery store than they had in our State House which I found somewhat amazing, Chris.

Host Chris Long:

Well, that's right. And so-

Guest Ron O'Brien:

And kudos to Andrew Brenner who is a long-time public servant here in central Ohio that he's picking it up and doing something over it.

Host Chris Long:

... well, and he has a bill right now that will make it a third degree felony for anyone committing acts of vandalism or destruction at state property. That would include the State House, the State Supreme Court, the Rhodes Center, anything to do with the auditor's office, attorney general, secretary of state or any statue display of the state. It would be a third degree felony.

Host Chris Long:

And then, again, there was vandalism, paint vandalism to the war memorials at the State House and our state motto. This is what was very disturbing of what people saw in the reports in the media. And of course, we report it as an organization because we encourage people to go to the State House, to weigh in on public policy and to share with legislators your views on public policy.

Host Chris Long:

And so for this to... The State House, after 163 years without any known vandalism that like we have seen this year on May 28th and June 18. So it is good to know that somebody is taking the reins here and is going to prosecute those who committed these damages.

Host Chris Long:

Mr. Prosecutor, we appreciate that. Obviously, if these people are convicted, they're looking at jail time. Yes?

Guest Ron O'Brien:

Yes, yes. All of the people we had, and I might tell you, there were 141 arrests. 122 of them were misdemeanors, and 19 were felonies. And so far, we have indicted 20 people out of the protests and riots.

Host Chris Long:

Well, thank-

Guest Ron O'Brien:

[crosstalk 00:23:36] we're happy with that result.

Host Chris Long:

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... very good. And so we'll make your press release available. Also, information will be available at our website. We've run out of time, but thanks for being my guest today.

Guest Ron O'Brien:

Thank you for the invitation, and good luck with your fine work.

Host Chris Long:

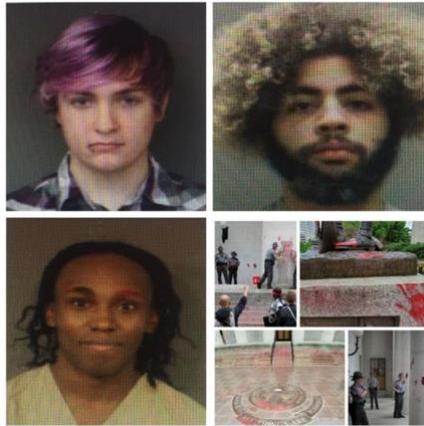
Thank you. And again, that's County Prosecutor, Ron O'Brien from Franklin County. We'll be right back after these messages. Don't go away.

Speaker 7:

Almighty God, our sons, pride of our nation, this day...



**Caught them red-handed** - Indictments handed down for Statehouse destruction and vandalism of the red paint act of vandalism that occurred at the Ohio Statehouse on the afternoon of June 18th of this year. Felony charges have been filed. [Here is a link to the indictments from Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien.](#)



**COLUMBUS POLICE REPORT - Call log of alarms, calls, and engagement with protesting rioters on the night of May 28th in downtown Columbus.**

**Click on this link to read the entire report!** **Breaking News - On pages 13 and 14 of the report, some of the rioting anarchists that had broken into the Ohio Statehouse on the night of May 28 intended to set the Statehouse on fire, according to this report.** This 35-page report is a chronological timeline of the police calls that came in and the business alarms that went off throughout the downtown area on the riotous night of May 28th this year in downtown Columbus. Twenty-seven windows of the Ohio Statehouse, the front door was compromised, and the building was rushed and ransacked by anarchists. The handful of highway patrolmen who were on duty that night were shaken by the experience. Columbus Police came to their aid, deploying tear gas and wood bullets (knee-knockers) at the anarchists. Fourteen arrests were made that night, but Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein dropped the charges.

**Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien picked up the ball and held those who committed the crimes accountable.**



Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien and his team investigated the crimes and researched the videotapes and body cams from Highway Patrol and Columbus Police. His office has charged 20 individuals with felony indictments. A number of these individuals have been charged on multiple counts of criminal damaging, vandalism, aggravated arson, aggravated riot, and other related charges.

**NEW WINDOWS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AT THE OHIO STATEHOUSE**





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**Ohio State Highway Patrol  
Initial Incident Report**

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APPROVING OFFICER: Sgt. Shirey, Vincent B	UNIT NUMBER: 1726	DATE: 6/23/2020

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Incident Summary

Windows were being broken on the west side of the Statehouse. Subject's were using garbage can tops and containers to break windows. Subject was taken into custody by Columbus Police.

Reporting Officer: <b>Sgt. Shirey, Vincent B</b>	Unit No: <b>1726</b>	Date: <b>5/28/2020</b>
Approving Officer: <b>Sgt. Shirey, Vincent B</b>	Unit No: <b>1726</b>	Date: <b>6/23/2020</b>

State of Ohio HP-26 10-0157-00 Rev. 08/01/2003		CAD Number: P20061800001587		INCIDENT NUMBER 20 122007 0001		INCIDENT TYPE Offense			
NATURE CODE: 781 Malicious Destruction of Property				CLEARANCE CODE: I		COMPLETION DATE :			
GEO CODE: Statehouse (Permanent Security), Ohio						A DEATH OF OFFENDER B PROSECUTION DECLINED C EXTRADITION DECLINED D VICTIM REFUSED TO COOPERATE E JUVENILE / NO CUSTODY F ARREST - ADULT			
Detailed GEO Code: Statehouse						G ARREST - JUVENILE H WARRANT ISSUED I INVESTIGATION PENDING J CLOSED K UNFOUNDED U UNKNOWN Z COLD CASE			
TOD:						CLEARANCE DATE/TIME		CLEARED BY	
TOA:								1225	
SPECIAL SECTION: Investigative Services									

**Ohio State Highway Patrol  
Initial Incident Report**

REPORT DATE / TIME				INCIDENT OCCURED FROM				INCIDENT OCCURED TO			
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	TIME	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	TIME	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	TIME
6	19	2020	15:33	6	18	2020	15:33	6	18	2020	15:33
COUNTY: Franklin County				FIPS Code: (18000) Columbus							
INCIDENT LOCATION / REF PT. (Street, Apt, City, State, Zip): 1 Capital Square, Columbus, Ohio - 43215				LATITUDE 39:57:40.85		LONGITUDE 82:59:56.30		K9 USED		TYPE OF SEARCH:	

OFFENSE (OFFENSE CODE)	Count	Hate Bias	A/C	F/M & Degree	TYPE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY	
(2909.05B2) Vandalism _ government entity	1	N	C	F-4	(ENTER UP TO 3 FOR EACH OFFENSE) B - BUYING / RECEIVING C - CULTIVATING/MANUFACTURING/PUB D - DISTRIBUTING / SELLING E - EXPLOITING CHILDREN G - OTHER GANG J - JUVENILE GANG N - NO GANG INVOLVED O - OPERATING/PROMOTING/ASSISTING P - POSSESSING / CONCEALING T - TRANSPORTING / TRANSMITTING U - USING / CONSUMING	

LOCATION OF THE OFFENSE				LARCENY TYPE
07	COMMERCIAL LOCATIONS	32 Clothing Store 33 Drug Store 34 Liquor Store 35 Shopping Mall 36 Sporting Goods 37 Grocery / Supermarket 38 Variety / Convenience 39 Department Store 40 Other Retail Store 41 Factory / Mill / Plant 42 Other Building	51 Public Transit Vehicle 52 Other Outside Location	23A Pocket Picking 23B Purse Snatching 23C Shoplifting 23D Theft from building 23E Theft from Coin-Op Machine 23F Theft from Motor Vehicle 23G Motor Vehicle Parts/Access 24O Theft of Motor Vehicle 23H Other
	RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE	15 Auto Shop 16 Financial Institution 17 Barber / Beauty Shop 18 Hotel / Motel 19 Dry Cleaners / Laundry 20 Professional Office 21 Doctor's Office 22 Other Business Office 23 Amusement Center 24 Rental Storage Facility 25 Other Commercial Service	53 Abandoned/Condemned Structure 54 Amusement Park 55 Arena/Stadium/Fairgrounds/Coliseum 56 Atm Machine Separate From Bank 57 Camp/Campground 58 Cargo Container 59 Daycare Facility 60 Dock/Wharf/Freight/Modal Terminal 61 Farm Facility 62 Gambling Facility/Casino/Race Track 63 Military Installation 64 Rest Area 65 Shelter-Mission/Homeless 66 Tribal Lands 67 Library 77 Other Location	<input type="checkbox"/> ALCOHOL <input type="checkbox"/> DRUGS <input type="checkbox"/> COMPUTER EQUIP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/> CARGO THEFT
	PUBLIC ACCESS BUILDING	06 Transit Facility 07 Government Office 08 School 09 College 10 Church 11 Hospital 12 Jail/Prison 13 Parking Garage 14 Other Public Access	OUTSIDE 43 Yard 44 Construction Site 45 Lake / Waterway 46 Field / Woods 47 Street 48 Parking Lot 49 Park / Playground 50 Cemetery	

METHOD OF OPERATION:

METHOD OF ENTRY	METHOD OF ENTRY - BURGLARY / B&E						METHOD OF ENTRY - MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT		
<input type="checkbox"/> Force <input type="checkbox"/> No Force	ENTRY	EXIT	ENTRY	EXIT	ENTRY	EXIT	01 MOTOR RUNNING/ KEYS IN CAR 02 UNLOCKED 03 DUPLICATE KEY USED 04 WINDOW BROKEN 05 TOWED 06 HOT WIRED 07 SLIM JIM/COAT HANGER 08 TUMBLERS REMOVED 09 COLUMN PEELED 10 IGNITION PEELED		
	1 BASEMENT 2 1 ST FLOOR 3 2 ND FLOOR 4 OTHER 5 UNKNOWN		1 DOOR 2 WINDOW 3 GARAGE 4 SKYLIGHT 5 OTHER 6 UNKNOWN		1 FRONT 2 SIDE 3 REAR 4 ROOF 5 OTHER 6 UNKNOWN				
No. Premises Entered									
TYPE OF WEAPON FORCE :		None							
REQUESTING AGENCY:									

REPORTING OFFICER: Tpr. Garrett, Joshua D	UNIT NUMBER: 1225	DATE: 6/19/2020
APPROVING OFFICER: Sgt. Boysel, James A	UNIT NUMBER: 0010	DATE: 6/25/2020

ADMINISTRATIVE

OFFENSE



INCIDENT NO. 20 122007 0001	REPORT DATE / TIME 6/19/2020 15:33	PHOTO POUCH NO. GHQ00-21198
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Incident Summary

The Ohio Statehouse was vandalized by unknown persons.

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“I have spoken with Ohio State Highway Patrol Col. Richard Fambro about security at the Ohio Statehouse, and I shared with him my anger and disgust at the vandalism that occurred there yesterday.

“I support the right to peacefully protest. However, defacing, damaging, and vandalizing our state capitol and its grounds are wrong, and such actions are criminal. The Ohio State Highway Patrol is conducting a criminal investigation into yesterday’s acts, and they will send their findings to the appropriate authorities for potential prosecution.”



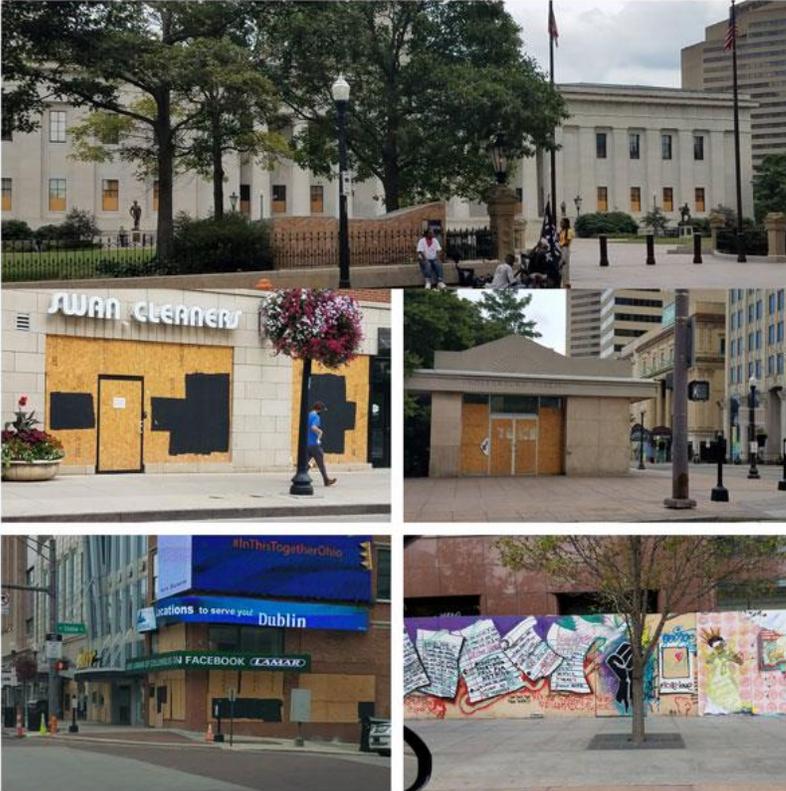
**MIKE DEWINE**  
**GOVERNOR OF OHIO**

**COPY**

HOLD FOR NOW  
OVERWATCH HAS A GOOD VIEW OF EO BUT NOT WO HIGH  
OVERWATCH 1 PEOPLE ON THE UNDERGROUND GARAGE ACCESS  
6'14 MARCONI/BROAD NO SB  
ON THE ROOF OF THE UNDERGROUND GARAGE  
550 OVERHEAD IN 4MINS  
118 ENR TO EOC FOR WATER  
62 HAS WATER FRONT/GAY AS WELL  
Alarm Timer Extended: 0  
\*\* LOI search completed at 05/28/20 22:51:57  
888 -- CHANGED LOCATION TO GAY/FRONT  
Alarm Timer Extended: 0  
WATER IS ON SCENE  
RAN NB PEARL UNDER THE SCAFFOLDING  
TAKING BOTTLES FROM THE SOUTH WITH HORSE BROAD/HIGH  
PER 415 THROWING BOTTLES DIRECTLY AT THE OFFICERS FACES  
HORSES TAKING BOTTLES AND ROCKS  
START PUSHING THEM EB MAK: SURE THEY HAVE RTES EAST AND  
SOUTH  
TAKE THE STREET  
WATER IS COMING FROM SE CORNER AT THE GARAGE  
OVERWATCH 1 TIGHTENING **BACK** UP BROAD/HIGH  
Alarm Timer Extended: 0  
MB ORG SHIRT LONG DREADS W/A TEC 9 AND HIS FINGER ON THE  
TRIGGER  
NEED 1 UNIT FROM BROAD/FRONT TO COME EB BACK UP WALKIE  
AND BIKE UNITS TO KEEP  
THE GROUND THEY GAINED  
1106 HEADED THAT WAY  
9192 TAKING ROCKS  
CRTS TAKING ROCKS AT PIZZA RUSTINCAS  
RW ONE SEES COUPLE WITH ORANGE SHIRTS BUT NONE WITH 33  
YET  
ANYONE AT OSP THAT CAN **GET** THEM OFF THE ROOF FROM  
THROWING BOTTLES  
THROWING GLASS BOTTLES  
CMDR 4 IS TAKING GLASS BOTTLES  
ROLLING TRASH CANS IFO OFFICERS  
BREAKING GLASS ON BUS STOP ON EAST SIDE OF BROAD/HIGH SO  
HIGH/STATE THROWING TRASH CANS AND PLANTERS  
Alarm Timer Extended: 0  
240 HNB SECURITY SAYS THEY ARE THROWING SCOOTERS AT THE  
GLASS DOORS  
GLASS BALLS DEPLOYED  
TAKING BOTTLES AT STATE/HIGH  
L3C -- CHANGED LOCATION TO @HQ:SALLYPORT  
S9C -- CHANGED LOCATION TO @HQ:SALLYPORT  
S13C -- CHANGED LOCATION TO @HQ:SALLYPORT  
L2C -- CHANGED LOCATION TO @HQ:SALLYPORT  
4 OFFICERS AT STATE/HIGH  
BREAKING GLASS OUT OF THE BUS STOP  
Alarm 17mer Extended: 0  
SUE -- CHANGED LOCATION TO @HQ:SALLYPORT  
S16C -- CHANGED LOCATION TO @HQ:SALLYPORT  
HIGH NO STATE ON EAST SIDE TRYING TO SET SOMETHING ON  
FIRE IN THE TREE LINE  
CLIMBING LIGHT POLE SO SLIT STOP TRYING TO BRK THE BULB  
W/A SKATEBOARD  
Alarm Timer Extended: 0  
Alarm Timer Extended: 0  
RYING TO BRK THE FENCE ON HIGH ST STATE PROP  
AKING ROCKS NEAR POT BELL-Y  
BREAKING WINDOWS AT THE STATE HOUSE WITH TRASH CANS  
HOLDS THE STRE WITH CRUISERS  
BIKE NEED TO RESP TO STATE HOUSE  
MOST DAMAGE IS HAPPENING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE STATE  
HOUSE  
24ADV TROUBLE BREATHING BROAD/HIGH COME IN FROM NORTH  
FORCING ENTRY TO STATE HOUSE



## War Zone Columbus Still Boarded Up



Protests turned into riots on May 28th as outside agitators provided implements of destruction to conduct riotous activities on Broad and High Streets. Businesses and restaurants became targets of the destruction as rioters broke windows and doors and then began looting. The Ohio Statehouse itself was targeted with 27 broken windows, the front doors were compromised, and the building was rushed and ransacked by anarchists. The handful of Highway Patrolmen who were on duty that night were shaken by the experience. Columbus Police came to their aid, deploying teargas and firing wooden bullets (knee-knockers) at the anarchists. Fourteen arrests were made, but all charges have since been dropped by the City Law Director Zach Klien.

**In other events of that night,** building after building, including the Rhode's Center, the State

Supreme Court, and the Attorney General's office building all had windows broken and were vandalized. Condominium housing units also had their first-floor plate glass windows shattered. Block after block of destruction can be seen in the photographic evidence as the scars of the late May and early June riots remain, as many downtown businesses have yet to reopen, and many may not reopen.

According to reports, in the Capitol Square district it still remains difficult to buy a sandwich or drink downtown in the immediate area of Capital Square.

Video footage from cell phones and still frame photography captured by some State Representatives in the following days tell the story of the extent of the damage caused by rioting and looting that took place in the capital city.

Long-time city residents have been shaken by the experience. Many will now not venture downtown. In the weeks following the May 28<sup>th</sup> riot, continued stories of flash mob protestors stopping vehicles and city buses were reported (look up story ABC Channel 6). Personal testimonies of some Statehouse staffers report that in the days following May 28<sup>th</sup>, and for the next few weeks, their cars were surrounded by protestors upon leaving the building, were hit on, and had bottles thrown at them. A frightening experience for anyone. The Columbus Police report that the downtown area is now an untenable crime district. They warn citizens to be cautious at all times.

Paul, a resident who lives one block away from Cap Square in a condominium on the Olentangy River, reports that his condominium unit had all its first floor windows busted out. He serves on the condominium residents

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committee that addresses security issues. That's where he learned about another near-by condominium tower in which rioters rushed up the stairwells the night of May 28<sup>th</sup> to the second and third floors. Residents had their doors hammered on by rioters who yelled at them to open the doors or they were going to burn down the building. The Columbus SWAT team was deployed to discharge the rioters.

This went unreported in the local news. The Columbus media has been limited in their coverage of the extent of the damages and the terror that has been unleashed on downtown residents.

Columbus police reports corroborate the events of May 28<sup>th</sup> that we have been pieced together through numerous eyewitness reports. There is a 40-page police call log that details the rioting and looting on the evening of May 28<sup>th</sup>. Copies of this report will be provided to members of the State Legislature.

Pastor John Coats of the Interdenominational Ministers Association and elected member of the NAACP of Ohio shared his eyewitness reports with OCA President Chris Long on the weekly radio program News in Focus. Pastor Coats said that the planned so-called peaceful protest was unknown to him and many in his network. He went downtown Columbus on May 28<sup>th</sup> after hearing about it on the news, and personally witnessed seeing frozen water bottles, boards with nails in them, and pallets of broken concrete used by rioters. He said this riot was planned by outside sources; it was not organic. Though local residents participated, they were urged on by outside agitators.

#### **Local police and Highway Patrol were told by their leadership to stand down on June 18th.**

**A 9-1-1 call on June 18<sup>th</sup>** in the afternoon is a call from a man on Broad Street in front of the Statehouse who has his vehicle stopped by protestors. When he asked the officer for aid, the dispatcher replied that the Columbus Police had been told to stand down by order of Mayor Ginther. At about the same time, the Ohio Statehouse was rushed by local protestors with buckets of red paint. In broad daylight on the afternoon of June 18<sup>th</sup>, they began to deface the War Memorials, the Ohio State Motto, and the front steps, pillars and walls of the Ohio Statehouse. The Highway Patrol on duty at the Statehouse did not engage with, stop, or arrest any of the vandals. We have learned now through multiple sources that leadership at the Highway Patrol gave a stand down order to the officers on duty. On the following day, Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>, Governor DeWine urged Colonel Richard Fambro to protect the People's House. (read Governor DeWine's Statement) House and Senate leadership also urged the Highway Patrol leadership to take charge and stand guard of the People's House. Since that time, the Highway Patrol has been visible each day guarding the Statehouse properties and Memorials. Thanks to the work of County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien's office, information was obtained as to the identities of the vandals who committed the Statehouse destruction of June 18<sup>th</sup>. The total property damage at the Statehouse now exceeds \$160,000 that the Ohio taxpayers will have to pay.

OCA President Chris Long has interviewed a number of people who work or live in downtown Columbus who are very unsettled with what has happened, and question what the future will be for some time to come in Columbus, as policing has been drawn back by city officials, and crime, assaults and shootings are on the increase. This is a disturbing report, considering that Columbus hosts our state capital and state government. According to police, when venturing downtown use caution and be aware of your surroundings. Members of the Ohio Legislature are working on legislation to protect state property in our State Capital, and to stiffen the penalties for those commit acts of vandalism and violence on state property: S.B. 16, 41, and 34.

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