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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE  
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA**

ST. LUKE'S HEALTH SYSTEM, LTD; ST.  
LUKE'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER,  
LTD; CHRIS ROTH, an individual;  
NATASHA D. ERICKSON, MD, an  
individual; and TRACY W. JUNGMAN, NP,  
an individual,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

AMMON BUNDY, an individual; AMMON  
BUNDY FOR GOVERNOR, a political  
organization; DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, an  
individual; FREEDOM MAN PRESS LLC, a  
limited liability company; FREEDOM MAN  
PAC, a registered political action committee;  
and PEOPLE'S RIGHTS NETWORK, a  
political organization and an unincorporated  
association,

Defendants.

Case No. CV01-22-06789

**NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR  
WRIT OF MANDAMUS AND  
PROHIBITION AGAINST GEM  
COUNTY SHERIFF WITH THE IDAHO  
SUPREME COURT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Plaintiffs, St. Luke’s Health System, Ltd, St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center, Ltd, Chris Roth, Natasha D. Erickson, MD, and Tracy W. Jungman, NP, by and through their attorneys of record, Holland & Hart LLP, filed a Petition for Writ of Mandamus and Prohibition against the Gem County Sheriff with the Idaho Supreme Court on April 17, 2023, Case No.: 50697-2023 (“Petition”). Attached as **Exhibits A-C** are the Petition, Brief and Affidavit with exhibits.

The Petition seeks relief from the Idaho Supreme Court for the obstacles to serving legal documents filed in this case on Defendant Ammon Bundy in his individual and representative capacities. The Gem County Sheriff has clear statutory and constitutional duties to serve legal filings on a private litigant, but refuses to do so because of the threat of violence Bundy poses, and Bundy’s position on Idaho Code § 18-7008 that the Sheriff, his deputies, and private process servers commit criminal trespass by entering Bundy’s property solely to deliver legal documents and cause no property damage. Bundy’s prevention of service of notices, subpoenas, and other filings required to be served in person in this case prejudices Plaintiffs in this litigation. And the Sheriff’s refusal to serve process and acquiescence in Bundy’s interpretation of Idaho Code § 18-7008 violates Plaintiffs’ constitutional rights.

DATED: April 18, 2023.

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By: */s/Erik F. Stidham*

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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# Exhibit A

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**  
SUPREME COURT DOCKET NO. 50697-2023

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ST. LUKE'S HEALTH SYSTEM, LTD; ST. LUKE'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, LTD;  
CHRIS ROTH, an individual; NATASHA D. ERICKSON, M.D., an individual; and TRACY W.  
JUNGMAN, NP, an individual;

Petitioners,

vs.

DONNIE WUNDER, in his official capacity as SHERIFF OF GEM COUNTY, IDAHO,  
Respondent.

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**VERIFIED PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS AND PROHIBITION**

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COME Now St. Luke’s Health System, Ltd. (“St. Luke’s HS”), St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center, Ltd. (“St. Luke’s RMC”), Chris Roth (“Mr. Roth”), Dr. Natasha D. Erickson (“Dr. Erickson”), and Tracy W. Jungman, NP (“NP Jungman”), collectively “St. Luke’s Parties” or “Petitioners,” by and through their counsel, Holland & Hart, LLP, seeking to invoke the original jurisdiction of the Idaho Supreme Court to hear their Petition and enter a Writ of Mandamus and Writ of Prohibition, hereby allege and aver against the named Respondent Donnie Wunder, Sheriff of Gem County, as follows:

### **I. NATURE OF THE CASE**

1. Intimidation, defamation, doxing, trespass, threats of violence, armed “protests” at homes and businesses and, when all else fails, armed standoffs with law enforcement—these are the weapons of choice for Ammon Bundy (“Bundy”) and his more than 60,000-member strong militia, People’s Rights Network (“PRN”).

2. Any individual, corporate leader, or government official who in some way offends Bundy and PRN knows that they will be attacked online, will face armed protests outside their homes and workplace, and will have to live with the very real threat of violence against themselves and their families. *See* Affidavit of Erik F. Stidham in Support of Verified Writ of Mandamus and Prohibition dated April 17, 2023 (“Stidham Aff.”), ¶ 3.

3. While the risks of online attacks and violence are undeniably real, Bundy and PRN should not be allowed to use intimidation and the threat of violence to subvert the civil judicial process and dodge the legal consequences of their wrongful actions. Nevertheless, that is what is happening here. Bundy has exploited intimidation and the risk of violence to frustrate the

St. Luke's Parties' ability to have him served with legal documents in a pending lawsuit in Ada County against Bundy, PRN, Ammon Bundy for Governor ("Bundy Campaign"), Diego Rodriguez ("Rodriguez") and other defendants ("Bundy Lawsuit"). *See* Stidham Aff., Ex. B.

4. First, Bundy has intimidated the Gem County Sheriff into taking the untenable position that any private process server who enters Bundy's property risks being charged with criminal trespass. *See* Stidham Aff., ¶ 8, Exs. C, D. This effectively prevents the St. Luke's Parties from using private process servers. *See id.*, ¶ 8.

5. Second, Bundy's threats have foreclosed the St. Luke's Parties from using the Gem County Sheriff's office. On April 12, 2023, the Gem County Sheriff indicated that his office will not serve Bundy with legal process in the Bundy Lawsuit. *See* Stidham Aff., Ex. C. The Sheriff stated his decision was based on his concern for "the safety of process servers and my deputies" and that he does "not want to risk harm over a civil issue." *Id.*

6. On April 14, 2023, the Gem County Prosecuting Attorney responded to counsel for St. Luke's and confirmed that "the Gem County Sheriff's Office will not be serving Mr. Bundy on behalf of [the St. Luke's Parties] unless or until directed to do so by a Court with proper jurisdiction and authority. Further, based on Mr. Bundy's trespass complaints against private process servers, those process servers are at risk of being cited for trespass." Stidham Aff., Ex. D.

7. These impediments to service violate the St. Luke's Parties' constitutional rights. The St. Luke's Parties have an urgent need to serve process on Bundy. The Gem County

Sheriff's refusal to serve process or notice frustrates the St. Luke's Parties' ability to pursue their claims, as they face numerous deadlines leading up to a two-week trial in July 2023.

8. Moreover, these circumstances raise public policy concerns and damage the St. Luke's Parties (and the public's) faith in their ability to meaningfully access the courts and rely on the rule of law.

9. The St. Luke's Parties readily acknowledge that Bundy and PRN are intimidating and potentially violent. That is why it is particularly important that the Sheriff's office, law enforcement personnel trained to handle violence and threats, assist with service of process on Bundy.

10. The St. Luke's Parties had the courage to stand up to the bullying of Bundy and PRN. It would be unjust if Bundy's threats and the Sheriff's concerns for the safety of his deputies deprived the St. Luke's Parties of due process in a lawsuit which seeks to hold Bundy and PRN accountable.

11. As Petitioners, the St. Luke's Parties seek to have this Court:

- (a) Mandate that the Gem County Sheriff fulfill his duties to serve process on Ammon Bundy; and
- (b) Prohibit the Gem County Sheriff from pursuing criminal trespass charges against private process servers who enter Ammon Bundy's property solely to deliver legal papers and cause no property damage.

## II. PARTIES

12. Petitioner St. Luke's HS is a not-for-profit health system doing business in Idaho with its principal place of business in Ada County, Idaho.

13. Petitioner St. Luke's RMC is a not-for-profit regional medical center doing business in Idaho with its principal place of business in Ada County, Idaho.

14. Petitioner Roth was and is President and CEO of St. Luke's HS and a resident of Idaho.

15. Petitioner Dr. Erickson was and is a physician specializing in pediatric medicine. She is an employee of St. Luke's RMC and a resident of Idaho.

16. Plaintiff NP Jungman was and is a nurse practitioner specializing in pediatrics. She is an employee of St. Luke's RMC and a resident of Idaho.

17. Respondent Gem County Sheriff Donnie Wunder, in his official capacity, is the county sheriff and his offices are located in Emmett, Idaho. The sheriff's duties are established in the Idaho Constitution and by statute. *See* Idaho Const. art. XVIII, § 11 (duties of [county] officers); Idaho Code § 31-2202(8) ("The sheriff **shall** perform the following: . . . Serve all process and notices in the manner prescribed by law.") (emphasis added).

## III. JURISDICTION, PROPER REMEDY, AND VENUE

18. This Court has original jurisdiction to issue Writs of Mandamus and Prohibition. Idaho Const. art. V, § 9; *see also* Idaho Code § 1-203.

19. The Court typically exercises its original jurisdiction "in matters where the petition alleges sufficient facts concerning a possible constitutional violation of an urgent

nature.” *Reclaim Idaho v. Denney*, 169 Idaho 406, 418, 497 P.3d 160, 172 (2021) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted).

20. The Sheriff’s refusal to serve process or notice on Bundy and his interpretation of the trespass statute present four constitutional violations, any one of which would support this Court’s original jurisdiction: (1) U.S. Const. Amend. 14 (due process); (2) Idaho Const. art. I, § 13 (due process); (3) Idaho Const. art. I, § 18 (justice to be freely and speedily administered); and (4) Idaho Const. art. XVIII, § 11 (duties of [county] officers).

21. “[M]andamus is the proper remedy for one seeking to require a public officer to carry out a clearly mandated, non-discretionary ministerial act.” *Coeur d’Alene Tribe v. Denney*, 161 Idaho 508, 523, 387 P.3d 761, 776 (2015); *see also* Idaho Code § 7-302 (Mandamus may be issued “to compel the performance of an act which the law especially enjoins as a duty resulting from an office[.]”).

22. Venue is appropriate under Idaho Code Sections 5-402 and 67-5272 because Respondent is located in Gem County, Idaho and events leading to this Petition took place in Gem County, Idaho.

#### **IV. FACTS AND GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

##### **A. Bundy Created and Directs PRN, A Nationwide Network of 60,000 Members.**

23. Bundy is a celebrity, anti-government militant who earned notoriety as the leader of armed standoffs with law enforcement, including the armed siege of federal property in Oregon which resulted in one man’s death. *Stidham Aff.*, Ex. E.

24. Founded and controlled by Bundy, PRN is a nationwide unincorporated association of over 60,000 members. Stidham Aff., Ex. G. PRN's growth has been spurred by a fusion of Bundy's core of the far-right paramilitary supporters built up over years of armed standoffs with a mass base of new activists radicalized in protest over COVID-19 health directives. Stidham Aff., Ex. H, ¶ 4.

25. Like Bundy, PRN does not recognize the government's authority over a person's "life, liberty, or justly acquired property" and holds as its central tenet that PRN members are ordained by God to assess (convict) "perpetrators" and then impose extrajudicial punishment in the form of doxing penalties, public harassment, and, if necessary, physical force. Stidham Aff., Exs. G, I.

**B. Bundy and PRN Acted In Concert with Others to Harass and Threaten Violence Against the St. Luke's Parties.**

26. The events that gave rise to the Bundy Lawsuit occurred about 13 months ago, immediately after the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare ("IDHW") intervened to ensure the health of an infant ("Infant") relative of one of Bundy's associates. The Infant was taken to St. Luke's for desperately needed medical care. *See* Stidham Aff., Ex. B, ¶¶ 49-53.

27. While the Infant was being treated by St. Luke's, the requisite judicial proceedings took place before a magistrate judge. While those proceedings are sealed, the Infant remained in IDHW custody until the Infant's health stabilized and, as was publicly disclosed, the parents agreed to conditions relating to the future care and monitoring of the Infant. *See id.*, Ex. B, ¶¶ 56-61.



28. While the Infant was receiving care at St. Luke's RMC, Bundy, PRN, and others joined together to exploit the dire medical condition of the Infant. Seeking donations for his gubernatorial campaign, to enhance his standing among his followers, and to grow the membership of and revenues from PRN, Bundy acted in concert with others to launch a knowingly dishonest smear campaign that claimed Idaho State employees, the judiciary, the police, primary care providers, the Governor of Idaho, and the St. Luke's Parties were engaged in the widespread kidnapping, trafficking, sexual abuse, and killing of "Christian" Idaho children. *See id.*, Ex. B, ¶¶ 1, 61-62.

29. As a consequence of the smear campaign, the St. Luke's Parties were defamed, doxed, received death threats, had their phone lines jammed with harassing calls from across the country, and suffered two disruptions in patient service. The first disruption occurred when emergency vehicles were diverted for hours owing to Bundy's trespass at St. Luke's Meridian hospital. The second occurred when Bundy caused an armed mob of hundreds to surround and threaten the St. Luke's hospital in Boise. *See id.*, Ex. B, ¶¶ 69, 82, 98.

30. As result of Bundy and PRN's wrongful actions, Dr. Erickson and NP Jungman suffered considerable emotional distress and continue to suffer from ongoing defamation. St. Luke's HS and St. Luke's RMC suffered disruptions in patient care and damages measured in the tens of millions. *See Stidham Aff.*, Ex. J.

**C. St. Luke's Parties Have Had to Serve Bundy A Number Times Owing to Bundy's Actions; Bundy Will Need to be Served in The Future.**

31. Bundy falsely asserts that he is being harassed by private process servers and the Sheriff's office. While Bundy has been served a number of times, each instance has been appropriate.

32. By refusing to appear in the Bundy Lawsuit, Bundy has increased the number of times personal service was required. Had he appeared in the lawsuit, the St. Luke's Parties would have been able to serve him electronically. Bundy has also engaged in ongoing threats which in turn necessitated amendments to the complaint and a protective order. Because Bundy controls several entities involved in the wrongful conduct, he is an agent for service for discovery subpoenas.

33. The St. Luke's Parties filed their lawsuit on May 11, 2022. The initial Plaintiffs were St. Luke's Health System, Ltd.; St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Ltd.; Chris Roth, and Natasha Erickson, M.D. Original Complaint was served on Bundy, PRN and Bundy Campaign on May 13, 2022.

34. On June 2, 2022, the St. Luke's Parties amended their Complaint to add Tracy Jungman, N.P. as a Plaintiff, after Defendants posted her photo alongside defamatory statements about her online. The St. Luke's Parties had the Amended Complaint served on Bundy in his individual capacity and also as the representative of his entities, PRN and the Bundy Campaign, which were (and are) also Defendants, on July 16, 2022.

35. On October 12, 2022, the district court ordered Bundy to pay attorneys' fees incurred due to his failure to comply with a discovery order. The court also required that the order awarding fees be served on Bundy pursuant to Idaho Rule of Civil Procedure 4. The St. Luke's Parties had the order personally served on Bundy on October 13, 2022 via a process server and on October 15, 2022 by the Gem County Sheriff.

36. The district court entered a preliminary injunction against Bundy, PRN, and the Bundy Campaign on October 12, 2022. To preserve their ability to enforce the preliminary injunction order, the St. Luke's Parties had it personally served on Bundy to ensure his receipt on October 13, 2022 via a process server and on October 15, 2022 by the Gem County Sheriff.

37. Because Bundy refused to pay the district court's sanctions, the St. Luke's parties had the sanction order reduced to a judgment. Accordingly, the Sheriff served the writ of execution on Bundy on November 18, 2022.

38. On December 6, 2022, the St. Luke's Parties moved to amend the operative Complaint to allege punitive damages. They had the motion and supporting papers served on Bundy by a process server on December 6, 2022—understanding that the motion stood to materially expand the scope of the lawsuit and providing him (and PRN and the Bundy Campaign) a full chance to respond.

39. On January 19, 2023, the district court entered a protective order, recognizing the ongoing threats and intimidation Defendants were directing at potential witnesses in the case. The protective order stated that it was effective upon receipt. Given the ongoing threats and intimidation from Bundy and PRN, the sooner the protective order went into effect, the better.

Accordingly, the St. Luke's Parties attempted to hire a process server to serve the protective order on Bundy with a cease-and-desist letter demanding that he remove online postings threatening potential witnesses. The St. Luke's Parties were unable to find a process server willing to serve Bundy because of his threats, and counsel for the St. Luke's Parties drove to Bundy's home and effected personal service herself.

40. When Bundy and PRN refused to remove the online posts threatening the potential witnesses, the St. Luke's Parties filed a motion for contempt for violation of the protective order. To ensure a timely hearing date, they served Bundy in person with the motion for contempt with supporting papers and notice of hearing on the same date as the filing—February 7, 2023.

41. On February 8, 2023, the district court granted the St. Luke's Parties' motion to amend their Complaint to allege punitive damages against Bundy, PRN, the Bundy Campaign, and the other defendants. Because Bundy, PRN, and the Bundy Campaign were in default, the St. Luke's Parties were obligated to serve them pursuant to Rule 4. They were able to hire a process server and had Bundy served in his individual capacity and on behalf of PRN and the Bundy Campaign on February 14, 2023.

42. Bundy and PRN reacted to the motion for contempt and order on punitive damages by publishing further defamatory and threatening statements against the St. Luke's Parties, doubling down on their wrongdoing, and publishing new false statements online. These new factual developments required another amendment of the Complaint. Again, to secure an

upcoming hearing date, the St. Luke's Parties filed and served same day (February 14, 2023) the motion to amend their Complaint.

43. The hearing on the motion for contempt was set for February 21, 2023. When Bundy failed to appear, the district court decided to give Bundy yet another chance to appear voluntarily for the contempt arraignment and ordered the St. Luke's Parties to have a summons issued for his appearance at a civil contempt hearing and have the summons personally served on Bundy in his individual capacity and on behalf of PRN.

44. The district court granted the motion to amend the Complaint. Pursuant to Rule 4, on March 3, 2023, the St. Luke's Parties had Bundy personally served in his individual capacity and on behalf of PRN and the Bundy Campaign. Bundy threatened to call the police, and shortly after the process server left Bundy's property, he was pulled over by law enforcement officers who informed him that he had been trespassed by Bundy. *See Stidham Aff.*, ¶ 9.

45. Given Bundy's attempts to evade service, the St. Luke's Parties enlisted a private process server (Idaho Legal Process) and the Gem County Sheriff's Office to concurrently attempt service of the summons for arraignment on contempt.

46. Bundy managed to evade service for the process server's first four attempts. On the fifth attempt, on April 4, 2023, the process server was successful. At that time, however, Bundy threatened the process server with criminal prosecution. The process server informed the St. Luke's Parties that the company would no longer serve legal process on Bundy on his property.

47. The Gem County Sheriff's deputies were able to serve Bundy as well but reported that he became threatening. Thereafter, the Sheriff determined and memorialized in a letter dated April 12, 2023, that he would no longer send anyone from his office to serve legal papers on Bundy. Stidham Aff., Ex. C.

48. Plaintiffs have one subpoena that needs to be served on Bundy in his capacity as agent for Abish-husbandi, Inc., a corporate entity Bundy uses as part of his financial network.

49. Plaintiffs have been unable to obtain any discovery from Bundy, PRN, the Bundy Campaign, or any of Bundy's third-party entities (including Abish-husbandi, Inc.) into which he funnels money. The St. Luke's Parties have been unable to find a process server willing to serve Bundy on his property. They provided the subpoena to the Gem County Sheriff's Office for service but understand from the Sheriff's April 12, 2023 letter that the Sheriff will not serve Bundy on his property.

50. In addition to serving Bundy with ongoing discovery regarding Bundy-controlled corporations, the St. Luke's Parties will need to serve Bundy several more times in the coming months. For example, a motion for default judgment against Bundy, the Bundy Campaign, and PRN is pending before the district court. *Id.*, ¶ 24. The district court will likely enter default judgment, and Bundy will need to be served with that judgment. *Id.* After the default judgment, there will be a hearing on damages, and Bundy will need to be served with notice of the hearing. *Id.* When damages are determined, Bundy will need notice of that. *Id.* When the St. Luke's Parties seek to collect on their judgment, they will require the Sheriff's services to execute. *Id.*

And even if Bundy is defaulted, the St. Luke's Parties likely will need to subpoena him for the July 10, 2023, trial against the remaining defendants. *Id.*

51. Upcoming trial deadlines are not the only reason why St. Luke's urgently needs to move the legal process forward. In defiance of the district court's protective order, Bundy continues to make threats against the St. Luke's Parties and their counsel and continues to defame them. *See* Stidham Aff., ¶ 25. Bundy also threatens violence himself. *See id.*, Exs. K, L. For instance, he casts death threats in scriptural language, stating that "God will deliver [his enemies] into [his] hands," which conveys that God would approve Bundy killing those he identifies as enemies. *Id.*, Ex. K at 10.<sup>1</sup> Thus, these statements are real-life threats to Plaintiffs (and other potential witnesses). *Id.*, Ex N, ¶ 10. Bundy's threatening rhetoric has garnered significant media attention, indicating both the wide distribution of Bundy's harassment and intimidation and the risk that the public will lose confidence in the legal system if he is allowed to avoid accountability. *See id.*, Ex. M.

52. Bundy erodes public confidence by openly mocking the Court. He has published online videos of himself crowing about discarding court filings straight into the trash. Idaho Dispatch, [Interview with Ammon Bundy](https://rumble.com/v22v9ik-interview-with-ammon-bundy-12282022.html), RUMBLE (Dec. 28, 2022), <https://rumble.com/v22v9ik-interview-with-ammon-bundy-12282022.html> (41:17-41:30). And he has publicly labeled the Ada County Court "a complete abomination," for which "[t]he corruption in the courts are so

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<sup>1</sup> *See, e.g.*, Deuteronomy 3:2 ("So the Lord our God delivered [the] king of Bashan, with all his people into our hand, and we smote them until no survivor was left."); Joshua 11:8 ("The Lord delivered them into the hand of Israel, so that they defeated them . . . and they struck them until no survivor was left to them.").

deep and so real that it's not a method to find justice anymore." *Id.*, (29:58-32:16). Bundy's mockery of the Court's authority continues and escalates. Service of process is needed to bring him before the Court.

53. In addition, delay increases the difficulty the St. Luke's Parties will face when trying to collect. Bundy has brazenly stated online that he is trying hide or convey his assets, including sizable real estate holdings, so that the St. Luke's Parties will not be able to collect. *See* Stidham Aff., ¶ 27. Bundy should not be allowed to buy time to fraudulently convey his assets.

#### **The Gem County Sheriff is Refusing to Fulfill His Duty**

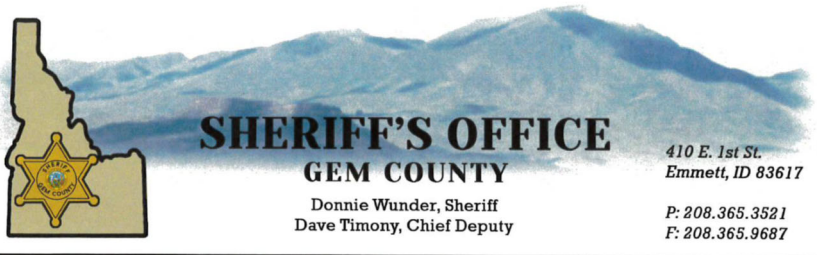
54. The St. Luke's Parties' legal counsel has been in contact with officials in Gem County as concerns regarding service of process on Bundy escalated. Stidham Aff., ¶ 7. Gem County officials informed the St. Luke's Parties' legal counsel that private process servers who were "trespassed" by Bundy would be considered in violation of the criminal trespass statute by the Sheriff. Stidham Aff., ¶ 8. Likewise, counsel was informed that the Gem County Sheriff had decided to stop serving Bundy with process for the St. Luke's Parties. Stidham Aff., ¶ 10, Ex. C.

55. Counsel for the St. Luke's Parties requested that these decisions be memorialized so that the matter could be resolved by a court of proper jurisdiction.

56. The Sheriff and the Gem County Prosecutor obliged.

57. On April 12, 2023, the Sheriff wrote the following letter:





April 12,2024

To whom this may concern,

The Gem County Sheriff's office has been utilized for civil services on Ammon Bundy. In the course of providing this intermediary service as the Sheriff's Office does for anyone requesting the services, service on Ammon Bundy is becoming a concern. Mr. Bundy has avoided service and when he is contacted, he is becoming more and more aggressive with his behavior with the civil paper servers.

Gem County Deputies served civil process on Mr. Bundy on 04/06/2023. At that time Mr. Bundy became very confrontational with the deputies. Mr. Bundy called the Sheriff's office dispatch after the deputies left his home, and wanted it on record the deputies were trespassed from his home property. Per dispatch, Mr. Bundy has previously trespassed paper servers from his property.

I talked with Mr. Bundy via telephone on April 10th. Mr. Bundy expressed to me that he feels like he is being harassed by all the papers that have been served on him (by mail and personnel service). Mr. Bundy went on to also say that he is at his breaking point. By the tone in his voice I believe he is.

In my opinion, if this continues, there is potential for someone to getting hurt. My concern is with the safety of process servers and my deputies. I do not want to risk harm over a civil issue.

*Sheriff Donnie Wunder*  
Sheriff Donnie Wunder

Stidham Aff., Ex. C.

58. On April 14, 2023, the Gem County Prosecutor wrote an email confirming the St. Luke's Parties' understanding of the situation. Stidham Aff., Ex. D.

**Erik Stidham**

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**From:** Erick Thomson <ethomson@co.gem.id.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 14, 2023 8:48 AM  
**To:** Erik Stidham  
**Subject:** RE: Records Request

External Email

Good morning Erik,

Yes, your description of the situation is accurate. If there's anything else you need, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best,  
Erick

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**From:** Erik Stidham [mailto:EFStidham@hollandhart.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:13 PM  
**To:** Erick Thomson <ethomson@co.gem.id.us>  
**Subject:** RE: Records Request

Erick,

Thanks. And I want to make sure I understand the current situation. My understanding is that Mr. Bundy has made a trespass complaint relating to service of civil process by the Gem County Sheriff's Office of legal documents in the St. Luke's lawsuit against Mr. Bundy. I also understand that Mr. Bundy has made formal complaints of trespass against the private process servers my office has used in this lawsuit. Based on Mr. Bundy's trespass complaint, the Gem County Sheriff's Office will not be serving Mr. Bundy on behalf of my client unless or until directed to do so by a Court with proper jurisdiction and authority. Further, based on Mr. Bundy's trespass complaints against the private process servers, those process servers are at risk of being cited for trespass.

I understand the difficult position Mr. Bundy is creating for the Sherriff. We intend to take action to get these issues addressed by a Court of proper jurisdiction. Given Mr. Bundy's history, I believe that is the safest and, really, only route forward.

Regards,

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**D. Bundy and PRN Create the Risk of Violence; That is Precisely Why It Is Essential That the Sheriff Fulfill His Duties.**

59. The St. Luke's Parties believe Bundy and PRN intimidate and create a risk for violence. The St. Luke's Parties share the Sheriff's concern for violence.

60. In support of a pending motion for contempt in the Bundy Lawsuit, leading experts provided opinions regarding the risks of violence posed by Bundy and PRN. Devin Burghart, President of Institute for Research & Education on Human Rights ("IREHR") and a leading expert on Bundy and PRN, testified that:

Bundy and PRN pose a real and present danger to the community and to St. Luke's, Chris Roth, Dr. Natasha Erickson, and NP Tracy Jungman. While Bundy and PRN speak in terms of "defending rights," they define "defense" and "rights" in such a way that they really are just advocating the use of violence to reach their objective of imposing their desired type of Christian Nationalist government on others. PRN's leadership and membership includes paramilitary and militia-type group members. PRN was established-and operates-as an "Uber-like" militia response system. PRN's messaging is intended to incite fear and promote violence. PRN uses harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and doxing to silence those it opposes and push its agenda. PRN is willing and able to use violence to accomplish its objectives.

Stidham Aff., Ex. H, ¶ 5.

Further, Burghart opined:

Bundy and PRN will be emboldened to even worse conduct and further threaten the safety of Plaintiffs and their families (and others)—if Bundy and PRN are not held accountable for their actions and forced to stop harassing, intimidating, threatening, and doxing Plaintiffs. If Bundy and PRN are allowed to continue to disregard the legal system and laws, to flout orders of the Court, and target the plaintiffs and witnesses in this

lawsuit, without meaningful consequences to Bundy, the potential consequences are significant.

Stidham Aff., Ex. H, ¶ 7.

61. As Spencer Fomby, a former law enforcement officer and expert in dealing with extremists has opined, “extremist groups like the People’s Rights Network have a playbook that involves the intentional use of misinformation and disinformation to radicalize others to take action, including violent action, against individuals identified by the extremist group. PRN, Bundy, and Rodriguez follow the same playbook as Antifa.” Stidham Aff., Ex. N, ¶ 5.

62. Like Antifa and other anti-democratic forces, Bundy and PRN act to subvert the government, erode confidence in the legal system, and raise the threat of violence. These anti-democratic forces should not be allowed to evade civil litigation through intimidation and threats of violence.

**COUNT I  
(WRIT OF MANDAMUS)**

63. Petitioners incorporate the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 61 above.

64. The St. Luke’s Parties have no plain, speedy and adequate remedy at law to protect and preserve the full exercise of their constitutional rights.

65. The Gem County Sheriff has a clear legal duty to serve process under Idaho Code § 31-2202. The Sheriff refuses to perform this duty.

66. The Petitioners are entitled to a Writ of Mandamus that compels the Gem County Sheriff to serve process and notice on Ammon Bundy personally or upon Ammon Bundy in his capacity as an agent for any entity, including, but not limited to, a corporation, political campaign, or unincorporated association.

**COUNT II  
(WRIT OF PROHIBITION)**

67. Petitioners incorporate the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 65 above.

68. The Gem County Sheriff has authority to arrest and take before a magistrate all persons who attempt to commit or who have committed a public offense under Idaho Code § 31-2202. The Sheriff has no lawful authority to pursue charges for trespass against the Sheriff's deputies serving papers pursuant to the Sheriff's statutory duties. The Sheriff has no lawful authority to pursue charges for trespass against private process servers who enter Ammon Bundy's property solely to deliver legal documents and cause no property damage.

69. Petitioners are entitled to a Writ of Prohibition that prohibits the Gem County Sheriff from pursuing criminal trespass charges against any individual engaged in the lawful duty of serving process on Ammon Bundy personally or upon Ammon Bundy in his capacity as agent for any entity, including, but not limited to, a corporation, political campaign, or unincorporated association.

**COUNT III  
(REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED HEARING)**

70. Petitioners incorporate the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 68 above.

71. An expedited hearing before the Court is requested as to the required relief and rulings sought herein, pursuant to Idaho Appellate Rule 44 upon the extraordinary circumstances that:

**COUNT IV  
(REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES)**

72. Petitioners incorporate the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 70 above.

73. Petitioners are entitled to reasonable attorneys pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 12-117(1), 12-117(2), or other applicable authorities and statutes.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Petitioners respectfully request the following relief from this Court:

1. That an Order be issued which requires the Respondent to Answer and appear to Show Cause why the relief sought by Petitioners should not be granted;
2. That a Writ of Mandamus be granted; and
3. That a Writ of Prohibition be granted.
4. An award to the St. Luke's Parties of their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for this matter under Idaho Code §§ 12-117(1), 117(1), or other applicable authorities and statutes;

DATED: April 17, 2023.

HOLLAND & HART LLP

*/s/Erik F. Stidham*

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**VERIFICATIONS**

I, David Barton, declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho that I am Deputy General Counsel of St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center, Ltd., that I have read the foregoing Verified Petition for Writ of Mandamus and Prohibition, know the contents thereof, and believe the facts therein stated to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this \_\_\_ day of April, 2023.

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David Barton

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 17th day of April, 2023.

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Chris Roth

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VERIFICATION

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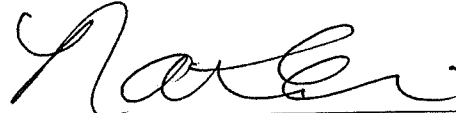
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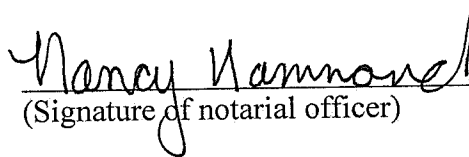
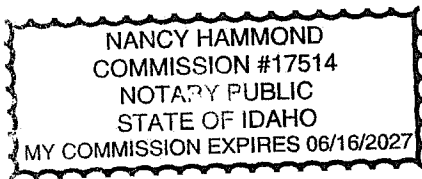
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JUNGMAN, NP, an individual;

Petitioners,

vs.

DONNIE WUNDER, in his official capacity as SHERIFF OF GEM COUNTY, IDAHO,  
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**BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF VERIFIED PETITION  
FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS AND PROHIBITION**

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## I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

This action for mandamus and prohibition arises out of a pending lawsuit in which Petitioners St. Luke’s Health System, Ltd., St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center, Ltd., Chris Roth, Natasha Erickson, M.D., and Tracy Jungman, N.P. (collectively the “St. Luke’s Parties”) sued Ammon Bundy, his entities (the People’s Rights Network and Ammon Bundy for Governor), and other defendants. The St. Luke’s Parties seek to hold Bundy and the other defendants accountable for directing the armed mob that caused the St. Luke’s Boise campus to lock down in March 2022 and perpetuating the false conspiracy theory that the St. Luke’s Parties are involved in a child trafficking ring (the “Bundy Lawsuit”).

Bundy is the representative of defendant People’s Rights Network (“PRN”), his nationwide, 60,000-member unincorporated association, defendant Ammon Bundy for Governor (“Bundy Campaign”), and other, relevant third-party entities. Affidavit of Erik F. Stidham (“Stidham Aff.”), ¶¶ 6, 17, Ex. G. Bundy’s and PRN’s personal attacks that gave rise to the Bundy Lawsuit create a serious, life-threatening danger to their targets. *Id.*, Ex. N (Fomby Aff.), Ex. H (Burghart Aff.). Because Bundy and his entities have not appeared in the lawsuit—and because his and PRN’s conduct has warranted entry of a protective order, preliminary injunction, multiple amendments of the Complaint to update allegations of evolving defamatory statements, and several motions for contempt—multiple legal filings have had to be personally served on Bundy in his individual and representative capacities. *Id.*, ¶ 30.

Bundy has successfully intimidated the Gem County Sheriff (the “Sheriff”) from serving legal documents on Bundy at his home in Emmett, Idaho. *See id.*, Ex. C. Moreover, the Sheriff

has permitted Bundy to improperly invoke the trespass statute and has threatened process servers who would serve Bundy with legal documents on his property with criminal charges. *Id.*, Ex. D. Without anyone to serve filings on Bundy, the St. Luke's Parties will be significantly prejudiced in their pending lawsuit, which is heading to trial this summer. *Id.*, ¶ 31. This frustration of service violates the St. Luke's Parties' constitutional rights.

A writ of mandamus is needed to require the Sheriff to comply with his statutory duties to serve process and notices. A writ of prohibition is also necessary to stop the Sheriff from permitting Bundy to use the trespass statute as a basis for prohibiting deputies and process servers from entering his property to peacefully serve legal papers.

## **II. STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES**

A. Should the Court exercise its original jurisdiction to consider this petition for writ of mandate and writ of prohibition when the St. Luke's Parties' constitutional rights are being violated by the Sheriff, who refuses to serve legal papers on Bundy and has taken the erroneous position that service of legal papers constitutes misdemeanor trespass?

B. Should this Court issue a writ of mandamus ordering the Sheriff to serve process and notice on Bundy when Idaho Code § 31-2022(8) requires him to serve process and notice, he refuses to do so, and the St. Luke's Parties have no plain, speedy, and adequate legal remedy?

C. Should this Court issue a writ of prohibition ordering the Sheriff not to pursue trespass charges against (1) his own deputies and (2) private process servers who merely enter Bundy's property to deliver legal filings and cause no property damage, because they fall within

the exceptions to trespass found in Idaho Code § 18-7008(6)(b), (6)(c), and (7), and the St. Luke's Parties have no plain, speedy, and adequate legal remedy?

### **III. ARGUMENT**

#### **A. The Court Should Exercise Its Original Jurisdiction.**

The Court has “original jurisdiction to issue writs of mandamus [and] prohibition[.]” Idaho Const. art. V, § 9; *see also* Idaho Code § 1-203; I.A.R. 5(a). The Court typically exercises its original jurisdiction “in matters where the petition alleges sufficient facts concerning a possible constitutional violation of an urgent nature.” *Reclaim Idaho v. Denney*, 169 Idaho 406, 418, 497 P.3d 160, 172 (2021) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted).

As explained below, the Sheriff's refusal to serve process or notice on Bundy and his interpretation of the trespass statute present four constitutional violations, any one of which would support this Court's original jurisdiction: (1) U.S. Const. Amend. 14 (due process); (2) Idaho Const. art. I, § 13 (due process); (3) Idaho Const. art. I, § 18 (justice to be freely and speedily administered); and (4) Idaho Const. art. XVIII, § 11 (duties of county officers).

#### **B. A Writ of Mandamus Is a Proper Remedy.**

“[M]andamus is the proper remedy for one seeking to require a public officer to carry out a clearly mandated, non-discretionary ministerial act.” *Coeur d'Alene Tribe v. Denney*, 161 Idaho 508, 523, 387 P.3d 761, 776 (2015); *see also* Idaho Code § 7-302 (Mandamus may be issued “to compel the performance of an act which the law especially enjoins as a duty resulting from an office[.]”). The petitioner must show there is “not a plain, speedy and adequate remedy in the ordinary course of law.” Idaho Code § 7-303.

**1. The Sheriff Refuses to Fulfill a Clearly Mandated, Ministerial Duty.**

Whether a duty is clearly mandated can be determined from the statutory language. *See Dist. Bd. of Health v. Chancey*, 94 Idaho 944, 947, 500 P.2d 845, 848 (1972). For instance, in *District Board of Health*, the Court looked to the relevant constitutional and statutory language. *Id.* Idaho Code title 31 authorized county commissioners to levy and collect taxes, and the Idaho Constitution made the duty mandatory for the commissioners: “All taxes **shall** be collected by the officer or officers designated by law.” *Id.* (quoting Idaho Const. art. 18, § 6) (emphasis added); *see also Salladay v. Bowen*, 161 Idaho 563, 566 n.1, 388 P.3d 577, 580 n.1 (2017) (The word “shall” is mandatory.).

Ministerial duties are straightforward acts like the Secretary of State certifying a bill as law absent timely veto, *Coeur d’Alene Tribe*, 161 Idaho at 523, 387 P.3d at 776; county commissioners remitting budgeted tax revenue to the public health board, *Dist. Bd. of Health*, 94 Idaho at 947, 500 P.2d at 848; or a mayor signing all contracts in the name of the city, *Utah Power & Light Co. v. Campbell*, 108 Idaho 950, 953, 703 P.2d 714, 717 (1985). In each of these instances, the Court issued a writ of mandamus requiring the official to perform the duty. *Coeur d’Alene Tribe*, 161 Idaho at 526, 387 P.3d at 779; *Bd. of Health*, 94 Idaho at 949, 500 P.2d at 850; *Utah Power & Light Co.*, 108 Idaho at 956, 703 P.2d at 720.

The Sheriff has a clearly mandated, ministerial duty to serve process and notices. Idaho Code § 31-2202 lists the duties of a sheriff: “The sheriff **shall** perform the following: . . . Serve all process and notices in the manner prescribed by law.” Idaho Code § 31-2202(8) (emphasis added). The duty is clearly mandatory, indicated by the word “shall.” *See Dist. Bd. of Health*, 94

Idaho at 947, 500 P.2d at 848 (holding similar language created a clearly mandatory duty). And, like the duties described in the cases cited above, serving process and notice is ministerial. It consists of delivering legal filings pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure. *See* Idaho Code § 31-2201 (defining “process” and “notice” to be served).

The Sheriff has refused to undertake this duty to serve, stating that he fears violence from Bundy, who he believes “is at his breaking point.” *Stidham Aff.*, Ex. C, Ex. D. In the Sheriff’s opinion, “if this continues, there is potential for someone to getting hurt. My concern is with the safety of process servers and my deputies.” *Id.*, Ex. C.

## **2. There Is No Plain, Speedy, and Adequate Legal Remedy.**

A petitioner may establish that it has no adequate remedy by submitting “proof of a crisis or urgent situation that would require [the] Court to issue the writ of mandamus.” *Idaho Falls Redev. Agency v. Countryman*, 118 Idaho 43, 45, 794 P.2d 632, 634 (1990). A remedy is not adequate if it would be futile. *See Edwards v. Indus. Comm’n*, 130 Idaho 457, 460, 943 P.2d 47, 50 (1997) (holding there was no adequate remedy because a declaratory judgment action before the Industrial Commission would be futile, as petitioner sought a ruling adverse to the Industrial Commission’s interest).

Here, the St. Luke’s Parties have no plain, speedy, and adequate remedy for the Sheriff’s refusal to serve papers in their lawsuit. The law does not provide a means of appealing the sheriff’s decision and does not impose on anyone else a duty to serve legal papers.

While private process servers may choose to undertake service, seeking their services has become increasingly difficult over the course of the lawsuit and is now futile. *Stidham Aff.*, ¶ 27.

From the outset of the Bundy Lawsuit, many private process servers would not serve Bundy given their concerns about online attacks, armed protests at their homes, and violence. *Id.* Fearing criminal charges from the Gem County Sheriff, the private process servers are refusing to undertake service on Bundy. *Id.* But even if they were willing, they would be no true substitute for the Sheriff when Bundy is a known militant extremist who threatens violence. *See id.*, ¶ 27, Ex. F, Ex. H, Ex. N.

The St. Luke's Parties have an ongoing need of the Sheriff's services through trial and will have a further need for his services when it comes time to execute on a judgment in their favor. *Id.*, ¶ 28. For instance, on April 14, 2023, they delivered to the Sheriff's office a subpoena for Rule 30(b)(6) deposition duces tecum to Abish-husbandi, Inc., an entity owned by Bundy and in receipt of his ill-gotten gains. *Id.* And recently, the district court required the St. Luke's Parties to provide in-hand service of a summons for Bundy to appear for arraignment on their Motion for Contempt. *Id.* The Motion for Contempt sets forth many alleged violations of the protective order prohibiting the intimidation or threat of potential witnesses in the case. *Id.*

Because Bundy was in default, the St. Luke's Parties also had to effect in-hand service of amended complaints, when the district court granted their motion to amend to allege punitive damages—and when Bundy published new defamatory statements online, necessitating a further amendment. *Id.*, ¶ 32. Bundy has failed to answer the operative complaint, and the St. Luke's Parties have filed an application for entry of default and a motion for default judgment, which are currently pending. *Id.* The district court will likely enter default judgment, and Bundy will need to be served with that judgment. *Id.*, ¶ 24. There will be a hearing on damages, and Bundy

will need to be served with notice of the hearing. *Id.* When damages are determined, Bundy will need notice of that. *Id.* When the St. Luke's Parties seek to collect on their judgment, they will require the Sheriff's services to execute. *Id.* And even if Bundy is defaulted, the St. Luke's Parties likely will need to subpoena him for the July 10, 2023, trial against the remaining defendants. *Id.*

**C. A Writ of Prohibition Is Proper.**

A writ of prohibition “arrests the proceedings of any . . . person, when such proceedings are without or in excess of the jurisdiction of such . . . person.” Idaho Code § 7-401. Like a writ of mandate, it may only be issued in cases “where there is not a plain, speedy and adequate remedy in the ordinary course of law.” Idaho Code § 7-402; *In re Petition for Writ of Prohibition*, 168 Idaho 909, 919, 489 P.3d 820, 830 (2021).

**1. Sheriff Acted in Excess of His Jurisdiction.**

A person takes action in excess of his jurisdiction if he lacked “lawful authority to take the action that [he] did.” *In re Petition for Writ of Prohibition*, 168 Idaho at 919, 489 P.3d at 830.

**a. The Sheriff acts outside his lawful authority if he pursues trespass charges against those whose conduct does not constitute a trespass.**

The Sheriff has lawful authority “to arrest and take before the nearest magistrate for examination all persons who attempt to commit or who have committed a public offense, unless otherwise provided by law.” Idaho Code § 31-2202(2). But the Sheriff has no lawful authority to arrest or pursue charges against those whose actions are not a public offense as a matter of law.

Here, the Sheriff has allowed Bundy to use Idaho's trespass statute to prevent anyone from entering or remaining on Bundy's property to serve him with legal papers, once Bundy has



informed the person that they must leave. *See* Stidham Aff., Ex. D. The St. Luke’s Parties understand that Bundy has filed formal complaints with the Sheriff’s office against the process servers and the Sheriff’s deputies who have walked onto his property to hand him the legal filings. *See id.* One process server was pulled over by a Sheriff’s deputy and warned that they would face criminal trespass charges if they served Bundy again. *Id.*, ¶ 29. Particularly concerning is the fact that Bundy claims the right to “defend” his property and insists that the defense may be violent. *See id.*, ¶ 29, Ex. K, Ex. L. The Sheriff’s decision to allow Bundy to use the trespass statute to bar process servers only emboldens Bundy and sanctions a violent response against anyone who merely walks up to his front door with legal filings.

Under Idaho law, a misdemeanor trespass occurs “when [a person] enters or remains on the real property of another without permission, knowing or with reason to know that his presence is not permitted.” Idaho Code § 18-7008(2)(a). But the statute includes a broad and non-exclusive set of exceptions. Of relevance here:

A person shall not be guilty of a trespass under this section for entering or remaining upon real property if the person entered or remained on the property pursuant to any of the following rights or authorities:

...

(b) A lawful authority to enter onto or remain upon the real property in question, including, but not limited to . . . [a]ny law enforcement officer during the course and scope of fulfilling his lawful duties . . . or

(c) Any other person with a legally prescribed right to enter or remain upon the real property in question.

Idaho Code § 18-7008(6)(b), (c).

Examples of the exclusions in subsection (6) of this section include, but are not limited to: . . . a person knocking on a front door of a property that is not posted; a meter reader during the scope and course of his employment, a postal employee delivering mail or packages; power company personnel fixing downed power lines; [or] a bail bondsman arresting a person who is in violation of a bail contract[.]

Idaho Code § 18-7008(7).

**b. The Sheriff is acting in excess of his jurisdiction by pursuing trespass charges against process servers who cause no property damage and merely hand documents to an occupant at Bundy’s house.**

With respect to the Sheriff’s deputies serving Bundy with legal filings, no trespass will lie because Idaho Code § 18-7008(6)(b) expressly covers their actions. *See id.* (exception applies to “[a]ny law enforcement officer during the course and scope of fulfilling his lawful duties”).

Private process servers, on the other hand, fall within the non-exclusive exceptions under Idaho Code § 18-7008(6)(c) and (7), based on the statutory construction rule, *ejusdem generis*. This Court follows *ejusdem generis*, meaning that “where general words of a statute follow an enumeration of persons or things, such general words will be construed as meaning persons or things of like or similar class or character to those specifically enumerated[.]” *State v. Kavajecz*, 139 Idaho 482, 486, 80 P.3d 1083, 1087 (2003).

Idaho Code §§ 18-7008(6)(c) and (7) present precisely this framework. Section 18-7008(6)(c) provides general words excepting “[a]ny other person with a legally prescribed right to enter or remain upon the real property in question.” These general words are followed by an enumeration of persons, with the express language stating that the list is non-exclusive. *See* Idaho Code § 18-7008(7) (“Examples of the exclusions in subsection (6) of this section **include**,

**but are not limited to . . .”**) (emphasis added). The list includes categories of persons like process servers, particularly, “a postal employee delivering mail or packages[.]” Idaho Code § 18-7008(7). Like process servers, postal employees perform administrative duties that require entry onto private property. Process servers perform a role very similar to postal service employees—delivering papers. And for legal papers where service by mail is proper, the roles of process servers and postal service employees are identical.

Accordingly, process servers who merely walk up to the door and hand papers to the occupant or walk up to the owner who is outside on the premises and hand papers to him without doing more cannot be considered to have trespassed. To hold otherwise would be to violate basic tenets of statutory construction.

**2. There Is No Plain, Speedy, and Adequate Remedy.**

For the same reasons explained above with respect to mandamus, there is no adequate remedy. *See supra* Argument Part B.2. The St. Luke’s Parties’ prosecution of their lawsuit is stymied by the Sheriff’s position on the trespass statute, and there is no recourse that would preserve their rights in the lawsuit, which is set for trial this summer.

**D. The Sheriff’s Refusal to Serve Process or Notice and Pursuit of Trespassing Charges Against Private Process Servers Violates the State and Federal Constitutions.**

**1. Refusing to Serve Bundy and Pursuing Trespass Charges Against Private Process Servers Violates the St. Luke’s Parties’ Due Process and Free and Speedy Justice Rights.**

The right to due process is enshrined in both the U.S. Constitution and the Idaho Constitution. *See* U.S. Const. Amend. XIV, § 1 (“[N]or shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.”); Idaho Const. art. 1, § 13 (“No person

shall . . . be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law.”). Moreover, Idaho recognizes a corollary constitutional right to free and speedy justice. *See* Idaho Const. art. I, § 18 (“Courts of justice shall be open to every person, and a speedy remedy afforded for every injury of person, property or character, and right and justice shall be administered without sale, denial, delay, or prejudice.”).

Due process includes meaningful access to state courts. *Boddie v. Connecticut*, 401 U.S. 371, 379-80 (1971); *see also Rudd v. Rudd*, 105 Idaho 112, 115, 642 (1983) (“The right to procedural due process guaranteed under both the Idaho and United States Constitutions requires that a person involved in the judicial process be given meaningful notice and a meaningful opportunity to be heard.”). While Idaho often interprets its state constitution consistently with the U.S. Constitution, *e.g.*, *State v. Cowen*, 104 Idaho 649, 650, 662 P.2d 230, 231 (Idaho 1983), this Court “is free to interpret [the] state constitution as more protective of the rights of Idaho citizens than the United States Supreme Court’s interpretation of the federal constitution,” *State v. Guzman*, 122 Idaho 981, 987, 842 P.2d 660, 666 (Idaho 1992).

Courts have held that refusing to serve, or impeding service of, legal filings presents a colorable claim for due process violation. *See, e.g., Le Grand v. Evan*, 702 F.2d 415, 417 (2d Cir. 1983); *Williams v. Wood*, 612 F.2d 982, 985-86 (5th Cir. 1980). For instance, in *Le Grand*, the court clerk failed to process a convicted murderer plaintiff’s *in forma pauperis* request, which prevented service of the complaint. 702 F.2d at 417. In *Williams*, a court clerk maliciously failed to serve a copy of an order, which gave rise to a colorable due process claim. 612 F.2d at 985-86. And in another case, a plaintiff stated a colorable claim of due process violation when alleging

that defendant law enforcement officer escorted a process server out of the building upon learning that the server intended to serve other officers with a complaint. *Barnes v. Anderson*, 97 Civ. 1491 (SAS), 1997 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12510, at \*13 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 19, 1997).

This case presents a straightforward violation of the St. Luke's Parties' due process rights to meaningfully pursue their lawsuit against Bundy and his entities, including his militia, the People's Rights Network. Similar to the litigants in the above-cited cases, the St. Luke's Parties' ability to serve legal filings necessary to the advancement of the lawsuit has been impeded—by the Sheriff's refusal to serve papers on Bundy and the Sheriff's decision to allow Bundy to use the trespass statute to prohibit process servers who cause no property damage and merely walk up to the door and hand papers to the occupant.

**2. The Sheriff's Refusal to Serve Process and Notice Also Violates Idaho Const. art. XVIII, § 6.**

Serving process and notice is the Sheriff's constitutional duty—not just a statutory one. The Idaho Constitution requires election of county officers, expressly including “a sheriff,” Idaho Const. art. XVIII, § 6, and mandates the performance of their duties, Idaho Const. art. XVII, § 11 (“County, township, and precinct officers shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by law.”).

The Sheriff's failure to serve legal papers in the pending lawsuit thus violates the Idaho Constitution and invokes the Court's original jurisdiction.

**E. There Is an Urgent Need for the Writs.**

These constitutional violations require immediate redress. Not only are the St. Luke's Parties' rights being violated, but tolerating an extremist's chilling effect on service of process

would set a dangerous precedent in Idaho. It would encourage militants to intimidate those they harm into silence and inaction, as well as reinforce the notion that extremists like Bundy may freely operate outside the law. They may summon hundreds of armed disruptors to shut down a hospital and endanger the lives of everyone within it—then escape liability by holing up in a compound with threats to law enforcement and anyone else who attempts to set foot on the property to serve legal process.

**F. Attorney’s Fees Should Be Awarded.**

The St. Luke’s Parties should be awarded their attorney’s fees incurred in bringing their petition for writs of mandamus and prohibition. *See* Idaho Code § 12-117(1), (2). As explained above and given the plain language of Idaho Code §§ 31-2202 and 18-7008, there was no reasonable basis in law to refuse serving legal papers or to construe the trespass statute as applying to the Sheriff’s deputies or private process servers entering Bundy’s property merely to deliver legal papers.

**IV. CONCLUSION**

The St. Luke’s Parties urge the Court to exercise its original jurisdiction to issue a writ of mandamus requiring the Sheriff to serve process and notices and issue a writ of prohibition barring the pursuit of trespass charges against process servers who enter the property solely to deliver legal papers and cause no property damage.

[signature page follows]

DATED: April 17, 2023.

HOLLAND & HART LLP

*/s/ERIK F. STIDHAM*

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I hereby certify that on this 17th day of April, 2023, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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/s/ Erik F. Stidham

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# Exhibit C

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

SUPREME COURT DOCKET NO. 50697-2023

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ST. LUKE'S HEALTH SYSTEM, LTD; ST. LUKE'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, LTD;  
CHRIS ROTH, an individual; NATASHA D. ERICKSON, M.D., an individual; and TRACY W.  
JUNGMAN, NP, an individual;

Petitioners,

vs.

DONNIE WUNDER, in his official capacity as SHERIFF OF GEM COUNTY, IDAHO,

Respondent.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF ERIK F. STIDHAM IN SUPPORT  
OF VERIFIED WRIT OF MANDAMUS AND PROHIBITION**

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STATE OF IDAHO            )  
  :ss.  
County of ADA             )

I, Erik F. Stidham, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and state as follows:

1. I am a partner with the firm of Holland & Hart LLP (“Holland & Hart”) and serve as lead counsel for the Plaintiffs in the matter of *St. Luke’s Health System, LTD, et al v. Ammon Bundy, et. al*, (Case No. CV01-22-06789) pending in the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Ada (“Bundy Lawsuit”). I am also lead attorney on the Verified Petition for Writ of Mandamus and Prohibition filed concurrently herewith.

2. I make this affidavit based on my personal knowledge. I am familiar with the facts and proceedings in the Bundy Lawsuit and in this matter.

3. Any individual, corporate leader, or government official who in some way offends Ammon Bundy (“Bundy”) and People’s Rights Network (“PRN”) knows that they will be attacked online, will face armed protests outside their homes and workplace, and will have to live with the very real threat of violence against themselves and their families. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** are true and correct copies of screenshots of the PRN website showing officials and judges being attacked online, or doxed, by Bundy and PRN.

4. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a true and correct copy of the operative, redacted copy of the Fourth Amended Complaint in the Bundy Lawsuit. The redacted complaint is the public version of the complaint. The redactions relate to the personal health information of a minor.

5. For purposes of service, Bundy is an agent for two other defendants in the Bundy Lawsuit, Ammon Bundy for Governor Campaign (“Bundy Campaign”) and PRN.

6. A central allegation in the Bundy Lawsuit is that Bundy, in concert with others, engaged in a grift; he created a false conspiracy theory that involved the St. Luke’s Parties in order to raise his political profile and generate donations to the Bundy Campaign and PRN. Based on investigation, my firm discovered that Bundy controls a number of corporate entities which receive money from his campaign, and which take “donations” supposedly on behalf of PRN. As Bundy is an agent for service on these entities, efforts have been made and continue to be made to serve Bundy with subpoenas duces tecum and deposition subpoenas.

7. A few months ago, I contacted Erick Thompson, the Gem County Prosecuting Attorney, and was informed that Bundy was pressuring the Gem County Sheriff to charge the private process servers who had served legal process on Bundy with criminal trespass. We pledged to stay in contact regarding any issues that might occur in the following months.

8. As concerns developed regarding the service of process on Bundy, Mr. Thompson alerted me that the Gem County Sherriff was receiving trespassing claims from Bundy regarding the process servers who were serving him at his residence in Emmett. Further, that the Sheriff interpreted the criminal trespass statute to apply to process servers and that any process server returning to the Bundy residence could be charged with criminal trespass. This effectively prevents the St. Luke’s Parties from using private process servers.



9. On or about March 3, 2023, I was informed that a private process server was pulled over by law enforcement officers after serving Bundy at Bundy's residence. The process server was informed that he had been trespassed by Bundy.

10. On or about April 10, 2023, I was informed that Bundy had confronted the Sheriff's deputies while they served him with process. I was informed that the Sheriff was not willing to continue serving process on Bundy for my clients.

11. I requested that the Gem County Sheriff document his position and that I receive an email from the Gem County Prosecutor confirming my understanding. My request was obliged.

12. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is a true and correct copy of the April 12 letter that my office received from the Gem County Sheriff's Office describing the Sheriff's position.

13. Attached hereto as **Exhibit D** is a true and correct copy of email correspondence between myself and the Gem County Prosecutor confirming my understanding of the situation.

14. At all times, the Gem County Prosecutor was professional and thoughtful in his interactions with me. Further, I understand the Gem County Sheriff's concern for the safety of his deputies.

15. Attached hereto as **Exhibit E** is a true and correct copy of a webpage downloaded at my direction from <https://abcnews.go.com/US/standoff-nevada-years-ago-set-militia-movement-crash/story?id=82051940>, which describes Bundy's armed standoff with federal agents in 2016.

16. Attached hereto as **Exhibit F** is a true and correct copy of a webpage downloaded at my direction from <https://www.irehr.org/reports/peoples-rights-report>, which is a report by the Institute for Research and Education on Human Rights and the Montana Human Rights Network detailing the innerworkings of PRN and the dangers the network poses.

17. Attached hereto as **Exhibit G** is a true and correct copy of a webpage downloaded at my direction from <https://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/2021/10/ammon-bundy-claims-new-report-undercounted-his-groups-supporters-by-half.html>, which shows Bundy stating that PRN had over 60,000 members in October 2021.

18. Attached hereto as **Exhibit H** is a true and correct copy of the Affidavit of Devin Burghart in Support of Renewed Motion for Contempt Against Ammon Bundy and People's Rights Network, filed in the Bundy Lawsuit on March 30, 2023.

19. Attached hereto as **Exhibit I** is a true and correct copy of a webpage downloaded at my direction from [https://www.peoplesrights.org/news\\_view/?/what-to-do-when-someone-needs-or-asks-for-assistance-in-defending-their-rights&id=6a224e28-d2db-4e0c-aab7-79b7435bd66f&search=what+to+do](https://www.peoplesrights.org/news_view/?/what-to-do-when-someone-needs-or-asks-for-assistance-in-defending-their-rights&id=6a224e28-d2db-4e0c-aab7-79b7435bd66f&search=what+to+do), which shows PRN's disregard of governmental authority and its willingness to use violence.

20. Attached hereto as **Exhibit J** is a true and correct copy of excerpts of Dennis R. Reinstein's Expert Witness Report, which was prepared for the Bundy Lawsuit.

21. Attached hereto as **Exhibit K** is a true and correct copy of a webpage downloaded at my direction from [https://www.peoplesrights.org/news\\_view/?/come-no-more-upon-me-a-](https://www.peoplesrights.org/news_view/?/come-no-more-upon-me-a-)

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22. Attached hereto as **Exhibit L** is a true and correct copy of a webpage downloaded at my direction from [https://www.peoplesrights.org/news\\_view/?there-is-no-silver-bullet-to-securing-liberty&id=2b476184-0ae7-4e47-bbeb-8174072d5e73](https://www.peoplesrights.org/news_view/?there-is-no-silver-bullet-to-securing-liberty&id=2b476184-0ae7-4e47-bbeb-8174072d5e73), which is an article written by Bundy showing his willingness to use violence.

23. Bundy's threatening rhetoric has garnered significant media attention. Attached hereto as **Exhibit M** is a true and correct copy of a set of exemplary news articles about Bundy's statements.

24. Bundy will need to be served several more times in connection with the Bundy Lawsuit. The district court will likely enter default judgment, and Bundy will need to be served with that judgment. After the default judgment is entered, there will be a hearing on damages, and Bundy will need to be served with notice of the hearing. When damages are determined, Bundy will need notice of the damages. When the St. Luke's Parties seek to collect on their judgment, they will require the Sheriff's services to execute. And even if Bundy is defaulted, the St. Luke's Parties likely will need to subpoena him for the July 10, 2023, trial against the remaining defendants.

25. Upcoming trial deadlines are not the only reason why St. Luke's urgently needs to move the legal process forward. In defiance of the district court's protective order, Bundy continues to make threats against the St. Luke's Parties and their counsel and continues to defame them.



26. Attached hereto as **Exhibit N** is a true and correct copy of the Affidavit of Spencer Fomby in Support of Renewed Motion for Contempt Against Ammon Bundy and People's Rights Network, filed in the Bundy Lawsuit on March 30, 2023.

27. Bundy has brazenly stated online that he is trying to hide or convey his assets, including sizable real estate holdings, so that the St. Luke's Parties will not be able to collect. *See, e.g.*, <https://rumble.com/v22v9ik-interview-with-ammon-bundy-12282022.html> (Bundy stating that the St. Luke's Parties are "probably going to try to get judgments of over a million dollars and take everything they have from me. And uh and I'm not going to let that happen and I'm making moves you know to to you know stop that from happening. And if I have to you know meet 'em on the front door with my you know friends and shotgun I'll do that. They're not going to take my property.") (45:37 to 46:15); <https://rumble.com/v22v9ik-interview-with-ammon-bundy-12282022.html> (Bundy stating, "But I think the best way to respond to them is to protect my assets and uh just let them keep sending me these books every, every week, and just ignore them.") (49:17 to 49:58); <https://rumble.com/v28u1z6-joint-task-force-and-fbi-easter-raid-thwarted-ammon-bundy.html> (Bundy stating, "I ended up selling my home. And I sold you know my other properties cuz' I had to you know. They were going to take, [inaudible] their whole design is to take everything from me.") (39:18 to 39:31).

28. Given Bundy's tactics and threats, we cannot find private process servers willing to serve Bundy. From the outset of the Bundy Lawsuit, many private process servers would not serve Bundy given their concerns about online attacks, armed protests at their homes, and violence. Seeking their services has become increasingly difficult over the course of the lawsuit



and is now futile. Fearing criminal charges from the Gem County Sheriff, the private process servers are refusing to undertake service on Bundy. *Id.* But even if they were willing, they would be no true substitute for the Sheriff when Bundy is a known militant extremist who threatens violence.

29. The St. Luke's Parties have an ongoing need of the Sheriff's services through trial and will have a further need for his services when it comes time to execute on a judgment in their favor. For instance, on April 14, 2023, they delivered to the Sheriff's office a subpoena for Rule 30(b)(6) deposition duces tecum to Abish-husbandi, Inc., an entity owned by Bundy and in receipt of his ill-gotten gains. And recently, the district court required the St. Luke's Parties to provide in-hand service of a summons for Bundy to appear for arraignment on their Motion for Contempt. The Motion for Contempt sets forth many alleged violations of the protective order prohibiting the intimidation or threat of potential witnesses in the case.

30. I understand that Bundy has filed formal complaints with the Sheriff's office against the process servers and the Sheriff's deputies who have walked onto his property to hand him the legal filings. I was informed that one process server was pulled over by a Sheriff's deputy and warned that they would face criminal process charges if they served Bundy again. Particularly concerning is the fact that Bundy claims the right to "defend" his property and insists that the defense may be violent.

31. Because Bundy and his entities have not appeared in the lawsuit—and because his and PRN's conduct has warranted entry of a protective order, preliminary injunction, multiple amendments of the Complaint to update allegations of evolving defamatory statements, and

several motions for contempt—multiple legal filings have had to be personally served on Bundy in his individual and representative capacities.

32. Without anyone to serve filings on Bundy, the St. Luke’s Parties will be significantly prejudiced in their pending lawsuit, which is heading to trial this summer.

33. Additional instances of process service were caused by Bundy’s refusal to appear in the Bundy Lawsuit. Because Bundy was in default, the St. Luke’s Parties also had to effect in-hand service of amended complaints, when the district court granted their motion to amend to allege punitive damages—and when Bundy published new defamatory statements online, necessitating a further amendment. Bundy has failed to answer the operative complaint, and the St. Luke’s Parties have filed an application for entry of default and a motion for default judgment, which are currently pending.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Idaho that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 17th day of April, 2023.



Erik F. Stidham

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 17th day of April, 2023.

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(Signature of notarial officer)

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**Saturday April 3, 2021**

**Prayer 2pm @ Judge Manweilers**  
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**Rally 3pm @ ADA County Court**  
200 W Front St, Boise, ID 83702

**Article 1 Section 18**  
Courts of justice shall be open to every person, and a speedy remedy afforded for every injury of person, property or character, and right and justice shall be administered without sale, denial, delay, or prejudice.

**We Stand With Ammon Bundy & The People of Idaho Against the Abuse of Power**

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Attached are the files for complaints against Prosecuting Attorneys in Bundy Mask Case and the Judiciary

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## Neighbors in Jeopardy Without Victims

Ada County deputies swarm a peaceful assembly at the courthouse with pushing, pulling, squeezing, throwing down, arresting, and citing.

On March 15th I, Garth Gaylord, gathered with neighbors at the Ada County Courthouse at 200 W Front st Boise, Idaho to support Ammon Bundy and Aaron Von Schmidt who had come for their jury trial. (See here for more details on their case: <https://www.peoplesrights.org/news/?for-the-people-to-judge-motion-to-dismiss-ammon-bundy-s-aaron-schmidt-s-case/162dedbc-1e01-44bf-9048-2f6558bd838c>)

Many of us had seen the evidence that Ammon and Aaron were well within their rights and were falsely trespassed and arrested. I knew that Ammon was abused in the jail with cruel torture of cold, thirst, hunger, and sleep deprivation. It was apparent that this was all a political attack headed by Brad Little who was afraid that Ammon and the People's Rights network might influence legislators to not pass his precious legal immunity and might threaten the dictatorship he had established over the entire State of Idaho through illegal and unmerited emergency declarations that gave him complete control over billions of dollars from the federal government to use at his pleasure, with no way for the legislature to be involved, though it is their constitutional duty to appropriate funds.

The courts refused to let defendants Ammon and Aaron into the courthouse though they had come prepared and on time for their jury trial. Many neighbors were gathered waiting for them to let Ammon and Aaron in. Chief Deputy Scott Johnson admitted that it was the duty of the executive branch to enforce the law on the judges, but refused to do so. He then waved his hand and a swarm of officers came out from the door on the opposite side of the entrance of where Ammon and Aaron were and without warning began pushing people. I was pushed hard and then heard an officer say "get back". I then began urging the officers to act right and I tried to see what they were doing to Ammon, Aaron and others. I saw them push and pull Casey Baker, so I tried to get to him to defend him, but I was pushed back and unable to stop them from throwing him

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I saw that John Nunez was on the ground and heard Robert Jones trying to alert Scott Johnson that we needed an ambulance. Scott was just inside the door, pulling it closed, so I pulled it back open and Scott and another officer lost their cool and grabbed at me, but stopped when Robert stepped forward and he finally got their attention and alerted them that John Nunez needed medical attention.

I saw officer Ian Hale, who began pointing at me while talking to other officers and showing them motions. He later came out and told me I was under arrest, but when Alicia jumped in front of me, he backed off. I was confused. I figured they would eventually hurt me down and cite me, so I decided to just turn myself in to avoid them capturing me at a less convenient time, though I now wish I would have just left. I did not harm any officers and did not really obstruct them from anything. Since they had no reason to attack our peaceful assembly or arrest Ammon and Aaron, even if I had got in their way, it would have been covered by my right to defend life and liberty as secured by ID Constitution Article 1 Section 1: "All men are by nature free and equal and have certain unalienable rights, among which are enjoying and defending life and liberty;" The actions of these officers have been to violate our liberty and threaten our lives. Injuries caused by those officers caused immediate or prolonged physical suffering to many people, including women.

When I was arrested I was taken in to the courthouse without a mask. They took me to the elevator and down to the basement and into a jail area where they had inmate cells and holding cells. I saw Casey Baker down there in leg irons and waist chains. I was then released behind the courthouse. The next day at the Ada County jail I was there when Ammon and Aaron were released. I listened to their accounts and discovered that they were tortured with cold, hunger, thirst, and sleep deprivation, as I had feared. The Sheriff's office, had also lied to their wives about how they were treated while in the jail.

These events are very alarming to me. There is a big problem with the courts not being held accountable by the executive branch of government and denying the rights of the people secured by the ID and US Constitutions without consequence. Not only is the Sheriff's office and other police departments failing to enforce the law on the judges, but they are taking orders from the judges to arrest people for failing to appear, when they do appear at the courthouse, but won't wear a mask. We are justified in refusing to wear a mask, because it does not harm anyone or violate their rights in any way. There are problems forcing the mask, including communication barriers, concealed identity which could enable crime without accountability, and various health hazards including mental illness. It can be an extreme risk or hardship to some people who have asthma or PTSD etc. If you see the mask as a slight inconvenience, please consider refusing it anyway, so that other people will be less likely to have it forced on them. I believe wide spread mask refusal will not only help people gain their freedom to not wear a mask, but will be a symbol of rejection of tyranny and a return to freedom in the US, which will influence the rest of the world.

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I am planning to show up at the Ada County Courthouse on Friday morning at 8 am May 7th 2021 to give them another chance to make the right choice and respect our rights. I welcome any to come to witness, record, protest, or defend, if necessary.

I think of all the people in the jails forced to wear masks. People in jail cells, by themselves, are being told they have to wear a mask while speaking with judges over zoom video conferencing. It's not about health or safety, but control. People are being held for exceedingly long times awaiting a trial, since the court has been suspending jury trials, which is a violation of our rights to a speedy trial. This is ridiculous and outrageous! When juries consist of only people who will wear masks, it may be biased against freedom. We need to draw attention to these constant rights violations by perpetrators among the courts and police forces and hold them accountable. It's hard to have confidence that we can hold them accountable using the court system when the court is acting corrupt and not allowing us in, who will not wear masks for whatever reason. We can at least discover and document these abuses and publish them to the people. Let's take every chance we can to claim our rights and show up to support and defend our neighbors. Other neighbors that I know of who are also in jeopardy in this same court for victimless charges include Eva Selleck, Susan Elle, Robert Jones, David Pettinger, Sara Brady, Bryan Bowermaster, and, of course, Casey Baker, Ammon Bundy, and Aaron Von Schmidt.



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## Jail and a Surprize \$20,000 Bail

UPDATE 3

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I was arrested on May 7th and charged with 2 accounts of misdemeanor battery on an officer, and 1 misdemeanor obstructing an officer in their duty. The last updates on this article, and the North Idaho Exposed Youtube channel show the video of the arrests of Lori Marr, Paul Smith, and myself. Lori and Paul were also charged with battery and obstruction.

I won't retell here what happened outside the courthouse since you can see the video, but I'll mention what you might not be able to see, then tell what happened inside and at the Ada County Jail on Barrister in Boise.

It is hard to see on the videos, but when I got tackled an officer put a knee on the ground next to my head, then deliberately slammed his knee into my head causing my head to slam against a metal door. When I was handcuffed the officer clamped down the left cuff very tight, which cut off blood circulation causing numbness in my left hand. The officers led Lori and I down to the jail area in the basement. While we were walking Court Marshall Edward Bennett kept a hold on my left hand and kept twisting my wrist, which caused sharp pain. They had me take off my boots and socks to check my feet, then put them back on. We had our handcuffs replaced with other cuffs that had longer chains to allow a little more movement of the hands and arms, but they added leg cuffs with chains that drag, which made waking awkward. They then put us in cells with a bence and toilet drinking fountain combo, but no toilet paper. I don't believe there were other inmates beside Lori, Paul, and I. They were kept in cells on the opposite end from me but I could hear them shouting. I joined in some shouting and sang some hymns and patriotic songs as well to pass the time. We were arrested around 8:10 am and kept at the courthouse until around 11 am.

I was transported in a Ford Explorer and talked to the officer about mask mandates. The Officer parked in a garage and then I was led into a door where they took off the cuffs and again I was told to take off my boots and socks to search my feet, even though I told them they already did this at the courthouse. I was asked questions about my identity and health and put through a big scanning machine. I asked Officer Culbertson if they were going to give me the cold treatment for not wearing a mask. He said he would let me go in the lobby without a mask as long as I agreed to social distance. He then warned me that if I didn't comply with the rules he would put me in the room and take off my shoes and socks and make me very cold until I agreed to comply. Now I



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This officer Culbertson said he "helped" Ammon Bundy when Ammon was there and that he would "help" make this experience as easy as possible while I was there. He tried to act like he was my friend. (I later talked to him about masks and he said his boss, Sheriff Bartlett got hard on him about not wearing it. I asked what we could do to help get the requirement for officers to wear masks removed. He said he didn't know but would like it if it happened. He then said, it is what it is and I have to do it to provide for my family, you can respect that. I shook my head in disgust.) I was kept in my regular clothes and led to the lobby where there were rows of seats facing opposite directions. One side was labeled for women and the other for men. The sets of seats faced a wall with several telephones. When you picked up the phone there was a recorded voice that reminds you that your call is being monitored. Lori and Paul came into the lobby not very long after me. There was an area where they got us to get our pictures taken and finger and hand prints recorded, including the side of the hand.

There were inmates in the lobby in orange jail clothes who had masks. I noticed that the jail staff did not always keep their masks up, and were not too strict about the inmates keeping them up in the lobby. A lady there said she had been put in the hole for 30 days for not keeping her mask on.

When I was tackled that morning, my mobile cellular telephone tracking device had fallen out of my jacket pocket onto the ground. I asked the officers to get it, and they said they would take care of it and put it with all my stuff. It did not end up with my stuff which they had in a plastic bag that they showed me when I was checked in. An officer said that a short mexican guy who was in my group got it. I said you must be talking about John Nunez, who is actually Native American. I said that John was most likely in the public lobby and asked if they could send someone out to get my phone from him so I could see my contacts and phone numbers. They refused to do so. I tried to call my wife several times but I was not able to get connected.

Lori Marr agreed to pay my bond as a gift. So as soon as she got out she was going to go pay mine. The officers said as soon as the paperwork showed up they would release us. Paul and Lori were released at the same time. As soon as they stepped out of the room, Officer Culbertson said: oh another charge against you just arrived. It is for failure to appear at your arraignment and the bail is set at \$20,000. So you can either meet with the judge now on zoom and see if he will quash the warrant, or you will have to stay here over the weekend and talk to him on Monday over zoom. I exclaimed to all of them "you people are brutal!" I was surprised by this and was looking forward to getting out. I was very tired and also hungry, as they refused to give me any food until I was out. I also wanted to attend my Sister's wedding the next day. I also wanted to demand my right to attend in person. I guess it wasn't worth it to me at that point, so I gave in and did an arraignment with Judge Steckel over zoom. I believe the judge communicated with the jail guards and they made this plan to get me to submit to zoom. I later discovered that according to the rules, we could have gotten out without paying any bail/bond on these charges.

I had to wait maybe 30 minutes before Judge Steckel came on. He urged me to get a public defender I said I'd ask later if I decided I wanted one. He then assigned me a stand-by attorney. I talked with him about masks. I said masks are bad for my health, so he asked if I had papers from a doctor saying I could not wear a mask. He said I had no scientific evidence that masks are harmful and that surgeons wear masks, and it would only be a few hours that I would have to wear one, so I'd be fine. I told him I didn't want to wear one for religious reasons. He asked which religion I belonged to. I said I believe in Jesus Christ. He said I'm not aware of any

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After the arraignment I waited another maybe 30 minutes in which time I was able to get a hold of my wife on the phones, though I had some difficulty again. On one of the phones I could hear her, but she couldn't hear me so I hung up and started over on a different phone. When the papers came they escorted me to the lobby.

I saw many of my People's Rights neighbors there waiting for me. I am so amazed that so many people took time out of their days to be there for us when we got out. John Nunez was there, and he did indeed have my phone. I learned that when the bail was set at \$20,000 for failure to appear my neighbors had noticed it online and in a very short time had raised enough to pay the bond, which I think was almost \$2,000. These people are awesome and very kind to me. They had brought me food and drink. I am very grateful and motivated to be there for any of them. I related some of what had happened to the group, which is also on video that I will post here.

Some of the experience was a bit traumatizing, especially how three officers grabbed a hold of Lori and pressed her down to the ground and charged her with battery, when she all she did was stand by me holding a sign trying to tell them that they were free to choose not to violate our rights. I've known her to believe in the Non Aggression Principle. I think everyone I've been involved with regularly in People's Rights is peaceful and would only use the least amount of force necessary to defend another person. I also learned some important things from these experiences. I came to understand better how brutal and awful these judges and police officers can be. They really don't care about rights or human dignity, or their oaths to defend the constitutions. They do what they are told and they protect political agendas. The political agenda now is to enslave and destroy. It's a nightmare reality that won't go away. They bully people and take advantage of people who don't understand the rules and laws or what all their rights are. If you don't demand your rights, they consider them to be waived in many cases, or they don't respect them anyway, and get away with it. It's disturbing. I learned how weak I am, as I was afraid of the cold torture or having to stay there over the weekend.

I was very inspired though by Lori and Paul who stood with me and handled the experience very well. I am not glad that they were treated harshly or falsely charged, or had most of their day wasted when I'm sure they had other plans or better things to do, but I'm glad they were with me, as they are great company. I wouldn't pick any different if I could choose any two people to have in jail with me. My bonds with my People's Rights family were greatly strengthened and I am confident that they truly love me and will never forget me or leave me to suffer alone.



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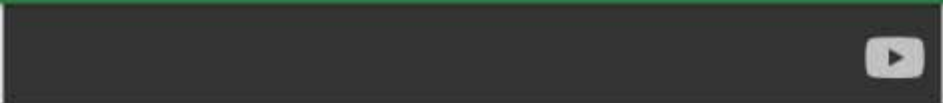


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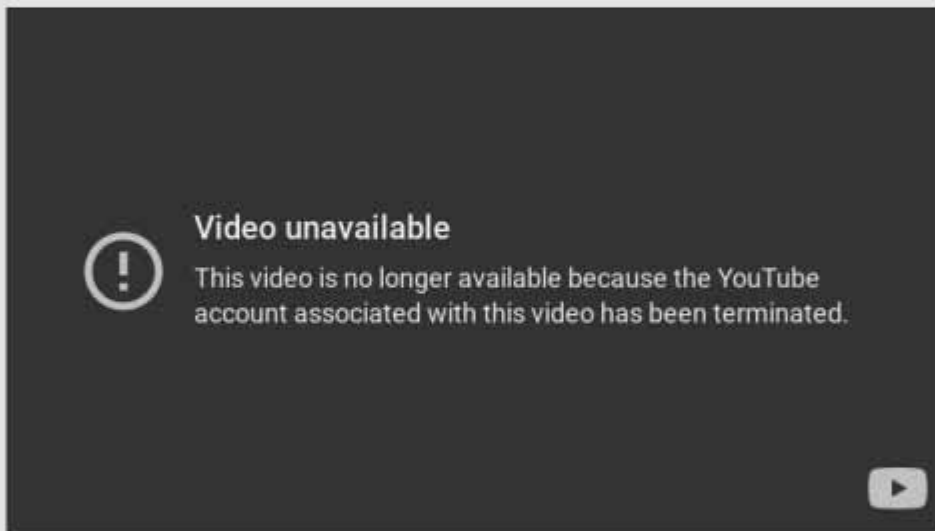
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## Support Garth's Right to Defend in Person with No Mask

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8 AM Garth's Arraignment, Ada County Courthouse 200 W Front St Boise, ID

Take this chance to support Garth in an attempt to claim his rights to defend himself in court in person, without a mask. It is also a chance for you to claim your right to enter the courthouse and witness court proceedings without a mask.

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Judge Steckel has ordered Garth to wear a mask at all times or he would find Garth to have failed to appear and/or be in contempt of court and a warrant may issue. Court Marshalls, including Jefferson, Wood, and Bennett, have consistently used force to prevent entrance to anyone who will not wear a mask.

We will give the Marshalls a chance, and urge them, to respect our rights. Let's call upon them to stand with us, remove their masks, and defy the unlawful and immoral orders of Judge Steckel, that violate our sacred rights.

Enough support to defend physically, if necessary, is desired.

If arrests are made, there may be protests following at the Ada County Jail.

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## PLEASE EXPOSE "OFFICER" SEAN KING, IDAHO'S FINEST GROPER

Sean King, without probable cause or necessity, groped MARRISA ANDERSON, after having been frisked and shaken down earlier by police and after having her baby ripped from her.

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Sean King, previously resigned from the Caldwell Police Dept in Idaho for alleged sexual misconduct, and following a pattern by the band of brothers, aka, police, they hired him on to the Meridian Idaho police department in spite of his previous record.

Please read the above link for more details.

After you are thoroughly nauseated by what you see, please take action against this pervert by calling the Meridian police department and expressing your disgust.


King could have called over a female officer, but even that was not necessary as she had already been groped earlier by other police officers. This was a case of sexual harassment and abuse.

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## CTA - Ways to assist our neighbor, Ammon Bundy

Ammon needs all of us right now, at this very moment, to do what we can to stand with him as his trespassing trial begins. He has stood for our rights on numerous occasions, and this time he stood for an innocent baby that was unjustly taken from his breastfeeding mother.

Case  Jan 19, 2023  Jan 23, 2023

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There are several things we can do:

1. Show up to the Ada County Courthouse on Monday, if possible, about 8AM. Supporting Ammon in person is the most powerful.
2. Make sure you read and share his letter with EVERYONE YOU KNOW. This letter describes what is happening to him currently.

[https://www.peoplesrights.org/news\\_view?id=f6984a7c-eafc-4082-a3b4-e99dfe129733](https://www.peoplesrights.org/news_view?id=f6984a7c-eafc-4082-a3b4-e99dfe129733)

3. The link above provides an update. Update 1, at the very bottom, it tells what took place at his pre-trial hearing on Wednesday. Two Holland and Hart attorneys (representing the hospital in the civil lawsuit against Ammon) were present and advising/whispering to the prosecutor from behind. We are asking everyone to file a grievance with the Idaho State Bar against the two attorneys that were present, Erik Stidham and Christopher McCurdy. This seems unethical at the very least. This grievance form (in the link below) needs to be filled out, one form for each attorney, and returned to the Idaho State Bar in PDF format. You can mail it to Idaho State Bar, PO Box 895, Boise, ID 83701 or email the PDF form to Katherine Williams at [kwilliams@isb.idaho.gov](mailto:kwilliams@isb.idaho.gov).

<https://sb.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/Grievance-Packet.pdf>

4. Forward the below link detailing the 8 laws that were broken during the Baby Cyrus incident to all your representatives. They need to know how CPS and local police disregarded the law that night.

<https://www.freedomman.org/cyrus/laws-that-were-broken/>

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Thank you!

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## Update from Ammon - 1/21/2023

UPDATE 1

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UPDATE: I MADE A PEACE OFFERING, LETS SEE IF THEY WILL TAKE IT.

January 21, 2023

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Yesterday while I was out, two people came to the front door of my home and served my family with more legal papers from St. Luke's. The amount of mail and people serving legal papers (whether it be private servers or a sheriff deputy) coming to our home and mailbox is becoming extremely harassing. We are receiving typically at least a ream-size amount of papers weekly, many times much more. St. Luke's CEO, Chris Roth has authorized undefined amounts of funds to the Holland & Hart law firm to overwhelm the court with legal filings, motions and injunctions, seeking to ruin what finances and reputation I have left, (Diego too). There is simply no way I can respond to all the court filing or legal action from St. Luke's. I was told by an Idaho law firm that it would take at least 3 full time attorneys to respond to Holland & Hart's court filings on this case. I am certain St Luke's must have already accrued hundreds of thousands in attorney fees to pay for such a legal assault. Holland & Hart attorneys are not cheap. If I was to try and respond to every legal document sent to me it would have already cost myself nearly a hundred thousand dollars in legal fees, if not more. On top of that, I would be required to spend my entire life organizing a legal defense against St. Luke's.

The action from Holland & Hart, led by Eric Stidham is an extreme abuse of the Idaho courts and I am surprised that Judge Lynn Norton has allowed it to go on for this long. The Holland & Hart law firm has a lot of pull and I am certain Judge Norton is intimidated by them and the power they wield in Idaho. After all, Holland & Hart also represents Governor Little, former Speaker of the House Scott Bedke (now Lieutenant Governor) and the most powerful lobbyist group in Idaho, IACI. I don't envy the position she is in. Nonetheless, the courts should not allow themselves to be manipulated into becoming a tool for powerful people with endless funds trying to crush political enemies. But, when one looks at the history of courts, this type of abuse is a common occurrence. Just read the Bible or a few history books.

Without looking closely into the TWO St Luke's cases against me (1-CRIMINAL, 1-CIVIL), it may seem a bit confusing in what St. Luke's executives are trying to do to me. With the CRIMINAL case, St. Luke's is claiming to be a victim of mine for when I went to their Meridian hospital demanding that they give baby Cyrus back to his parents (see details above). The CIVIL case is a lawsuit against Diego (baby Cyrus' grandfather) and I for speaking out against the actions of St. Luke's employees, CPS staff and Meridian police officers in taking baby Cyrus (read details above). In the CRIMINAL case, I have had no choice but to participate and show up to court or Judge McDevitt will send officers to kick in my door, terrorize my family and haul me off to jail; eventually pronouncing a sentence upon me. The CIVIL case is different. I must bear the cost of the legal defense (if I choose to have one). With the amount of legal preceding coming from Holland & Hart in this case, there is no way I can bear the expense (time or money) to defend myself, nor do I want to spend the next 5 years full-time doing so ( I have a family that I must provide for and tend to).

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So, with all of this going on, yesterday I made a peace offering to St. Luke's executives and settled the CRIMINAL case outside of court. Agreeing to a fine and a suspended sentence of 90 days jail. I have never done this before and it is certainly not my style. I prayed and pondered about this move for many days. I did not purger myself and kept this agreement within the moral boundaries that all of us must live by as children of God. This was not an act done in fear or desperation. This agreement will become official on Monday, so I will not be having a trial anymore. There is no need for people to come to the court-house to support me in trial any longer. Thank you so very much! Now be aware, the judge could reject the agreement and force me to trial, but that is extremely rare and would make her (Judge Annie McDevitt) look even more like the prejudiced judge she is.

My desire, in all I have done, was never to overturn the courts and make the judges start administering justice as the law prescribes. I never wanted to spend my life fighting in the courts. In-fact, after coming home from being in federal prison for two years - never convicted of even one charge - and going through two major federal trials, my desire was to never enter a courtroom again. I only wanted then, and still today, to be left alone. So, making this agreement in the CRIMINAL case is an effort to extend an olive branch to St. Luke's executives. To show that I simply want to be left alone. That I didn't just wake up in the middle of the night, drive an hour to one of their hospitals and cause a scene, because I hate them and wanted to cause them trouble. That I did not rally people to peacefully demonstrate outside one of their hospitals, several days in a row, because I despised them or wanted revenge for something. Making this peace offering I pray will serve as another testimony that I have tried from the beginning to only stand for my fellow man and do what is right before God. I pray that this olive branch will be accepted and that all of us can go about our way in peace.

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*This Story concern all Freedom Loving Americans Including fellow Alabamians:*

- Has your love of liberty ceased, or do you keep that fire kindled inside you?*
- Did you know there are conspiring efforts between some in our own Idaho government and pseudo-private businesses to strip the rights of a fellow Idahoan?*
- Do you realize if they succeed at taking away his rights, then they can also take away yours?*
- Do you still support him, even after the race has ended and the dust settled?*
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RIGHT NOW our friend, Ammon Bundy, is being prosecuted by the State of Idaho (again). The jury trial begins THIS MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 23RD. If humanly possible, Ammon needs us to be there during the trial IN-PERSON. He needs to see your support, and those that seek to ruin him must *also* see *your* support for him. A physical, interested presence by the public during the trial is critical. It may last for several days, so please come prepared to stay in the area, if possible. This is no joke! The Ada County Courthouse is located at [200 W Front St, Boise, ID 83702](#), and parking is easy on the southeast side of the building.

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If you are unaware of the details surrounding and following the heinous event that resulted in Ammon's arrest, we invite you to take a moment and become more familiar with what "the system" of government in Idaho will do to innocent people when it has the opportunity...

#### Baby Cyrus Was Kidnapped by CPS and Meridian Police!

*The Entire Baby Cyrus Kidnapping Story*

<https://www.freedomman.org/cyrus/story/>

Ultimately, due to the actions of Ammon and other good neighbors, the CPS case fell apart, Baby Cyrus was returned to the arms of his loving parents, and the charges against ALL OTHERS involved were dismissed. Except Ammon. Ammon's charge of "trespassing" was NOT dropped, and he is now facing the loss of his freedom and (another) extreme hardship on his young family. *Why?! Could this be another perfect example of political retaliation, since he ran against and actively worked to expose one of the most corrupt political tyrants in Idaho history: Governor Brad Little? Could it be because he, and others, recently made ground in bringing to light a deep and entrenched system of state-sponsored child-trafficking in Idaho? Could it be because the judge in this trial is one that has *already* shown her extreme bias against Ammon in a previous trial? We may never know, but Ammon shares his own perspective in the following open letter of warning he recently published; giving a brief overview of events and valuable insights into the reasons behind his actions that night...*

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## Come no more upon me, a warning letter from Ammon Bundy:

<https://www.keepidahoidaho.org/go/65e8796e-f847-4d53-908e-4568f447323e>

My friend, this is what happens when **WE THE PEOPLE OF IDAHO and the rest of the Union**, as a whole, do not mind well our own liberty. We stand to eventually lose it, completely.

*"Let not any one pacify his conscience by the delusion that he can do no harm if he takes no part, and forms no opinion. Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing. He is not a good man who, without a protest, allows wrong to be committed in his name, and with the means which he helps to supply, because he will not trouble himself to use his mind on the subject."*

- John Stuart Mill, 1867

Or, in more common words, the old adage so testifies, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."



nothing."

So, will you now do... *nothing*?

### **Things You Can Do**

1. Pray that our Father in Heaven will soften the hearts of those that are persecuting Ammon; that they will repent of their actions against him, and other innocent people, and drop the case entirely. If you don't pray, this would be a great reason to begin - petitioning the creator of heaven and earth for His protection over the innocent.

2. Show up! Plan to attend the upcoming trial in-person. There is strength in numbers.

3. Call the Idaho Attorney General, Raul Labrador, and request his office move to dismiss the erroneous charge, like he recently did in the case against Sara Brady. Several Idaho Statutes (laws) were clearly violated during the Baby Cyrus ordeal. But, instead of bringing the perpetrators of the law to justice, time, energy and resources are being wasted prosecuting an innocent man that acted in good faith to prevent injury to a child.

4. Call and/or email Judge Annie McDevitt, urging her to dismiss the case, or at least recuse herself from the trial - due to publicly obvious bias during a previous sentencing - so a new judge can be assigned: 208-287-7483 (may be answered by a staff member screening calls), [amcdevitt@adacounty.id.gov](mailto:amcdevitt@adacounty.id.gov)


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*7. Remember another fellow Idahoan, [Robert Jones](#). He is now serving 6 MONTHS in Ada County jail for protesting mask mandates. His crime? "Disturbing the Peace"... by banging on a bucket for 10 minutes on a public sidewalk in the middle of the day. We simply cannot allow this tyrannical trend to continue.*

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## UPDATE: THEY TRIED TO PUT ME JAIL BUT I CAME HOME ONE MORE TIME

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Yesterday I was scheduled for trial for the criminal case. In this case St. Luke's hospital claimed to be a victim of mine and the state was prosecuting me with the potential of jail up to 1 year and up to a \$10,000 fine. This was for going to St. Luke's Meridian hospital and demanding that they give baby Cyrus back to his parents. I was arrested for trespassing on the St. Lukes property. Last Friday the state, St. Luke's and I had come to a settlement agreement and Monday morning's court hearing was supposed to be just procedural. However, in a very rare turn of event, Judge Annie McDevitt, after hearing the details of the agreement, left the room for around 25 minutes and when she came back immediately ruled that she was not going to accept the agreement. She claimed that the Idaho Victims Act was the reason. She stated that she believed St. Luke's (as the victim) was not really okay with the agreement and that she had an obligation to try and satisfy St. Luke's hospital with greater punishment. St. Luke's had a lawyer from Holland & Hart who then began to manipulate the entire proceeding. It was amazing to witness. St Luke's hospital is the largest "private" employer in the state of Idaho and Holland & Hart is one of the largest law firms in the western United States. They are both tied closely to Governor Little and Scott Bedke. I would have never believed the power they hold over Idaho courts unless I had witnessed what I did yesterday in that courtroom.

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To make a long story short, after going back and forth for about an hour and a half, Chris Topmiller and St. Luke's lawyer came to an agreement that included imposed jail time. Initially, I rejected those offers and it finally came down to around 80 days suspended jail time and 5 days imposed jail time. With that as the proposed agreement, I asked if St. Luke's was going to stick with this agreement or go back on it again. I was told that they were in agreement. I then informed Chris Topmiller that I had several days of credit for jail time when I was thrown in jail prior and have a right to use those days of credit. This would keep me from actually going to jail. However, when the St. Luke's people heard about my jail credit, they threw a fit and tried to go back on the agreement again, insisting that I go to jail no matter what. The judge wanted me to agree to at least some imposed jail time, but I insisted that my credit for jail were legal credits and that I had suffered these days in jail, that I had a right to use them. I also made it clear that if they would not accept the credits and tried to impose jail time, then I was ready to go to trial. Chris Topmiller made the statement that settling this matter was negotiations and everyone has to give.

Judge McDevitt finally decided that the days in jail were not worth going to trial and ruled that the agreement with the credit for time served was final. At the objections of the St. Luke's she ended the proceedings. This judge was put in a position of exposure, if she was to continue to give anymore to St. Luke's then her bias would have become more evident. She could see that St. Luke's executives were never going to be satisfied and would continue to go back on their agreements until I was in jail.

This is what happens when three wolves fight about how they are going to eat a lamb.

I must say that I do believe I would have prevailed in trial. My defense (see below) was very strong and although it is always a challenge to get the truth in front of the jury, I believe (by faith) that I would have succeeded. However, for months I have been asking the Lord to let me know His will in this matter. Ultimately, I came to understand that it did not matter if I went to trial or not, I was not going to prove anything and that I should use this opportunity to extend an olive branch to my enemies. So that is what I did. I do not believe St. Luke's and Holland & Hart accepted my token of peace because they continue to seek for blood. However, I extended it to them, as I believe God requires.

When the court proceedings were over I had a sweet woman insist that God had told her to pay all the fines imposed upon me, nearly \$1200. She told me not to reject her offer because it was from God. Just seconds after that a tall man came up to me and asked me if he could pay all of the fines imposed upon me. Then after going down to the main floor of the courtroom I had another woman offer. Leaving the courthouse I called my wife to inform her of what had happened and to let her know that I was coming home one more time. She informed me that baby Cyrus' parents had just Venmoed us \$1200 to pay the imposed fines. This love brought tears to both of our eyes. I know that the way we get through hard times is by the goodness of people around us. I am surrounded by the best people in the world. THANK YOU!

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Ammon Bundy

Statement on defense if I was to go to trial:

In one of the body cam videos, Eron Sanchez, St. Luke's administrator, says "go to the designated area off of St. Luke's property". I did not hear that when he said it at the time, no one did that I know of. All those I know who have gone through the videos did not pick up on this either. However, when I began to transcribe that video, I caught it. This was just a couple weeks ago. This did not have a huge impact on my defense because it was never about trespassing anyway. My defense was about baby Cyrus being taken from his nursing and caring mother. The reason we went to St. Luke's hospital in the first place.

My defense in trial was going to be a necessity defense. The state took baby Cyrus from his nursing mother. CPS, St. Luke's nor the foster parents understood what was going on with baby Cyrus. St. Luke's doctors had misdiagnosed baby Cyrus multiple times. Ultimately, another doctor diagnosed baby Cyrus later with Clinic Vomiting Syndrome (CVS). If baby Cyrus would have been taken to foster parents that night when they did not understand his eating schedule, his vomiting syndrome, his sleeping schedule nor what to do to keep him from dehydrating when he vomits profusely, there was a significant chance he would have lost his life. The evidence shows facts of this when Cyrus was taken to Boise St. Luke's rather than given to foster parents because of our actions that night. After St. Luke's nurses fed him with a bottle he threw the formula up. This happened multiple times and when the parents got baby Cyrus back he had a feeding tube down his throat and bruises all over his arms and legs where St. Luke's doctors injected him multiple times with IV needles. I believe it was not until his mother was allowed to give him breast milk and love him that baby Cyrus began to recover.

Ultimately, I and those with me that night stopped the process of baby Cyrus going to foster parents and very likely saved his life or at least from serious medical complications.

If I could prove in trial these elements and if the jury would be honest, I would have prevailed.

- 1) There was a specific threat of immediate harm to baby Cyrus,
- 2) I did not bring about the circumstances which created the threat of immediate harm,
- 3) I could not have prevented the threatened harm by any less offense, alternative,



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4) The harm caused by staying in the St. Luke's ambulance bay was less than the threatened harm to baby Cyrus.

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## A Letter from Ammon

UPDATE 2

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From: Ammon Bundy

To: Blake Higley; Scott Bedke; Whitney Welsh; Chris Roth; Anne McDevitt; Erik Stidham; Brad Little; Keith Reynolds;

RE: Warning

I Ammon Bundy respectfully come seeking relief that my family and I may live in peace and not be harassed at your hands anymore.

As much as it pains me to do so, it is my duty to plead my case to you in why I have acted the way I have over the past few years. I pray that you will understand my intentions and see how my actions have been based in love for God and my fellow man, including yourself.

In February of 2020 I made a vow that I would not live or allow my family and friends to be compelled to live under the delusional control of tyrants pushing lockdown mandates using health orders as the excuse. I made this vow immediately after becoming aware of what officials in the state of California were doing to the people in that area. I had hoped that the same type of action would not come to Idaho, but my hopes were in vain, as in mid-March of 2020, Brad Little, Governor of Idaho, [issued a statewide stay-home-order](#), much like California's Governor Gavin Newsom did earlier that month.

Knowing very well that no state or other official has been granted the authority to order my friends, family or I to remain in our homes until we have their permission to leave. Knowing that no man or group of people have the right to order other men or women to stop trading with each other in an effort to provide for their families. Knowing that no man or group of people have the right to order other men or women not to visit and care for each other. Knowing that state officials have only been [granted authority enumerated in the state and United States Constitutions](#). Knowing above all things that the right to travel, the right to visit with and care for each other, the right to leave our homes at will, the right to trade and



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Knowing these things, I began to act openly in peaceful defiance of the immoral and unconstitutional usurpations coming from government officials within the state of Idaho. Holding regular public meetings, an Easter service, peacefully protesting at a Meridian police officer's home for arresting a mother who took her children to the park and organizing people to peacefully stand for the rights that God had given them. Never once did I damage any property, commit any violence or harm any person. It is not in my nature to do so.

However, these simple peaceful acts of non-compliance caused heads of several government agencies to communicate with each other about what should be done with Ammon Bundy. In one email chain between the head of the Idaho State Police, [Colonel Kendrick Wills](#), Meridian Police Chief, [Meridian Mayor, Robert Simison](#), the FBI JTTF (Joint Terrorist Task Force), Ada County Sheriff, [Steve Bartlett](#), and several other heads of government agencies and offices in Idaho, all discussed to potentially raid the Easter service I had planned and mass arrest those attending. Imagine, in the United State of America, in the State of Idaho, heads of law enforcement and other officials plotting to raid a Christian worship service on Easter. And doing so because those assembling to worship God did not have permission from government officials to do so. Ultimately, these officials decided not to move forward with the raid and mass arrests because the Easter service was held in Gem County on private property. It is my belief that the Gem County Sheriff and Emmett Mayor did not support the action so they did not move forward with the raid.

In August 2020, Governor Little called for a [special legislative session](#) to gain legal immunity for the action of state officials during the lock-down orders. When the session began, hundreds of people came to the Idaho capitol building to attend. However, [Scott Bedke](#), Speaker of the House, ordered the House gallery doors to be locked, guarded by Idaho State Police Troopers; stopping hundreds of people from legally attending the session. This caused many people to become very upset and eventually we pushed our way through the locked doors. I must mention that [Idaho State law prohibits the doors to the House or Senate galleries from being locked at anytime during a regular or special session](#). Regardless, this law did

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I do admit, at this point I became somewhat irrational. For I believed that I had a right to go into the Idaho capitol building and participate in the legislative process. I believed that the capitol building belonged to the people and not the government. I believed that somehow the people were going to make a difference in the capitol building and that I was to help motivate and unite them. And, I believe that I was targeted and falsely arrested so I could not influence the legislators or the people during that and the following sessions. Ultimately, [I was arrested 3 more times for going back to the capitol building to attend legislative proceedings](#). Each time I was thrown in jail and sorely abused under the hand of the Ada County jailers.

To make matters worse, when I showed up to my first trespass trial, I was not allowed in the Ada County Courthouse because I would not wear a mask. After many attempts to get permission to go into the courthouse to attend my own trial, over a dozen Ada County Sheriff deputies exited the courthouse and arrested me for Failure to Appear (FTA) to my trial. On this occasion I spent 32 hours in an extremely cold holding cell in the Ada County jail. The jailers refer to this cell as *"the cold box"*. It was very miserable and cruel.

For the next year and a half, I spent much of my life litigating these cases. Never once had I damaged any property, committed any violence or harmed any person. Yet, I was viciously prosecuted at the hands of a team of Ada County Attorneys. In the middle of these trials, [I was also sentenced to 10 days in jail and fined \\$3,000 \(the maximum sentence possible\) for Contempt of Court \(COC\)](#). Judge Annie McDevitt disagreed with me in using campaign service hours for public service time. So, with no opportunity to



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In early March of 2022, I received a call from my friend's daughter Marissa Anderson. She was surrounded by police officers threatening to take her baby away. The Chavoya family are good friends of my family and we have spent much time together. They are one of the most loving, caring and politically active families that I know. The love and care they display to each other and to their friends is inspiring to all those who know them. Marissa's father Diego and I, during 2020, became two of the most public figures in Idaho speaking out against the governor's lockdown orders. Especially against the massive federal funds that were being distributed into Idaho institutions due to Governor Little keeping Idahoans under executive emergency powers for over 2 years.

So, after participating in much public scrutiny against the most powerful people in Idaho, police officers surrounded Diego's family and forcefully took his grandson under a false pretense of child neglect. Eventually, the accusations against the family were all proven to be absolutely false. Over time, the state had to give baby Cyrus back, drop the CPS case all together and dismiss the criminal charges against Marissa the mother and Miranda the aunt. However, I do not find it a coincidence that St. Luke's Hospital, the #1 PRIVATE beneficiary of the federal COVID funds coming through Governor Little and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW), the #1 PUBLIC beneficiary of the COVID funds, are the two institutions that carried out the assault against the Chavoya family, who happens to also be some of my best friends. They did so by falsely reporting baby Cyrus' condition and sending the police after them.

That night, being extremely concerned for baby Cyrus, the family and the entire injustice of the situation, I showed up at St. Luke's Hospital where baby Cyrus was taken, demanding that he be given back to his family. After many demands, Meridian Police Officers arrested me and took me to the Ada County Jail. I must say, even though the Meridian Police Officers were completely in the wrong and acted to enforce the will of people grossly abusing the law, they were also lied to by officials from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (CPS). They were told that baby Cyrus was Failing to Thrive (FTT) and that he must be taken to the hospital for immediate care.

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Read these hospital reports from that night:

*"Health and welfare identified a foster family but due to protesters surrounding the hospital regarding this case, it was felt that discharge with the family foster family from the emergency department was unsafe for all involved."*

*"The sending physician handed us the pt [i.e. patient] secured in his car seat. She indicated the patient was in stable condition and requested that we leave promptly. She stated, "just go! This is a healthy baby with no interventions"...no acute life threats noted."*

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (CPS) [mis-represented the truth about baby Cyrus](#), causing this entire situation. Baby Cyrus was and has always been cared for and loved to the extreme by his parents and family. His mother was breastfeeding and he had been thriving since birth, even though recently he was not reacting well to solid foods (not atypical for his age). CPS with the help of Meridian Police Officers took Cyrus away from his main source of nutrition (his mother), which was very concerning to many people, including myself. I felt I had the ability to bring attention to the matter and did so at the hospital by demanding that baby Cyrus be returned to his nursing mother.

Because of this incident, I and my family have once again suffered under the hands of Ada County Prosecutors for an additional year. The CPS case against baby Cyrus' parents was dropped, the criminal case against baby Cyrus' aunt was dismissed, the criminal case against baby Cyrus' mother was dropped, but the case against me continues to go on and is scheduled for trial this month. If convicted, I face heavy fines and up to 1 year in jail. The Ada County Chief Judge, in the middle of these proceedings, reassigned my case to [Judge Annie McDevitt](#), the same judge who already threw the book at me once and sentenced me to 10 days in jail and a \$3000 fine. Normally, Contempt of Court (COC) is a fine of a



It took about 6 days to get baby Cyrus back to his parents. The people at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (CPS) and [Judge Laurie Fortier](#) did not like the public scrutiny they were receiving and gave baby Cyrus back after about a week of hundreds of people protesting at St Luke's Hospital, the CPS office and the Judge's home. A few weeks later, St. Luke's Hospital sued Diego Rodriguez (Cyrus' grandfather) and myself for saying negative things about them. They retained [Holland & Hart, LLP](#) a law firm that also represents Governor Brad Little, Scott Bedke and the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare.

Each week, going on 5 months now, Diego and I [have received mountains of court documents](#). Holland & Hart is sending documents to my business, home and associates, by personal service companies, Gem County Sheriff's deputies, US Postal Service, Fed-Ex and UPS. Some documents are too big to print so they send electronic files in packages to contain it all. Without exaggerating, I could have filled up a garbage dumpster to contain the amount of legal documents I have received from Holland & Hart. After speaking to an Idaho law firm (in hopes to defend myself) I was told that it would take at least 3 full time attorneys to respond to Holland & Hart's litigation on this case. Because this case may continue for several years, it is not impractical to calculate that it would take hundreds of thousands of dollars to properly defend against the onslaught of litigation paid for by donations given to St. Luke's Hospital.

I was informed by two very creditable, independent sources (one a high-ranking Ada County Official and the other an attorney who works with St. Luke's hospital) that St. Luke's CEO gave Holland & Hart a blank check to financially destroy Diego and I for speaking out against them in the role they played in taking baby Cyrus. So, rather than taking action to ensure that the situation with baby Cyrus does not happen again, instead, [St Luke's CEO, Chris Roth](#), has authorized hundreds of thousands of dollars of donations given to St. Luke's Hospital to pay a law firm to financially destroy baby Cyrus' family and those who stood with them. I don't believe this is why people donate to St. Luke's Hospital. I believe those who donate to St. Luke's Hospital are under the impression that their donations are going to medically help children and other patients, not to fund a team of \$600 per hour bureaucrat attorneys sent to even a political score.

To date, St Luke's team of attorneys have used the courts to put a lien on my home, forcing me to sell it. I have been forced to liquidate all my assets except a few and my family and I have no idea when any of this will end. St. Luke's CEO, Chris Roth, has given Holland & Hart a blank check to financially destroy Diego and I. Mis-using the courts, they have put us under constant threat of losing everything we have worked for our entire lives. Never once have I knowingly stepped inside a St. Luke's medical facility in Idaho. Never have I or my family received any medical treatment from a St. Luke's provider. I owe them nothing, yet they are trying to take everything. Anything I said about them (which was very minimal) I believe to be absolutely true, but they are using the courts to chill free speech and punish anyone who exposes them to the public. All of this, when they are the people who participated in stealing a baby from loving parents. Holland & Hart receiving

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In the last few years, I have been criminally charged many times for defending what the Idaho State and U.S. Constitutions were designed to protect. I have had so many court hearings that I have lost track of the number. I have endured multiple trials and spent weeks in solitary confinement in the Ada County jail. I have been forced to sell my home and assets, been fined thousands of dollars and have not been able to rightfully provide for my family. Now, in less than a week, I will be forced to defend myself again in trial against criminal trespass charges, facing a team of government attorneys, for peacefully standing outside St. Luke's Hospital demanding that they give baby Cyrus back to his loving parents. If convicted, I will be fined thousands of dollars and will most likely spend months, if not a year in jail, away from my little family who need me, sentenced by Judge Annie McDevitt. I am certain if I am thrown in jail, by the time I get out, St. Luke's Executives and Holland & Hart Partners with help from a few Ada County Judges, will do their best to take everything they can from me and strip my family from anything we have left.

Never once have I damaged any property, committed any violence or harmed any person. I have remained peaceful and stood for peaceful remedies even when forceful actions in defense may have been justified. I have stood as a barrier in protecting the very people who are harming me from those who believe that sometimes a way to right a wrong is not always peaceful. Everything I have done has been peaceful, even when police officers have falsely arrested me, abused me, my family and my friends and caused me to bleed by violence. Even when jailers have cruelly forced me to suffer for days. Even when judges have taken my income, wealth and stripped me of my rights. Even when the courts have

and caused me to bleed by violence. Even when jailers have cruelly forced me to suffer for days. Even when judges have taken my income, wealth and stripped me of my rights. Even when the courts have allowed judicial terrorists to use the force of law to harass and financially assault my family. I pray every day to my Father in Heaven for the resolve to remain peaceful, but feel I have the justification to call upon my friends and defend myself by any means, even though I have no intention at this point to do so.

My only desire is to be left alone! But I cannot stand by when the rights to life, liberty and property are being violated all around me. It is my belief that if a man or woman smites me or my family once I should bear it patiently and not revile against them. If they smite me or my family a second time, I should not revile against them. But if they smite me or my family a third time I should bear it patiently as a testimony against them, but warn them, in the name of Jesus Christ, that they come no more upon me or my family, and if they do so, God will deliver them into my hands. However, if they repent at any time, I should forgive them. I have full faith in these words and intend to live by them.

I therefore warn; Blake Higley, Scott Bedke, Whitney Welsh, Chris Roth, Annie McDevitt, Erik Stidham, Brad Little and Keith Reynolds, in the name of Jesus Christ, that you come no more upon me or my family. I pray that I will be even more patience than I have been and hope that you will repent of your violations against the people of Idaho and myself. There is not one person that I hate or wish harm to come upon. I only hope that you will see that all men and women are equal to you and that you have no right to deprive anyone of the gifts that God has given them, no matter what authority or power you think you possess.

Humbly,



Ammon Bundy

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE  
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA**

ST. LUKE’S HEALTH SYSTEM, LTD; ST.  
LUKE’S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER,  
LTD; CHRIS ROTH, an individual;  
NATASHA D. ERICKSON, MD, an  
individual; and TRACY W. JUNGMAN,  
NP, an individual,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

AMMON BUNDY, an individual; AMMON  
BUNDY FOR GOVERNOR, a political  
organization; DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, an  
individual; FREEDOM MAN PRESS LLC, a  
limited liability company; FREEDOM MAN  
PAC, a registered political action committee;  
and PEOPLE’S RIGHTS NETWORK, a  
political organization and an unincorporated  
association,

Defendants.

Case No. CV01-22-06789

**FOURTH AMENDED COMPLAINT AND  
DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

**(REDACTED)**

St. Luke’s Health System, Ltd. (“SLHS”), St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center, Ltd.

(“SLRMC”), Chris Roth (“Mr. Roth”), Dr. Natasha D. Erickson (“Dr. Erickson”), and Tracy W.

Jungman, NP (“NP Jungman”), collectively “St. Luke’s Parties” or “Plaintiffs,” by and through

their counsel, Holland & Hart, LLP, hereby bring this Complaint against Ammon Bundy (“Bundy”), Ammon Bundy for Governor (“Bundy Campaign”), Diego Rodriguez (“Rodriguez”), Freedom Man Press LLC (“FMP”), Freedom Man PAC (“FM PAC”), and the People’s Rights Network (“PRN”), collectively “Defendants,” and allege as follows:

### **NATURE OF THE CASE**

1. Defendants engaged in a gift, recklessly exploiting [REDACTED] of an Infant to gain money and publicity for themselves. Seeking to benefit financially, to enhance their standing among their followers, and to grow the membership of and revenues from PRN, Bundy (a former candidate for Governor and founder and leader of the activist People’s Rights Network) and Rodriguez (an aspiring political and religious figure, acolyte of Bundy, and consultant and spokesperson for the Bundy Campaign) acted in concert with the other Defendants to launch a knowingly dishonest and smear campaign that claimed Idaho State employees, the judiciary, the police, primary care providers, and the St. Luke’s Parties engaged in widespread kidnapping, trafficking, sexual abuse, and killing of Idaho children.

2. In furtherance of their smear campaign, Defendants used slick marketing tactics and disinformation to launch a coordinated attack of defamation and organized business disruption against the St. Luke’s Parties. Defendants incited and agitated their followers with false conspiracy theories of the kidnapping, trafficking, sexual abuse, and killing of children purposefully creating the risk that their followers would threaten or actually commit acts of violence against the St. Luke’s Parties. Defendants made no effort to conceal their improper objectives. Indeed, they publicly declared that they wanted to subject the St. Luke’s Parties to unrelenting public shaming that would cause reputational damage and humiliation of such intensity that SLHS and SLRMC would be run out of business and Mr. Roth, CEO of SLHS, Dr. Erickson, a St. Luke’s pediatric physician, and NP Jungman, a St. Luke’s nurse practitioner,

would lose their careers and be shunned by their friends, colleagues, neighbors, spouses, and children.

3. As a premise for their wrongful actions, Defendants mischaracterized the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's ("DHW") decision to intervene to ensure the health and safety of [REDACTED] Bundy, Rodriguez, and the other Defendants falsely claimed that DHW's intervention was wholly without basis and was an example of the widespread government conspiracy of kidnapping, trafficking, sexual abuse, and killing of children for financial gain.

4. Defendants falsely stated that the St. Luke's Parties were participants in this nefarious organized ring and had participated in the kidnapping and mistreatment of the Infant. Among other things, Defendants falsely stated that (1) the St. Luke's Parties initiated and caused the State's intervention relating to the Infant, (2) the Infant had no need for medical care from the St. Luke's Parties, (3) the St. Luke's Parties provided unnecessary and improper medical treatment to drive up medical bills for the Infant's parents, (4) the St. Luke's Parties harmed the Infant, (5) the St. Luke's Parties had the authority to release the Infant but were illegally refusing to do so, and (6) that St. Luke's was conspiring with Idaho Governor Brad Little (Bundy's political opponent) in targeting the Infant. The Defendants made these false statements and others relating to the St. Luke's Parties while knowing the statements to be without factual basis or recklessly disregarding the truth.

5. Bundy and Rodriguez coordinated the wrongful attacks to further a number of improper objectives, including (1) to harm the St. Luke's Parties, (2) to subvert the authority and rulings of the judiciary through harassment, (3) to mislead and manipulate their followers, (4) to enhance their political reputations and personal brands, (5) to grow membership in the PRN,

(6) to drive traffic to Defendants' websites, (7) to benefit themselves financially through financial contributions, donations, and fees paid to the Bundy Campaign, Rodriguez's political action committee (FM PAC), the PRN, a supposed charity benefitting Rodriguez's family, Bundy's entities Dono Custos, Inc. and Abish-husbandi, Inc., and Rodriguez's entity Freedom Tabernacle Incorporated and Power Marketing Agency, LLC and Power Marketing Consultants LLC .

6. The St. Luke's Parties bring this lawsuit to protect patients and staff from further harm, defamation, harassment, and threats of violence and to ensure that political bullying and Defendants' grift do not prevent St. Luke's from furthering its mission to improve the health of people in the communities it serves.

#### **PARTIES, VENUE, AND JURISDICTION**

7. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff SLHS was and is a not-for-profit corporation doing business in Idaho with its principal places of business in Ada County, Idaho.

8. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff SLRMC was and is a not-for-profit corporation doing business in Idaho with its principal places of business in Ada County, Idaho.

9. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff Mr. Roth was and is President and CEO of SLHS and a resident of Idaho.

10. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff Dr. Erickson was and is a physician specializing in pediatric medicine. She is an employee of SLRMC and a resident of Idaho.

11. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff NP Jungman was and is a nurse practitioner specializing in pediatrics. She is an employee of SLRMC and a resident of Idaho.

12. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Ammon Bundy was and is a resident of Idaho. Bundy controls the Bundy Campaign and is the founder and leader of the PRN. Through his control of the PRN, Bundy effectively controls PRN's website, peoplesrights.org. Bundy

generates money for his use and benefit by marketing himself as an anti-government, quasi-religious leader.

13. Bundy owns and controls or owned and controlled at least two corporate entities (Dono Custos, Inc. and Abish-husbandi, Inc.) through which he generates revenues for himself from his campaign and leadership of PRN. Dono Custos receives money directly from members of PRN. Revenues received by Dono Custos are used to benefit Bundy. Abish-husbandi received payments directly from the Bundy Campaign and those payments benefited Bundy personally. The potential revenue to Bundy is significant. If each member of PRN annually contributes just \$50 to Bundy through Dono Custos, Bundy could pocket more than \$3,000,000 per year. Bundy directed tens of thousands of dollars contributed to the Bundy Campaign to Abish-husbandi.

14. On information and belief, the corporate personalities of Dono Custos and Abish-husbandi and Bundy are indistinguishable; Bundy exerts complete control over the entities and all decision making by the entities such that the entities operate as alter-egos of Bundy. On information and belief, Abish-husbandi and Dono Custos do not operate separately from Bundy, do not follow corporate formalities, and do not keep separate books.

15. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Bundy Campaign was and is an Idaho political organization formed for the ostensible purpose of raising money to support Bundy's effort to become Governor of Idaho. Aaron Welling was the treasurer for the Bundy Campaign. Welling resigned in late spring 2022. After Welling's resignation, Bundy took over and became treasurer. Monies received by the Bundy Campaign were distributed to entities owned by Bundy and entities owned by Rodriguez.

16. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Rodriguez was a resident of Idaho. Rodriguez promotes himself as a world-renowned marketing consultant, motivational speaker,

religious leader, author, and political activist. Rodriguez is a leader in the PRN, serves or served as a consultant to and spokesperson for the Bundy Campaign, controls the FMP and the FM PAC, and writes political attack columns for FMP under the alias “Gunner Steele.” Rodriguez is financially entangled with the other Defendants and seeks to benefit from the false conspiracy he manufactured. Rodriguez is the founder of Freedom Tabernacle Incorporated which purports to be a church but is used as an entity to receive contributions, dues, or payments from members of PRN. Also, Rodriguez is financially motivated to grow Freedom Tabernacle as he mandates members “tithe” 10% of their earnings. Rodriguez benefits from monies received by the Freedom Tabernacle and the growth of PRN. Rodriguez receives money from the Bundy Campaign through at least one of his business entities, Power Marketing. Rodriguez use his enhanced profile and the manufactured conspiracy relating to the Infant to sell three-day “training” courses through Power Marketing for which he charges \$15,000 per “student.”

17. On information and belief, the corporate personalities of Freedom Tabernacle Incorporated, Power Marketing Agency, LLC, and Power Marketing Consultants, LLC are indistinguishable from Rodriguez; Rodriguez exerts complete control over the entities and all decision making by the entities such that the entities operate as alter-egos of Rodriguez. On information and belief, Freedom Tabernacle, Power Marketing Agency, and Power Marketing Consultants do not operate separately from Rodriguez, do not follow corporate formalities, and do not keep separate books. To the extent the corporate entities have other individuals involved, they are the family members controlled by Rodriguez. Freedom Tabernacle, Power Marketing Agency, and Power Marketing Consultants are alter-egos of Rodriguez.

18. At all times relevant hereto, and based on information on freedomman.org, Defendant FMP held itself out as a limited liability company which owns and controls



freedomman.org, a website that specializes in political attacks and disinformation and advocates for the harassment of political opponents through “doxing.” FMP is not registered as an LLC in Idaho or registered to do business in Idaho. FMP, its website, and all content on the FMP website are controlled by Rodriguez.

19. At all times relevant hereto, FM PAC is and was an Idaho registered political action committee formed by and controlled by Rodriguez. FM PAC works in coordination with FMP and is promoted on freedomman.org.

20. Founded and controlled by Bundy, Defendant PRN is an unincorporated association of over 60,000 members. Like Bundy, PRN does not recognize the government’s authority over a person’s “life, liberty, or justly acquired property”; rather, PRN operates based on Bundy’s teachings that PRN members are divinely ordained to adjudicate supposed violations of “rights” and punish extrajudicially the “wicked” person, through harassment, doxing, or the use of force. PRN owns and operates the peoplesrights.org website. PRN markets itself as a network designed to defeat “government criminals” who seek to take away rights and freedoms. In truth, PRN is an unincorporated association controlled by Bundy which acts extra-judicially and uses doxing, harassment, economic disruption, and threats of violence to harass political enemies and to enhance Bundy’s personal power. At all times relevant hereto, PRN is controlled through Bundy’s operations in Emmett, Idaho. Rodriguez is actively involved in PRN. Defendants actively market and promote PRN with the objective of increasing the payments that members of PRN make to the entities Bundy and Rodriguez control, including Dono Custos and Freedom Tabernacle.

21. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to Idaho Code § 1-705 and personal jurisdiction over the Defendants pursuant to Idaho Code § 5-514.

22. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 5-401 and 5-404.

### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

#### **Role of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in Child Welfare**

23. Idaho's laws regarding child safety are primarily administered and implemented by DHW.

24. Idaho law imposes mandatory reporting requirements on Idaho residents to report concerns about a child's safety.

25. When a report is filed regarding child safety, DHW assesses the severity of the case. In high-danger cases, a social worker and possibly police visit the family to check on the child. Based on the visit and in consultation with the social or healthcare workers, police decide whether to declare the child in imminent danger. If the child is in imminent danger, police may place the child in temporary custody with DHW until a hearing can be held.

#### **The Role of St. Luke's in Child Health**

26. SLHS is the only Idaho-based not-for-profit health care system. SLRMC, a wholly owned subsidiary of SLHS, operates hospitals in Boise ("St. Luke's Boise") and Meridian ("St. Luke's Meridian"). SLHS and SLRMC share the same mission: to improve the health of people in the communities they serve.

27. The St. Luke's Parties are subject to State and Federal law. If a child is determined to be in imminent danger because of health issues and is transported to a St. Luke's hospital, the St. Luke's Parties will care for the child. However, SLHS and SLRMC are not agents of DHW or any other State of Idaho department. Mr. Roth is an employee of SLHS, and Dr. Erickson and NP Jungman are employees of SLRMC. They take no direction from DHW or any other State department.

#### **St. Luke's Care for the Infant**

28. On March 1, 2022, the parents took the Infant to the St. Luke's Boise emergency room (ER) because the Infant had reportedly [REDACTED] and had lost a [REDACTED]

29. A St. Luke's ER provider treated the Infant for [REDACTED]. Then, in consultation with the on-call pediatric specialist, Plaintiff Dr. Natasha Erickson, the ER provider admitted the Infant. The parents agreed to admission.

30. Upon admission, St. Luke's began to treat the Infant [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. On March 2, 2022, a St. Luke's dietician diagnosed [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Due to this [REDACTED], the dietician and Dr. Erickson agreed on a plan to feed the Infant [REDACTED].

31. The Infant continued to struggle with oral feeding. Nevertheless, the parents repeatedly sought to take the Infant home early despite the risk to the Infant.

32. On March 3, 2022, Dr. Erickson met with the Infant's parents, and explained [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The parents agreed to let the Infant stay at St. Luke's for another day.

33. On March 4, 2022, the Infant's [REDACTED]. Although Dr. Erickson recommended [REDACTED] Infant home. Dr. Erickson agreed to discharge the Infant at the parent's request with [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Dr. Erickson explained

that the Infant [REDACTED]

34. The parents were with the Infant throughout the Infant's hospitalization. They consented to all care at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center.

35. Neither Dr. Erickson nor any St. Luke's employee-initiated contact with child welfare or any other division of DHW regarding the Infant's hospitalization.

### **The Infant's Parents Fail to Attend Follow-Up Appointments**

36. Following discharge, St. Luke's tried to arrange a visit at the Infant's home on March 5 and March 6, 2022. However, the Infant's parents did not return their phone calls.

37. On March 7, 2022, the Infant's parents attended a follow-up appointment with the Infant's new primary care provider (PCP), who is not affiliated with St. Luke's. The

appointment revealed the Infant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. A follow up appointment was scheduled for March 10, 2022.

38. The parents attended the March 10, 2022, appointment. Again, the appointment revealed the Infant [REDACTED]. The PCP asked the Infant's parents to bring the Infant back for [REDACTED] on March 11, 2022.

39. The Infant's parents failed to bring the Infant to the [REDACTED] on the morning of March 11, 2022. When the family failed to appear for [REDACTED], the Infant's PCP referred the situation to DHW.

40. After hearing from the PCP, DHW determined that the Infant was in immediate danger involving a life threatening and/or emergency situation. DHW notified the Meridian

Police Department in accordance with DHW's standard practice. The Meridian PD began trying to locate the Infant.

41. Later on March 11, 2022, DHW reached out to NP Jungman, a nurse practitioner at St. Luke's CARES (Children at Risk Evaluation Services). The DHW safety assessor asked NP Jungman for a consult on the Infant's Priority I referral. NP Jungman reviewed the medical records from the Infant's initial admission, the Priority I referral, and the additional information provided from DHW, and advised DHW and the Meridian PD that the Infant be brought in for evaluation on March 11, 2022. She told DHW and the Meridian PD that if the family wanted to bring the Infant to St. Luke's CARES voluntarily, she would stay late that afternoon to save the family another visit to the ER. NP Jungman did not medically diagnose the Infant.

42. The Meridian PD continued to try and get a response from the parents and tried to locate the Infant.

43. That afternoon, DHW spoke by phone to the Infant's father, who said that the Infant and the Infant's mother were sleeping, but that they would come to CARES when they woke up. Despite the representation from the Infant's father, the Infant was not brought to CARES.

#### **Police Take Custody of the Infant**

44. Later on March 11, 2022, Meridian police went to the family's residence to check on the Infant's safety. The family refused to cooperate, provide information, or let the officers see the Infant, forcing the police to get a warrant.

45. Defendant Rodriguez stated he was present when the police visited the residence and was aware, at least by the time of the visit, that the police were looking for the Infant out of concern for the Infant's health.

46. Rodriguez took no steps to assist the police in obtaining information regarding the Infant.

47. When the police left the house to get a warrant, the Infant and the Infant's parents moved to another location.

48. Believing the Infant was at risk of imminent harm due to the Infant's [REDACTED], the parents' failure to follow medical advice, and the family's refusal to provide the police with information, the Meridian PD alerted its officers that the Infant was in danger and instructed them to look for the parents' vehicle.

49. The police located the Infant and the Infant's parents late on the night of March 11, 2022, in Garden City. When the Infant's parents refused to cooperate, the police took custody of the Infant and transported the Infant to St. Luke's Meridian in an ambulance.

50. At the time the Infant was taken into custody, the parents were informed that there would be a court hearing within 48 hours and that the ultimate objectives were to assure the safety of the Infant and keep the family unit intact.

51. The St. Luke's Parties had no authority regarding, did not participate in, and played no role regarding how the Infant was taken into custody.

**The Infant [REDACTED] at St. Luke's Boise**

52. In the early hours of Saturday, March 12, 2022, providers at St. Luke's Meridian evaluated the Infant and quickly decided to transfer the Infant to the pediatric floor of the St. Luke's Boise Medical Center for [REDACTED]

53. When the ten-month-old Infant was admitted to St. Luke's in Boise for a second time, the Infant [REDACTED]. The Infant had [REDACTED] [REDACTED] eight days earlier. The Infant's [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Infant's [REDACTED]. The Infant's [REDACTED]. The Infant had [REDACTED]. The Infant's [REDACTED] from March 4 to March 11, 2022.

54. Once again, St. Luke's [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Infant's [REDACTED]. The Infant began [REDACTED].

55. St. Luke's providers gave the Infant's parents detailed updates on the Infant's [REDACTED]. But despite the Infant's [REDACTED], the parents refused to provide medical information, including birth records, newborn screening, and prior medical records. The Infant's parents stated that they were withholding the medical information on advice from their attorney.

56. St. Luke's updated the Infant's parents on the Infant's status throughout the Infant's treatment. The Infant's parents consented to the Infant's treatment plan.

57. Contrary to Defendants' statements, St. Luke's did not vaccinate the Infant against the wishes of the parents. The St. Luke's Parties did not "harm [the Infant] in irreparable ways." Nor did they "abuse" the Infant. As explained below, such statements were false and were intended to attract media attention, incite followers, collect donations, disrupt hospital operations, and defame the St. Luke's Parties.

### **The Infant is Discharged and Returned to His Family**

58. Once again, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. On March 15, 2022, St. Luke's discharged the Infant as the Infant was

[REDACTED], and healthy enough for outpatient care.



St. Luke's decision to discharge the Infant was purely based on the Infant's medical condition, not the ongoing protests, pressure, or threats from Defendants or their followers discussed below.

59. The court proceedings relating to the Infant are confidential.

60. St. Luke's discharged the Infant to DHW, which in turn released the Infant to his parents on March 18, 2022.

### **Defendants Create a False Narrative**

61. As alleged above, St. Luke's doctors treated the Infant's [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. The Infant was returned to the parents. DHW acted to ensure the safety of the Infant and pursued the goal of returning the Infant to the parents. The confidential court proceedings provided for by statute occurred.

62. Nevertheless, Bundy, Rodriguez, and the other Defendants chose to exploit the events surrounding DHS's intervention and the Infant's care to enhance their standing and to profit financially.

63. Defendants' prestige, political influence, personal brands, "business," and revenue all depend on Defendants' ability to market themselves as leaders in the fight against governmental overreach. The size of the membership of PRN, and, in turn, the amount of revenues flowing to the Bundy Campaign, Bundy's Dono Custos and Abish-husbandi entities, and Rodriguez's Freedom Tabernacle all depend on Defendants' efforts to market themselves as champions fighting against government conspiracies. Likewise, the more Rodriguez is able to raise his profile among his target market, the better chance he has to sell his followers services through Power Marketing.

64. Defendants perceived the events surrounding DHW's intervention as an opportunity to spread their lies and further their agendas. They realized that the facts

surrounding DHW's intervention could be mischaracterized as a governmental conspiracy to kidnap, traffic, and kill children. Then, in turn, Defendants realized they could establish themselves as crusaders against their falsely manufactured governmental conspiracy.

65. To that end, Defendants worked together to manufacture a false narrative of a state-sponsored child kidnapping and trafficking ring that included DHW, the police, the Idaho Judiciary, the Governor of Idaho, the Infant's PCP, and the St. Luke's Parties.

66. In support of their wrongful objectives, Defendants defamed the supposed members of the kidnapping and child trafficking ring and then incited their followers by stating that countless children, like the Infant, would be kidnapped, trafficked, and potentially killed unless immediate action was taken to destroy the St. Luke's Parties and others.

67. Defendants acted in concert to disseminate this false narrative. Evidence indicates that Bundy, Rodriguez, and the other Defendants coordinated talking points and the timing of demonstrations and provided the same directions to followers regarding how to disrupt the St. Luke's Parties. They told their followers to target the same individuals for doxing and harassment. Defendants mirrored false statements across the websites and social media they controlled.

68. Defendants operated as a single enterprise to defame and harm the St. Luke's Parties and others.

#### **Defendants Knowingly Harmed the St. Luke's Parties**

69. Defendants were aware of the likely impact of their joint actions. When they developed their plan, Bundy, Rodriguez, and the other Defendants knew that spreading their false claims would result in damage to the St. Luke's Parties, including death threats, business interruption, trespass, reputational damage, menacing crowds, and potentially mob violence.

70. Despite foreseeing the consequences, Bundy, Rodriguez, and the other Defendants acted to maximize harm and damage. As Rodriguez bragged publicly, Defendants wanted to harass and shame the St. Luke's Parties with claims of child kidnapping and murder such that St. Luke's employees would be shunned by their families and lose their careers, while St. Luke's itself would be run out of business. Bundy, Rodriguez, PRN and the other Defendants intended or acted recklessly to enflame followers so there would be violence or, at least a real threat of violence against the St. Luke's Parties.

71. Bundy, Rodriguez, and the other Defendants knew that a legal process existed to address the custody and welfare of the Infant. Bundy and Rodriguez were involved in and kept informed of all legal proceedings relating to the Infant.

72. Defendants knew their harassment and threats of violence they generated would not deter those targeted from doing what was best for the Infant. They knew that the judge would not be cowed into changing how she would rule in the case. They knew that DHW would not act contrary to what it believed was in the best interest of the Infant. They knew the St. Luke's Parties would not discharge the Infant until the Infant was medically ready for discharge. And they knew the St. Luke's Parties did not have the authority to determine whether the Infant would be discharged home or to a foster family.

73. Despite knowing that DHW, the trial court, and the St. Luke's Parties would not be threatened into abandoning the law or the Infant's best interests, Defendants engaged in their coordinated false statements and wrongful acts. Defendants did so because their wrongful acts were motivated by other goals.

74. The facts and circumstances indicate that Defendants' motives in creating and disseminating the false kidnapping and child trafficking narrative included, but are not limited to

the following goals: (1) generating support for the Bundy Campaign; (2) raising and monetizing the political profiles and personal brands of Bundy and Rodriguez, especially within the People's Rights Network and other political groups; (3) driving web traffic to sites controlled by Defendants; (4) solidifying control over their followers; (5) creating financial gain in the form of payments to and donations to Bundy's campaign, PRN, Rodriguez's PAC, and a fund that was established for Rodriguez's family; (6) generating more revenue for Rodriguez's Power Marketing entities and his Freedom Tabernacle Incorporated; and (7) generating more money for Bundy's entities, including Dono Custos and Abish-husbandi.

### **False Narrative Regarding DHW's Intervention**

75. Understanding the need to create a narrative that served a larger conspiracy theory, Rodriguez misrepresented the circumstances that led to DHW's intervention regarding the Infant. Among other things, Rodriguez, with assistance from the other Defendants, falsely asserted that the Infant was not at risk and had a "100% clean bill of health" when taken into custody, that the parents had only missed a single medical appointment, and that Dr. Erickson had reported the parents and the Infant to DHW.

76. In truth, Rodriguez knew or should have known that the Infant was [REDACTED] and faced significant [REDACTED]. Rodriguez knew the parents had failed to follow several steps needed to ensure the Infant was receiving needed medical care and failed to respond to those properly seeking information regarding the health of the Infant. Rodriguez further understood that he had no factual basis to assert that Dr. Erickson had contacted DHW. Dr. Erickson never contacted DHW regarding the Infant.

## **Bundy Trespasses at St. Luke's Meridian to Generate Publicity and Contributions**

77. Bundy has a history of forcing confrontation with police to generate publicity for himself and his political agenda and in order to make money for himself.

78. Shortly after the police took the Infant into custody, Bundy was made aware and took action to garner publicity and, in turn, make money for himself.

79. When Bundy learned that police had transported the Infant to St. Luke's in Meridian, Bundy and a group of his followers travelled to the hospital for the purpose of initiating a conflict with the police and potentially getting arrested. He knew that by orchestrating a protest and arrest at the hospital that he would win media attention, enhance his brand, and likely generate financial contributions for himself and the Bundy Campaign.

80. On Saturday, March 12, 2022, at around 1:30 a.m., Bundy and his followers entered the ambulance bay at St. Luke's in Meridian—a primary access point for medical emergencies. Once there, the group yelled and cursed at hospital staff and uniformed police officers. As Bundy planned, his followers were prepared with their cameras and immediately shared the confrontation Bundy manufactured on social media.

81. St. Luke's security guards recognized Bundy, based on his actions and direction of the crowd, as “the catalyst and aggressor in the group.”

82. Hospital staff explained to Bundy and his followers that the group was blocking emergency access to the ambulance bay and asked them to move to a nearby area where they would not block patient access. Following Bundy's lead, the group refused to move and continued to harass hospital staff.

83. Hospital staff told Bundy and his followers that they would be trespassing if they stayed in the ambulance bay. Once again, the group refused to leave.

84. Recognizing that Bundy's followers were growing more numerous and menacing, a hospital supervisor tried to reason with Bundy and deescalate the situation. For the benefit of those there to film him, Bundy responded by accusing the supervisor of kidnapping and then demanded that he give Bundy the Infant. Bundy knew full well he had no legal authority to make that demand because he had no parental rights over the Infant and because the Infant had been taken into protective custody pursuant to Idaho law.

85. Bundy knew that St. Luke's would not and could not as a matter of law release the Infant into Bundy's custody.

86. Hospital staff repeatedly warned Bundy and his followers to clear the ambulance bay. Bundy heard and refused to heed the warnings on at least three occasions.

87. Bundy knew the police had no option but to arrest him for trespass. As Bundy intended, the police arrested him just before 2:00 a.m. on March 12, 2022. Bundy was on the way to getting the publicity he craved.

88. Bundy's followers recorded his arrest for social media and then dispersed.

89. The police released Bundy a few hours after his trespass.

90. Upon his release, Bundy immediately began to publicize his arrest. In accordance with the messaging campaign developed by Rodriguez (a paid marketing consultant for the Bundy Campaign), Bundy mischaracterized the Infant as having been in good health, falsely stated the Infant had been kidnapped from his parents because a single appointment was missed, indicated the Infant's health was at risk in the hospital, falsely stated that he had been arrested for trespass without warning and justification, and directed his followers to the freedomman.org website which already contained messaging supporting the false kidnapping and child trafficking narrative.

91. Shortly thereafter, the Bundy Campaign and PRN likewise began to publish the same false narrative regarding the Infant's care at St. Luke's and regarding Bundy's arrest at St. Luke's in Meridian.

### **Concerted Effort to Disrupt St. Luke's Business**

92. To further their false narrative, Defendants made false statements regarding the Infants' care and repeatedly defamed the St. Luke's Parties. In addition, Defendants repeatedly told their followers that the St. Luke's Parties need to be punished and directed their followers on how to shame the St. Luke's Parties and disrupt St. Luke's operations. Defendants intended to incite or acted recklessly to incite followers and the public to threaten violence and to commit violence against the St. Luke's Parties. In particular, Bundy knew he had cultivated a personal following that was conditioned to see him as a leader and quasi-religious figure and that his participation in and endorsement of this false narrative would inspire threats of violence and likely real violence against the St. Luke's Parties by his followers.

93. Defendants incited their followers by publishing patently untrue statements and providing direction to cause harm, including falsely stating the following:

- a. St. Luke's Parties were participating in a conspiracy to kidnap, traffic, sexually abuse, and kill children;
- b. St. Luke's Parties were running a child trafficking ring in order to profit from tax dollars;
- c. St. Luke's Parties were abusing and harming the Infant in irreparable ways;
- d. St. Luke's Parties harmed and killed babies all the time;
- e. St. Luke's Parties kidnapped the Infant and other children;
- f. St. Luke's Parties were "moronic imbeciles" who neglected the Infant;
- g. St. Luke's Parties stole the Infant;



- h. St. Luke's changed the Infant into someone who was unrecognizable, lethargic, and unresponsive;
- i. St. Luke's failed to keep the Infant clean;
- j. St. Luke's caused the Infant "suspicious" bruising;
- k. St. Luke's lied about the Infant's treatment;
- l. St. Luke's Parties vaccinated the Infant against the family's wishes;
- m. St. Luke's Parties were "medically negligent";
- n. St. Luke's was "world famous" for "mistreating people," "killing people," and "stealing babies from their parents";
- o. St. Luke's forced the Infant to take "toxic poison" which was then allowed to stay in the Infant's body for days;
- p. St. Luke's Parties changed and falsified information in the medical records to protect themselves;
- q. Mr. Roth was guilty of criminal accessory of child abduction and deprivation of rights under color of law;
- r. Mr. Roth personally profited from the pandemic;
- s. Dr. Erickson was responsible for the Infant's kidnapping;
- t. Dr. Erickson participated in kidnapping "hundreds of children" with the help of a judge;
- u. The Infant "possibly could lose his life because of the decisions of people [at St. Luke's] who don't even care" about the Infant;
- v. The hospital made the Infant "more sickly";
- w. Followers should put "physical pressure" on those "that are causing the problem";
- x. Followers should disrupt St. Luke's operations by protesting, calling in, donating money, making noise, and giving the hospital "hell";
- y. God should "crush the necks of those that are evil."

94. Defendants caused disruption to St. Luke's operations, harmed staff and patients, and impaired patient care inside the hospital.

95. Between March 12 and March 17, 2022, Defendants Bundy, Rodriguez, PRN and the other Defendants called on their followers to protest at St. Luke's in Boise, to demand the return of the Infant, and to prevent transfer of the Infant from the hospital into foster care. In response, crowds, many of whom carried firearms, began to join Bundy and Rodriguez at the hospital in a concerted effort to disrupt the hospital's operations and intimidate hospital staff and patients.

96. Rodriguez became a daily presence at the hospital. Rodriguez conducted defamatory "press conferences" outside the St. Luke's Boise hospital.

97. Incited by Defendants, the crowd of followers harassed patients and staff, and disrupted patient care. Patients reported feeling anxious and fearful because of Defendants' noisy and menacing protests.

98. On March 15, 2022, Defendants went so far as to cause St. Luke's to go into lockdown for more than an hour. During this time, nurses, doctors, and other employees could not enter or exit the building. St. Luke's directed patients to other facilities and rerouted ambulances to other sites.

99. Defendants also organized a campaign of technological disruption. They encouraged their followers to flood St. Luke's phone lines and email inboxes in an effort to shut down St. Luke's operations. Defendants' followers jammed phone lines with menacing calls (including death threats), sent threatening emails, and sent spam emails to disrupt servers. Using his notoriety, Bundy repeatedly directed his followers to disrupt St. Luke's operations.

#### **Solicitations for Donations to Rodriguez's Family**

100. Concurrently while acting to harm the St. Luke's Parties, Rodriguez, with help from the other Defendants, solicited money based on false representations relating to the Infant,

the circumstances leading to DHW's intervention, the parents' financial condition, and the St. Luke's Parties.

101. A center piece in almost every one of Rodriguez's media appearances was a solicitation for donations to his family members, the parents of the Infant. Likewise, the solicitation for donations was advertised on peoplesrights.org and freedomman.org.

102. These solicitations for charitable contributions were made based on the defamatory statements about the St. Luke's Parties and others kidnapping, trafficking, and killing children.

103. The solicitations were also premised on false statements regarding the parents' liability for the medical care provided by SLHS, SLRMC, and Dr. Erickson. Rodriguez repeatedly stated that the St. Luke's Parties were performing unnecessary medical tests and treatments on the Infant, unnecessarily extending the Infant's time at the hospital to increase costs, and extorting the Infant's parents. These statements were false.

104. As Rodriguez knew or recklessly failed to learn, the parents did not have significant financial liability relating to the [REDACTED] care. While the Infant's [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and the parents were uninsured, governmental assistance and St. Luke's policies alleviated any significant financial burden.

105. While the Infant was [REDACTED], the Infant's parents were made aware that significant costs were being covered by government assistance. St. Luke's also took steps to assist the parents in minimizing the financial impact of the healthcare provided to the Infant. For example, when the Infant's parents expressed concerns about paying for the hospital stay during the Infant's first admission, a St. Luke's employee screened the family and informed them that they likely qualified for Medicaid assistance.

106. A patient care coordinator passed their concerns along to a patient financial advocate (PFA), and the PFA spoke with the Infant's mother on March 2, 2022, to discuss financial assistance options. The PFA screened the family for Medicaid and advised the Infant's mother that, given their reported family income, the Infant qualified for Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) under Medicaid. The employee later tried to call the Infant's parents on March 3, 2022, and March 8, 2022, to offer further assistance, but the parents did not answer or return the calls.

107. Medicaid covered the Infant's medical bills for both ER visits and admissions. Despite absence of insurance, the Infant's family does not have any outstanding balance due to St. Luke's. The Infant's family never paid anything for and owe nothing for the care the Infant received at St. Luke's, including the care received during the hospital stay March 1-4, 2022 which was initiated by the Infant's parents.

108. Despite knowing that the Infant's parents had not incurred significant liability for the medical care received at SLRMC, Rodriguez, assisted by the other Defendants, continued to solicit donations, and received more than \$115,000 based on misrepresentations that the St. Luke's Parties had engaged in wrongdoing and that St. Luke's had created huge financial liability for Rodriguez's family.

#### **Defendants Used the False Narrative to Market PRN and Other Business Ventures**

109. Defendants used their false narrative regarding the Infant to market PRN.

110. Defendants repeatedly misrepresented that the Infant was released to the Infant's parents based on the fact that PRN had acted to disrupt the operations of the St. Luke's Parties and acted to intimidate and threaten the St. Luke's Parties.

111. Defendants made these false statements knowing that the Infant was released in accordance with the judicial proceedings, because St. Luke's was able to stabilize the Infant's medical condition, and because protections were put in place to protect the Infant's health going forward.

112. Defendants knew that PRN and the other Defendants did not assist with or accelerate the release of the Infant to the parents. Defendants knew that their actions had actually slowed and complicated the process of returning the Infant to the parents. Nevertheless, Bundy and Rodriguez and the other Defendants committed to selling the false narrative to grow membership in PRN and to make money off members who were directed to make payments to Rodriguez's Freedom Tabernacle entity and/or Bundy's Dono Custos entity.

113. In fact, even after the Infant was returned to the Infant's parents, Rodriguez and Bundy have continued to exploit the Infant by incessantly marketing the Infant and his likeness through social media and alternative media to promote PRN, Bundy in campaign advertising, and Rodriguez and his multiplicity of sales schemes.

#### **Defendants Continue to Defame and Call for Harassment**

114. Defendants' efforts to disrupt and dismantle St. Luke's and defame Plaintiffs did not stop when the Infant was discharged.

115. Seeking to continue to benefit politically and financially from the false conspiracy Defendants manufactured, Rodriguez recently created the group "People Against Child Trafficking."

116. On March 26, 2022, Bundy and Rodriguez organized a rally on property owned by one of Bundy's companies.

117. The rally was heavily advertised by Defendants and was exploited as a fundraising event by the Bundy Campaign.

118. During the March 26, 2022, rally, Defendants continued to make false, defamatory statements about the St. Luke's parties, including the following:

- a. Defendant Rodriguez stated Dr. Erickson kept the Infant in the hospital to "rack[] up the bill" while displaying defamatory images of Dr. Erickson on a large movie screen;
- b. Defendant Rodriguez stated the St. Luke's Parties engaged in kidnapping and child trafficking for money;
- c. Defendant Rodriguez indicated that the St. Luke's Parties were taking part in the "greatest child trafficking ring in the history of the world"; and
- d. Defendant Bundy described the St. Luke's Parties as equivalent to rapists, comparing the St. Luke's Parties to "feudal lords" practicing "prymae noctis";<sup>1</sup>

119. At the March 26, 2022, rally on the Bundy Property, Rodriguez bragged about shutting down St. Luke's phones system such that St. Luke's "couldn't even operate."

120. At the March 26, 2022, rally, Defendants used defamatory speech to incite people to join PRN and to take the fight against the St. Luke's Parties and other supposed kidnapers and child traffickers "all the way to the end."

121. The defamatory statements made at the March 26, 2022, rally were streamed and the video was later posted to social media sites and to websites controlled by Defendants.

122. Defendants continue to defame the St. Luke's Parties, including but not limited to publishing or making the following false, misleading, and defamatory statements.

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<sup>1</sup> Prymae Noctis names an ancient tradition in which all noble lords had the right to have sex with any female subject, regardless of her will, and even with a virgin bride on her wedding night. <https://www.dictionary.com/e/historical-current-events/prymae-nocta/#:~:text=Prima%20nocta%20is%20the%20semi,particularly%20on%20her%20wedding%20night.>

123. Defendant Bundy falsely and publicly reaffirmed that all of his prior public statements about Plaintiffs were true.

124. Defendant Bundy falsely and publicly accused St. Luke's of taking the Infant.

125. Defendant Bundy falsely and publicly accused St. Luke's of taking other peoples' children.

126. Defendant Rodriguez falsely and publicly accused St. Luke's of being involved in a child trafficking network and kidnapping children.

127. Defendant Rodriguez falsely and publicly accused St. Luke's of profiting off of the false kidnapping of the Infant.

128. Defendant Rodriguez falsely stated in emails in support of a web site he is creating that St. Luke's is corrupt and wicked and is involved in extortion harming Idahoans every day.

129. Defendant Rodriguez falsely stated on a website of his creation that St. Luke's and its CEO Mr. Roth are corrupt, wicked, and commit extortion every day.

130. Defendant Rodriguez, Bundy, and PRN have repeatedly made the false statements that Plaintiffs participated in a conspiracy with DHW and Governor Little to kidnap and traffic the Infant in retaliation for Bundy's political opposition to government actions taken to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

131. In a video that he produced and promoted widely on the internet on or about February 10, 2023, Bundy falsely stated that Dr. Erickson misdiagnosed the Infant and called CPS.

132. In a video that he produced and promoted widely on the internet on or about February 10, 2023, Bundy falsely stated that Chris Roth was an accessory to child abduction.



133. In a news article published in the Idaho Press on or about February 10, 2023, Bundy falsely stated that Dr. Erickson misdiagnosed the Infant.

134. In an interview on or about January 27, 2023, which was posted and promoted on the internet, Bundy falsely stated that St. Luke's misdiagnosed the Infant multiple times, three times while in the hospital's care.

135. On or about January 17, 2023, Bundy published "Come No More Upon Me, A Warning Letter from Ammon Bundy" ("Come No More Threat") on the PRN website and on other websites which contains a number of false statements, including, but not limited to, false statements that: (1) the Infant was taken into protective custody as part of a conspiracy involving St. Luke's and government officials which targeted Bundy; and (2) that he was forced to sell his home because St. Luke's put a lien on the property.

136. Further, Bundy and PRN updated the "Come No More Threat" numerous times between January 17, 2023 and February 10, 2023 to make additional threats and false statements, including, but not limited to: (1) that "the Senior Executives at St. Luke's are getting away with committing horrible crimes against children in Idaho . . ."; and (2) that St. Luke's negotiated with him regarding his criminal trespass.

137. Defendant Bundy made numerous false public statements that the Infant was neglected while in St. Luke's care. Among other places, Bundy made these false statements on or around February 9, 2023 on the internet video blog entitled "The Pete Santilli Show".

138. Defendant Rodriguez has repeatedly used hate speech directed at the LGBTQ+ community while making false statements in widely disseminated interviews that St. Luke's participates in a conspiracy to kidnap babies from Godly, Christian families in order to traffic the babies to "homos" who are likely to abuse or kill the stolen babies.

139. Defendant Rodriguez falsely stated St. Luke's is involved in child trafficking, and in any number of wicked and heinous offenses against society and people of faith, specifically.

**COUNT I  
(DEFAMATION (LIBEL AND SLANDER)—  
ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

140. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein.

141. Defendants have published false, misleading, and defamatory statements about Plaintiffs directed to third parties including, but not limited to:

- a. Defendant Rodriguez falsely and publicly accused St. Luke's of being "world famous" for "mistreating people," "killing people," and "stealing babies from their parents."
- b. Defendant Rodriguez falsely and publicly accused St. Luke's of forcing the Infant to take "toxic poison."
- c. Defendant Rodriguez falsely and publicly accused Plaintiffs of participating in an "organized crime ring" and "harming" the Infant.
- d. Defendants falsely and publicly accused Plaintiffs of kidnapping children.
- e. Defendants repeatedly told their followers and supporters to disrupt St. Luke's operations by protesting, calling in, donating money, and making noise. Followers heeded these commands, resulting in serious threats to Plaintiffs.
- f. Defendant PRN published a wanted poster featuring a headshot of Mr. Roth with the caption: "WANTED: Chris Roth, President/CEO of St. Luke's." Under the headshot, the website falsely accused Mr. Roth of "Criminal accessory of child abduction and deprivation of rights under color of law." Defendants encouraged protestors to make signs using this image.
- g. Defendant FMP published a list of pictures under the heading: "Main People Responsible for [REDACTED] Kidnapping." Dr. Erickson's picture was the first on the list. FMP then falsely stated that Dr. Erickson "was the first to call CPS" and accused her of being "the initial trigger that got everything started." FMP later added NP Jungman to the list.
- h. Defendant Rodriguez falsely and publicly stated that Dr. Erickson "had a panic attack and literally sent a CPS worker or social worker to [Rodriguez's] daughter's hospital room to interview her."

- i. Defendant Rodriguez falsely and publicly stated that Dr. Erickson is incompetent at her profession, stating the “hospital doesn’t understand even the basic common-sense things that anybody understands.”
- j. Defendants FMP and Rodriguez published the false statement that experts at St. Luke’s “harm and kill babies all the time.” This false accusation is intended to defame doctors at St. Luke’s including Dr. Erickson.
- k. Defendant Bundy falsely and publicly accused Judge Fortier of taking “hundreds of children . . . with this Doctor Natasha D. Erickson.”
- l. Defendants FMP and Rodriguez published the false statements that NP Jungman “personally financially benefitted from this Child trafficking” and that she “takes innocent little children that have just been ripped from their families and starts looking at and asking them about their privates.”
- m. Defendants FMP and Rodriguez published a false statement implying that NP Jungman committed “medical malpractice.”
- n. Defendant Rodriguez falsely stated that St. Luke’s was involved in kidnapping the Infant for a profit.
- o. Defendant Rodriguez stated that St. Luke’s is connected to a medical mafia.
- p. Defendant Bundy falsely stated that Dr. Erickson misdiagnosed the Infant.
- q. Defendant Bundy falsely stated that Chris Roth and Dr. Erickson are the ones who took the Infant from his parents.
- r. Defendant Bundy falsely stated that St. Luke’s misdiagnosed the Infant multiple times.
- s. Defendant Bundy falsely states that St. Luke’s mistreated and neglected the Infant while the Infant was in their care.
- t. Defendant Bundy falsely stated that St. Luke’s targeted the Infant for kidnapping because of Bundy’s opposition to COVID “corruption”.
- u. Defendant Rodriguez falsely stated St. Luke’s is involved in child trafficking, and in any number of wicked and heinous offenses against people of faith, specifically.

142. These statements were false.

143. At the time Defendants made the statements, they knew the statements were false, or made the statements with reckless disregard for their truth and made such statements with malice.

144. Defendants' statements were not subject to privilege or justified communications.

145. Defendants made or published the statements with the purpose of defaming or disparaging Plaintiffs, in an effort to injure Plaintiffs' business and reputation.

146. Defendants make these false statements in an effort to benefit themselves financially.

147. Defendants' statements involve false allegations of criminal activity and/or involve matters incompatible with business, trade, profession, or office, and are defamatory *per se*.

148. In particular, Defendant Bundy made false statements directed at Dr. Erickson which involve matters incompatible with business, trade, profession, or office, and are defamatory *per se*.

149. Defendants made false statements that Plaintiffs were committing crimes and wrongful acts against Christians or people of faith intending that those false statements would increase the likelihood of their followers or other members of the public would harass and/or commit violence against Plaintiffs.

150. Defendants Rodriguez and Defendant FMP used hate speech directed at the LGBTQ+ community in their false statements against Plaintiffs intending that those false statements would increase the likelihood that their followers or other members of the public would harass and/or commit violence against Plaintiffs.

151. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' publication of such statements, Plaintiffs have suffered economic and non-economic harm in an amount to be proven at trial.

152. Because Defendants' statements were made knowingly, intentionally, willfully, and/or maliciously, Plaintiffs seek punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

**COUNT II  
(INVASION OF PRIVACY—MR. ROTH, DR. ERICKSON, AND NP JUNGMAN  
AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

153. Plaintiffs Mr. Roth, Dr. Erickson, and NP Jungman incorporate the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein.

154. Through their actions described above, Defendants have published materially false statements concerning Mr. Roth, Dr. Erickson, and NP Jungman to third parties.

155. These statements were false.

156. These statements placed Mr. Roth, Dr. Erickson, and NP Jungman in a false light in the public eye.

157. At the time Defendants made the statements, they knew the statements were false, or made the statements with reckless disregard for their truth and made such statements with malice.

158. Defendants' statements were not subject to privilege or justified communications.

159. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' publication of such statements, Mr. Roth, Dr. Erickson, and NP Jungman have suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

160. Because Defendants' actions were done knowingly, intentionally, willfully, and/or maliciously, Mr. Roth, Dr. Erickson, and NP Jungman seek punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

**COUNT III**  
**(INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS—**  
**MR. ROTH, DR. ERICKSON, AND NP JUNGMAN AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

161. Plaintiffs Mr. Roth, Dr. Erickson, and NP Jungman incorporate the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein.

162. Through their actions described above, Defendants engaged in extreme and outrageous conduct that went beyond all possible bounds of decency in a civilized society.

163. Defendants' conduct was intentional or reckless.

164. As an actual or proximate result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Mr. Roth, Dr. Erickson, and NP Jungman suffered the requisite injuries.

165. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Mr. Roth, Dr. Erickson, and NP Jungman have suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

166. Because Defendants' actions were done knowingly, intentionally, willfully, and/or maliciously, Mr. Roth, Dr. Erickson, and NP Jungman seek punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

**COUNT IV**  
**(TRESPASS-SLHS AND SLMRC AGAINST BUNDY AND RODRIGUEZ)**  
**(COMMON LAW)**

167. Plaintiffs SLHS and SLRMC incorporate the foregoing allegations as if set forth fully herein.

168. Defendant Bundy entered the ambulance bay at St. Luke's Meridian property on Saturday, March 12, 2022.

169. Defendant Bundy did not have permission to be in the ambulance bay at St. Luke's Meridian property.

170. Defendant Bundy remained in the ambulance bay at St. Luke's Meridian property after being instructed to leave and blocked access to the ambulance bay.

171. The ambulance bay at St. Luke's Meridian property is restricted to authorized medical and emergency personnel.

172. Defendant Bundy's presence in the ambulance bay at St. Luke's Meridian property interfered with St. Luke's ability to provide medical care to patients and conduct its business.

173. Defendants Bundy and Rodriguez entered St. Luke's Boise property on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, while leading a large crowd for the express purposes of disrupting hospital operations and generating publicity for a political cause that benefited Defendants and generating revenue for Defendants.

174. Defendants Bundy and Rodriguez did not have permission to enter or remain on St. Luke's Boise property because they were not seeking medical care or treatment and were not authorized visitors.

175. Defendants Bundy and Rodriguez interfered with hospital staff, blocked public access to the hospital, and disrupted hospital operations.

176. Defendants Bundy's and Rodriguez's presence at St. Luke's Boise property interfered with St. Luke's ability to provide medical care to patients and conduct its business.

177. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants Bundy's and Rodriguez's actions, Plaintiff St. Luke's has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

**COUNT V**  
**(TRESPASS-SLHS AND SLRMC AGAINST BUNDY AND RODRIGUEZ)**  
**(STATUTORY TRESPASS PURSUANT TO I.C. § 6-202)**

178. Plaintiffs SLHS and SLRMC incorporate the foregoing allegations as if set forth fully herein.

179. Defendant Bundy entered the ambulance bay at St. Luke's Meridian property on Saturday, March 12, 2022.



180. Defendant Bundy did not have permission to be in the ambulance bay at St. Luke's Meridian property.

181. Defendant Bundy acted intentionally and willfully when he entered and remained in the ambulance bay at St. Luke's Meridian property.

182. Defendant Bundy remained in the ambulance bay at St. Luke's Meridian property after being instructed to leave and blocked access to the ambulance bay.

183. The ambulance bay at St. Luke's Meridian property is not open to the public and is not accessible by the public. Entry into the ambulance bay is restricted to authorized medical personnel, emergency responders, and patients seeking emergency care.

184. Defendant Bundy's presence in the ambulance bay at St. Luke's Meridian property interfered with St. Luke's ability to provide medical care to patients and conduct its business. Bundy took this action for an improper purpose.

185. Defendants Bundy and Rodriguez entered St. Luke's Boise property on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, as protestors. Bundy and Rodriguez took these actions for improper purposes.

186. Defendants Bundy and Rodriguez acted intentionally and willfully when they entered and remained present at St. Luke's Boise property.

187. St. Luke's Boise property is open to the public who are actively seeking medical care or treatment. St. Luke's lawfully restricts access to its Boise property to patients and authorized visitors only.

188. Defendants Bundy and Rodriguez did not have permission to enter or remain on St. Luke's Boise property because they were not seeking medical care or treatment and were not authorized visitors.

189. Defendants Bundy and Rodriguez interfered with hospital staff and patients, blocked public access to the hospital, and disrupted hospital operations.

190. Defendants Bundy's and Rodriguez's presence at St. Luke's Boise property interfered with St. Luke's ability to provide medical care to patients and conduct its business.

191. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants Bundy's and Rodriguez's actions, Plaintiff St. Luke's has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial and should be awarded attorneys' fees relating to this claim and pursuant to I.C. § 6-202(3)(a)(ii) (civil trespass). In the event of default, SLHS and SLRMC each should be awarded damages for this cause of action in an amount of no less than \$250,000 from each Defendant, Bundy and Rodriguez, and in addition, in the amount of \$50,000 in attorneys' fees relating to this claim from Bundy and Rodriguez.

**COUNT VI**  
**(UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES—ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST DEFENDANTS**  
**BUNDY, RODRIGUEZ, AND FMP)**

192. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each of the foregoing allegations as if set forth fully herein.

193. Defendants engage in political activism, the marketing of the personal brands of Bundy and Rodriguez, and related business activities for financial gain.

194. Ammon Bundy is in the business of generating revenue for himself, his political campaign, the PRN, and other businesses he owns, such as Abish-husbandi, Inc. and Dono Custos, Inc, by marketing his personal brand as a political activist and leader to garner donations, revenues, and fees.

195. Rodriguez generates revenue for himself and his businesses through his personal brand, his political activism, the FM PAC, FMP, sale of his self-published books, speaking engagements, provision of marketing services to the Bundy for Governor Campaign, and through

his consulting services sold through the Power Marketing entities. For example, Rodriguez exploits the likeness of the Infant and the notoriety created by the false narrative regarding the Infant to advertise Power Marketing.

196. FMP owns and operates freedomman.org. FMP generates revenue and/or other benefits for Rodriguez through traffic to the site and by serving as a marketing vehicle for Rodriguez's business ventures, including, but not limited to, Freedom Tabernacle Incorporated and the Power Marketing entities.

197. SLHS and SLRMC are not-for-profit companies which provide medical services in Idaho.

198. Mr. Roth is the CEO and President of SLHS.

199. Dr. Erickson is a physician employed by SLRMC.

200. NP Jungman is a nurse practitioner employed by SLRMC.

201. In the conduct of trade or commerce and in seeking revenue for themselves, Bundy, Rodriguez, and FMP engaged in methods, acts, and practices unlawful under Idaho Code title 48, chapter 6, including, but not limited to, falsely disparaging the business and professional reputation of the St. Luke's Parties.

202. Bundy, Rodriguez, and FMP knew, or in the exercise of due care should have known, that they engaged in unconscionable methods, acts, or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, as provided in Idaho Code § 48-603C.

203. The actions and practices of Bundy, Rodriguez, and FMP are misleading, false, or deceptive.

204. Bundy's, Rodriguez's, and FMP's conduct and pattern of conduct are outrageous and offensive to the public conscience.

205. As a direct result of these wrongful acts and practices, the St. Luke's Parties have been damaged more than \$250,000.00, in an amount to be proven at trial.

**COUNT VII**  
**(IDAHO CHARITABLE SOLICITATION ACT—ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST**  
**DEFENDANTS RODRIGUEZ AND FMP)**

206. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each of the foregoing allegations as if set forth fully herein.

207. Defendants Rodriguez and FMP engaged in the solicitation of charitable contributions to the “Save [REDACTED] from Medical Kidnapping” campaign.

[https://givesendgo.com/\[REDACTED\]](https://givesendgo.com/[REDACTED])

208. Defendants Rodriguez and FMP solicited charitable contributions based on false statements regarding supposed medical bills owed to SLHS and SLRMC. In truth, the parents of the Infant never made any payments to SLHS or SLRMC for medical services and owe no money to SLHS or SLRMC for medical services as the medical services were covered by government programs.

209. Defendant Rodriguez and FMP planned, conducted, and executed solicitations for charitable contributions by utilizing unfair, false, deceptive, misleading, or unconscionable acts and practices.

210. In soliciting for charitable contributions, Rodriguez and FMP engaged in methods, acts, and practices unlawful under Idaho Code title 48, chapter 12, including, but not limited to, falsely disparaging the business and professional reputation of the St. Luke's Parties, manufacturing a false conspiracy of kidnapping, trafficking, and killing of children involving the St. Luke's Parties, and falsely representing the amount of liability incurred relating to medical expenses associated with treatment of the Infant.

211. SLHS and SLRMC are not-for-profit companies which provide medical services in Idaho that were disparaged as part of the charitable solicitation.

212. Mr. Roth is the CEO and President of SLHS who was disparaged and part of the charitable solicitation.

213. Dr. Erickson is a physician employed by SLRMC who was disparaged as part of the charitable solicitation.

214. NP Jungman is a nurse practitioner employed by SLRMC who was disparaged as part of the charitable solicitation.

215. Rodriguez and FMP knew, or in the exercise of due care should have known, that they engaged in unconscionable methods, acts, or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, as provided in Idaho Code § 48-603C, standards incorporated into the Idaho Charitable Solicitations Act.

216. The actions and practices of Rodriguez and FMP relating to the solicitation of the charitable contributions were and continue to be misleading, false, or deceptive.

217. Rodriguez's and FMP's conduct and pattern of conduct are outrageous and offensive to the public conscience.

218. As a direct result of these wrongful acts, Rodriguez and FMP caused more than \$115,000 to be donated wrongfully.

219. As a direct result of these wrongful acts and practices, the St. Luke's Parties have been damaged owing to the false and defamatory statements to generate donations.

220. As a direct result of these wrongful acts and practices, the public has been misled.

221. Rodriguez and FMP should be assessed damages and attorneys' fees (pursuant to I.C. §§ 48-608, 48-1205), in an amount proven at trial pursuant to the purpose of the Idaho

Charitable Solicitations Act. In the event of default, Rodriguez and FMP should be forced to disgorge at least \$115,000 and pay attorneys' fees in the amount of \$50,000 to Plaintiffs for fees incurred relating to this claim.

**COUNT VIII  
(CIVIL CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT DEFAMATION, INVASION OF PRIVACY,  
INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS, TRESPASS, UNFAIR  
BUSINESS PRACTICES, AND WRONGFUL CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS—ALL  
PLAINTIFFS AGAINST DEFENDANTS)**

222. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein.

223. Defendants each willfully, intentionally, and knowingly agreed and conspired with each other to publish false, misleading, and defamatory statements about Plaintiffs directed to third parties, as described above.

224. Defendants Rodriguez and Bundy further agreed and conspired to unlawfully trespass on Plaintiff St. Luke's property.

225. In furtherance of this conspiracy, Defendants defamed all Plaintiffs, invaded the privacy of Mr. Roth, Dr. Erickson, and NP Jungman, intentionally inflicted emotional distress on Mr. Roth, Dr. Erickson, and NP Jungman, unlawfully trespassed onto Plaintiff St. Luke's property, committed unfair trade practices against all Plaintiffs, and defamed all Plaintiffs in furtherance of a conspiracy to violate the Idaho Charitable Solicitation Act.

226. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiffs have suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

227. By virtue of the formation and operation of this conspiracy, Defendants, as participants in the conspiracy, are liable as joint tortfeasors for each other's misconduct.

**REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL**

Pursuant to Idaho Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiffs hereby request trial by jury as to all issues that are properly so tried.

## **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Counterclaimants respectfully request the following relief from this Court:

- A. An award to each of the St. Luke's Parties from each of the Defendants for damages in the sum to be proven at trial but in no event less than \$250,000;
- B. Injunctive relief requiring the Defendants: (1) to cease posting and disseminating defamatory statements against the St. Luke's Parties; (2) to cease making statements that the St. Luke's Parties are criminals and/or participate in the kidnapping, trafficking, sexual or any other abuse, and/or killing of children; (3) to remove from all online locations Defendants have authority to do so any and all statements that the St. Luke's Parties are criminals and/or participating in the kidnapping, trafficking, sexual or any other abuse, and/or killing of children; (4) to cease disseminating and encouraging others to disseminate the contact information, personal information, and images of Mr. Roth, Dr. Erickson, and NP Jungman; and (5) to remove from all online locations Defendants have authority to do so the contact information, personal information, and/or images of Mr. Roth, Dr. Erickson, and NP Jungman.
- C. An award to the St. Luke's Parties of their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for this matter under Idaho Code §§ 12-120(3), 12-121, 6-202(3)(a)(ii) (civil trespass), 48-608 (unfair business practices), and 48-1205 (Charitable Solicitation Act), or other applicable authorities and statutes;
- D. An award of punitive damages in the sum to be proven at trial; and
- E. Provide such other relief as the Court determines fair, just, and appropriate under the circumstances.



DATED this 3rd day of March, 2023.

HOLLAND & HART LLP

By: /s/Erik F. Stidham

Erik F. Stidham

Jennifer M. Jensen

*Counsel for Plaintiffs*

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 3rd day of March, 2023, I caused to be filed and served, via iCourt, a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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*/s/Erik F. Stidham*

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# **EXHIBIT C**



# SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## GEM COUNTY

Donnie Wunder, Sheriff  
Dave Timony, Chief Deputy

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April 12, 2024

To whom this may concern,

The Gem County Sheriff's office has been utilized for civil services on Ammon Bundy. In the course of providing this intermediary service as the Sheriff's Office does for anyone requesting the services, service on Ammon Bundy is becoming a concern. Mr. Bundy has avoided service and when he is contacted, he is becoming more and more aggressive with his behavior with the civil paper servers.

Gem County Deputies served civil process on Mr. Bundy on 04/06/2023. At that time Mr. Bundy became very confrontational with the deputies. Mr. Bundy called the Sheriff's office dispatch after the deputies left his home, and wanted it on record the deputies were trespassed from his home property. Per dispatch, Mr. Bundy has previously trespassed paper servers from his property.

I talked with Mr. Bundy via telephone on April 10th. Mr. Bundy expressed to me that he feels like he is being harassed by all the papers that have been served on him (by mail and personnel service). Mr. Bundy went on to also say that he is at his breaking point. By the tone in his voice I believe he is.

In my opinion, if this continues, there is potential for someone to getting hurt. My concern is with the safety of process servers and my deputies. I do not want to risk harm over a civil issue.

  
Sheriff Donnie Wunder

# **EXHIBIT D**

Erik Stidham

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From: Erick Thomson <ethomson@co.gem.id.us>  
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 8:48 AM  
To: Erik Stidham  
Subject: RE: Records Request

**External Email**

Good morning Erik,

Yes, your description of the situation is accurate. If there's anything else you need, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best,  
Erick

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From: Erik Stidham [mailto:EFStidham@hollandhart.com]  
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:13 PM  
To: Erick Thomson <ethomson@co.gem.id.us>  
Subject: RE: Records Request

Erick,

Thanks. And I want to make sure I understand the current situation. My understanding is that Mr. Bundy has made a trespass complaint relating to service of civil process by the Gem County Sheriff's Office of legal documents in the St. Luke's lawsuit against Mr. Bundy. I also understand that Mr. Bundy has made formal complaints of trespass against the private process servers my office has used in this lawsuit. Based on Mr. Bundy's trespass complaint, the Gem County Sheriff's Office will not be serving Mr. Bundy on behalf of my client unless or until directed to do so by a Court with proper jurisdiction and authority. Further, based on Mr. Bundy's trespass complaints against the private process servers, those process servers are at risk of being cited for trespass.

I understand the difficult position Mr. Bundy is creating for the Sherriff. We intend to take action to get these issues addressed by a Court of proper jurisdiction. Given Mr. Bundy's history, I believe that is the safest and, really, only route forward.

Regards,

**Erik Stidham**

He / Him / His [\(What's this?\)](#)

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From: Erick Thomson <ethomson@co.gem.id.us>  
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 3:01 PM  
To: Erik Stidham <EFStidham@hollandhart.com>  
Subject: Records Request



**External Email**

Mr. Stidham,

My sheriff drafted a document on April 12 that's now sitting down in records. It details the current issues he is having with civil service on Mr. Bundy. It might be worth making a public records request to obtain it.

Best,  
Erick Thomson

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## How a standoff in Nevada years ago set the militia movement on a crash course with the US Capitol

The ABC News documentary "Homegrown: Standoff to Rebellion" is on Hulu today.

By [Mike Levine](#)  
January 5, 2022, 3:10 AM



Homegrown: Standoff to Rebellion  
How the road to January 6 began as early as 2014 on a ranch in Nevada.

Within days of Joe Biden being projected the winner of the 2020 presidential election, the founder of the Oath Keepers militia, Stewart Rhodes, appeared on right-wing radio to warn of a coming "bloody fight" to save "the republic."





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The election had been "stolen" from Donald Trump, Rhodes declared to conspiracy theorist Alex Jones, saying that "just as Americans across the country stormed the Bundy ranch to stand up for a rancher's family, we need to go to Washington with the same conviction."

It was a fleeting moment on fringe radio, but it reflected nearly a decade's worth of anti-government rhetoric. In one moment, it connected some of the nation's most prominent anti-government figures: Jones, Rhodes, and the Bundy family, who led two high-profile confrontations with the federal government in 2014 and 2016.

Two months after Rhodes' radio appearance, on Jan. 6, 2021, the so-called "big lie" of a stolen presidential election drove a [mob to attack the U.S. Capitol, as Congress met to certify the 2020 election results.](#)



In this Feb. 28, 2021, file photo, Stewart Rhodes, founder of Oath Keepers, is shown in Fort Worth, Texas.

Aaron C. Davis/The Washington Post via Getty Images, FILE

But as the nation still struggles to process what pushed the crowd toward such violence a year ago, counterterrorism experts and former U.S. officials underscore how much many of the attackers had been primed, over many years, to believe that the country is collapsing and that one day armed conflict may be the only way to save it.

"It is the other big lie," Elizabeth Neumann, former assistant secretary for counterterrorism and threat prevention at the Department of Homeland Security, told ABC News. "When you tell somebody that it's an existential crisis and they are the only thing that can stop [it], some small percentage of people think that the only thing to do then is to commit an act of violence."

Daryl Johnson, a former senior domestic terrorism analyst at DHS, agreed, saying he believes there is "a straight line that you can draw" between Jan. 6 and what activist Ammon Bundy and his father started years ago on their Nevada ranch.

An ABC News review of court records, videos, and media accounts shows how Bundy's infamous government showdowns were invoked as rallying cries in the run-up to Jan. 6, and how Bundy's own actions and rhetoric throughout 2020 foreshadowed what was to come.

And counterterrorism experts warn that Jan. 6 is hardly the end of the threat.

"It's a point on a timeline," said Dr. Donell Harvin, a senior researcher at the RAND Corporation who was the District of Columbia's homeland security chief on Jan. 6. "It portends to something that's been brewing for years, and that's still going on today."

Spokespeople for Bundy and Rhodes did not respond to multiple ABC News requests for comment for this story.

### **'A giant Americana victory'**

By all accounts, Ammon Bundy's first major showdown with the federal government in 2014 -- the one Rhodes invoked on Jones' radio show -- was a boon for U.S. militias and the nation's anti-government movement.

At the time, militias were in the midst of a revival. The militia and white supremacist movements had diminished in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, but Barack Obama's election to the White House in 2008 and his perceived liberal policies on guns, immigration and taxes changed that.

Claiming he wanted "to prevent the destruction of American liberty," Rhodes formed the Oath Keepers in 2009, shortly after Obama took office. Like other modern militia groups, Rhodes based the Oath Keepers on the Second Amendment's call for "a well-regulated militia."

But the militias referenced in the Constitution were supposed to be under the direction of state governors, which is why states now have National Guard units, according to Mary McCord, the former head of the Justice Department's national security division. McCord said that despite their "own disinformation," there's "no authority for these private militias," especially when they "decide on their own to call themselves up." Others suggested militias can be legal, as long as they don't engage in violence.

Nevertheless, in early April 2014, the Bundy family issued a public "call out" for battle-ready groups to come to their aid after federal agents seized their cattle in Bunkerville, Nevada, over unpaid grazing fees. "Range War begins tomorrow," Bundy's father posted online.

As Reuters reported at the time, Jones began "avidly promoting" the dispute on his radio show. And then armed militia members from across the country, most prominently Rhodes and members of his Oath Keepers, converged on the Bundy ranch.

The [standoff](#) grew increasingly volatile over several days, with federal agents deploying dogs and stun guns, and rifle-carrying militia members taking sniper-like positions on an overpass overlooking the area.

Fearing a bloodbath, federal authorities ultimately backed down and released the cattle.



In this April 12, 2014, file photo, Eric Parker aims his weapon from a bridge as protesters gather by the Bureau of Land Management's base camp, where cattle that were seized from rancher Cliven Bundy are being held, near Bunkerville, Nev.

Jim Urquhart/Reuters, FILE

To Jones, it was "a giant Americana victory." Rhodes hailed it as "a significant watershed moment," and the Oath Keepers released a video calling it "the first time in our country's recent history that good Americans stood up and said, 'We're not going to let this happen on our watch.'"

The outcome was "huge in terms of validating and legitimizing" the organizations that associated with Bundy, especially the Oath Keepers, historian and Johns Hopkins University professor Leah Wright Rigueur told ABC News. Experts said it "emboldened" militia groups and anti-government activists.

"It gave them hope that they could do it again, and maybe do something even on a bigger scale," according to Johnson, who now heads the Washington-based consulting firm DT Analytics.

In fact, in an interview with Reuters at the time, Jones vowed that "it's going to happen more."

### **'It matters how you stand'**

Two years after the showdown in Nevada, in January of 2016, Bundy led an armed takeover of the [Malheur National Wildlife Refuge](#) outside Burns, Oregon, to protest the lengthy imprisonment of two Oregon ranchers who set fires on federal land. The ranchers told Bundy they didn't want his help.

Still, armed militia members, including numerous Oath Keepers, once again came to Bundy's aid.

"The federal government decides to play it slow and just let them wait it out," recalled Chris Sampson, the chief researcher at the Terror Asymmetric Project, which tracks online extremism.

This time, though, the standoff brought bloodshed.

Three weeks into the takeover, on a road outside of the refuge, state and federal authorities surrounded a truck driven by Bundy spokesman LaVoy



Finicum. When Finicum stepped out of the vehicle and appeared to reach for a gun inside his jacket, law enforcement fatally shot him.



In this Jan. 4, 2016, file photo, members of the group occupying the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge headquarters stand guard near Burns, Ore.

Rick Bowmer/AP, FILE

The standoff ended three weeks later when the FBI moved in on the property and the last remaining militia members surrendered.

"Finicum became not only the martyr of that, but he became the person that you should go be to stand up to the government," Sampson recalled.

In fact Rhodes invoked Finicum in mid-November 2020, as the pro-Trump "Stop the Steal" movement was gaining traction following the 2020 election. In a lengthy post online, Rhodes told "patriots" to head to an upcoming rally in Washington because "duty calls!"

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"This election was stolen," Rhodes wrote. "As the late, great cowboy patriot LaVoy Finicum said: 'It doesn't matter how it ends, It Matters How You Stand.'"

Bundy and other leaders of the Oregon takeover were arrested on federal conspiracy and weapons charges, but a jury acquitted them of all charges. A separate case against Bundy for the 2014 standoff in Nevada fell apart due to prosecutorial misconduct.

According to Sampson, it was just another "succession of wins" against the federal government, and Bundy and his family "proceeded to still be heroes."

### **The Trump effect**

Less than a year after the 2016 Oregon standoff, Donald Trump was elected president.

At the time, the number of militias and so-called "patriot groups" was actually slightly declining, according to some counts. But thanks to Trump's anti-immigrant rhetoric, his claims of a government "deep state," and his reluctance to criticize the far right, militia groups and other right-wing extremists "felt license to be more public" and "more vocal," McCord said.

Members of the Oath Keepers even reportedly provided security at some of Trump's political rallies.

Once in office, Trump regularly demonized government institutions, accused longtime public servants of "treason," and allowed wild conspiracy theories about a "deep state" -- including the QAnon movement -- to flourish, experts told ABC News.

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"We pay a lot of attention to the kind of racialized rhetoric that Donald Trump employs ... [but] we don't talk a lot about the anti-government sentiment that Trump deploys," Rigueur, an ABC News contributor, said.

Then, as a global pandemic swept over the country in 2020, Trump and his allies went even further.

"This long-standing rejection of the role of the federal government really comes to a head around the government's coronavirus response," said Rigueur.

Early on, with COVID-19 increasingly ravaging U.S. cities, Trump publicly refused to follow federal recommendations for Americans to wear face masks. He publicly clashed with the government's top scientists and doctors. And as states worked to expand their mail-in voting capacity so voters could safely cast ballots in upcoming elections, Trump publicly claimed, with no factual basis, that mail-in voting was riddled with fraud.

"This will be the greatest rigged election in history," Trump repeatedly warned at the White House and on Twitter, months before Election Day.

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Meanwhile, other issues were inflaming political tensions across the country.

The killing of George Floyd by police officer Derek Chauvin in Minneapolis sparked nationwide protests and a renewed "Black Lives Matter" movement. But extremists on the far-left and far-right, including militia groups, turned some of the peaceful protests violent.

Trump and his allies framed outbursts of violence in major cities as evidence that left-wing movements like antifa were a greater domestic

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terrorist threat than white supremacists or anti-government extremists.

"So social issues [and] political issues were really starting to collide together," said Harvin, the former D.C. homeland security chief.

### **'Stand in defense'**

In the spring and summer of 2020, while "Black Lives Matter" activists were organizing protests calling for racial justice, right-wing groups were organizing protests calling for an end to the coronavirus lockdowns, mask mandates and other restrictive measures that state governments were implementing.

Bundy and Rhodes were featured speakers at several such rallies.

"You really could not design a better scenario if you're Stewart Rhodes or [Bundy]," said Neumann, who is now an ABC News contributor. "With COVID, [they have] the opportunity to be like, 'See? I was right. ... And you need to stand up for your rights.'"

At the start of the pandemic, Bundy even launched a new nationwide network of supporters, which he called "People's Rights," to help organize protests and prepare people for what he called the "physical" defense of their rights. He estimated that more than 40,000 joined his cause.

"If it gets bad enough, and our rights are infringed upon enough, we can physically stand in defense in whatever way we need to," Bundy said at an event in Idaho in April 2020, according to a New York Times account of his remarks.

At a rally the following month in Texas, Rhodes told supporters they were now living under "the same kind of tyranny" that led Americans to launch an armed revolution against British forces in 1765.

"So you are in the same place they were," he said. "You got to get your crap together and start training, get yourselves back in shape, and prepare yourself to fulfill your duty as the militia of this county and of this state."

### **'Dry runs' for Jan. 6**

As the pandemic deepened, people like Bundy and Rhodes weren't the only ones urging Americans to take action against the government -- then-president Trump was, too.

"Liberate Virginia!" and "Liberate Michigan" Trump tweeted in April 2020.

"These [tweets] were essentially pouring fuel on a raging fire, and his messages were actually heeded and carried out," Johnson said.

Two weeks after Trump's Michigan tweet, hundreds of people, including armed militia members and QAnon adherents, [stormed the Michigan statehouse](#) in Lansing to protest Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's latest pandemic-related restrictions.



Protesters try to enter the Michigan House of Representative chamber after the American Patriot Rally organized by Michigan United for Liberty protest for the reopening of businesses on the steps of the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing, Mich., April 30, 2020.

Jeff Kowalsky/AFP via Getty Images

Then at a June rally, Bundy urged his own followers to take their grievances to the Idaho Capitol.

"If that means we have to knock down the doors of the Capitol building to enter in to exercise [our] right, then that's exactly what I will do, and I hope many of you will do the same," Bundy said to cheers. "That, my friends, is the peaceful thing to do."

Two months later, he led an angry mob of protesters into the Capitol building in Boise.

Video posted to Facebook could easily be mistaken for some of the footage that later came from inside the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, with angry Americans clashing with police, loud chants of "This is our house!" and flashes of military symbols and "Trump 2020" paraphernalia.

In the Boise video, Bundy can be seen trying to force open a door so the crowd of protesters can flood into the state's House gallery.

"Broken glass on the floor of our Capitol because they tried to keep the people out," a woman says in the video as the crowd pushes inward.

Experts and former U.S. officials who spoke with ABC News described the Lansing and Boise incidents as clear precursors to Jan. 6. Johnson even called them "dry runs."

### **'We will step in and stop it'**

In the weeks after Biden was projected the winner of the presidential election, Trump supporters held rallies in Washington and elsewhere, in hopes that they could "Stop the Steal."

Trump's campaign and its allies filed an array of lawsuits across the country, challenging ballot counts and election operations in key states, but those legal efforts failed in court.

Nevertheless, Rhodes promoted the cause, speaking at rallies and appearing on Jones' show, where he invoked 2014's standoff at the Bundy ranch and vowed that if anyone tried to "illegally" remove Trump from office, "we will step in and stop it."



In this Jan. 6, 2021, file photo, Alex Jones, the founder of right-wing media group Infowars, addresses a crowd of pro-Trump protesters after they storm the grounds of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.

Jon Cherry/Getty Images, FILE

At the time, "Jan. 6 was a blip on the radar," according to Harvin -- "just another date on the calendar."

But then law enforcement and intelligence officials started to notice online chatter among fringe groups saying "they can change the outcome of the election" by preventing Congress from certifying the election on Jan. 6, Harvin recalled.

The chatter concerned Harvin and his counterterrorism colleagues, he said, but they really became alarmed when -- in mid-December 2020 -- Trump posted a tweet saying: "Big protest in D.C. on January 6. Be there, will be wild!"

"Immediately within 24 hours after that tweet we saw a tenfold increase in online chatter," Harvin said. Groups that Harvin said are normally "not aligned" -- including anti-government groups, white supremacist groups and conspiracy theorists -- started communicating and coordinating online together, he said.

A week before Jan. 6, Bundy posted his own message online.

"Just wanted to express my support for what is happening in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 6," he said in a video on his YouTube page. "Don't wear a mask, and stand for freedom."

#### **'I'm with Ammon Bundy'**

"If you don't fight like hell, you're not going to have a country anymore," Trump told his supporters at the rally held the morning of Jan. 6 on the Ellipse.





President Donald Trump speaks during a "Save America Rally" near the White House in Washington, D.C., Jan. 6, 2021.

Shawn Thew/EPA via Bloomberg via Getty Images, FILE

An hour later, when hundreds of protesters breached security at the U.S. Capitol, the crowd allegedly included an Idaho woman named Pamela Hemphill, who attended several Bundy-related events throughout 2020 and joined him when he stormed the Idaho state Capitol months earlier, according to an ABC News review of online videos of the events.

The night before the siege in Washington, Hemphill had attended an event hosted by Jones and was recorded telling the crowd, "Let's go to the Capitol. We did it in Boise. ... We broke the glass door. Watch the video," the FBI said in charging documents.

"I'm with People's Rights. Ammon Bundy," Hemphill added, according to the documents.

Following the attack on the Capitol, she was charged with disorderly conduct and breaking into government property. She has pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial.

Hemphill is one of more than 700 people who have been arrested so far for their alleged actions at the Capitol building on Jan. 6.



Pro-Trump protesters storm into the U.S. Capitol to stop the certification of the 2020 U.S. presidential election results by the U.S. Congress in Washington, Jan. 6, 2021.

Shannon Stapleton/Reuters

"Some people clearly came intending to [commit violence], others got swept up in it," McCord said.

More than 100 of those charged have military or law enforcement experience, according to an ABC News review of the cases.

At least 62 of those charged have alleged ties to militia groups, including the Oath Keepers.

Rhodes was reportedly on Capitol grounds on Jan. 6, but he's said he wasn't there until after the violence began, and there's no evidence he entered the Capitol building. In addition, while [court records suggest](#) he was communicating directly with at least two rioters that day, Rhodes has denied any wrongdoing.

He told the Washington Post last year that his group had "zero plan" to enter the Capitol, and anyone who did acted on their own.

### **A dangerous mixed message?**

In a video posted to YouTube two days after the siege, Bundy insisted he has never promoted violence, and he promised to pay thousands of dollars to anyone who "can find even one comment where I am promoting violence."

"You will not find anything," he assured viewers. "I do not believe that anybody has a right to act in violence."

"Unless," he added, "they're acting in defense."

Experts said that type of remark -- "unless they're acting in defense" -- can send a potentially dangerous mixed message, especially when Bundy has spent years imploring Americans to stand up and "defend" their rights.



"We are entering the greatest battle to defend individual rights that has ever been waged before," he warned a Utah crowd in August 2020.

More recently, in an interview with right-wing radio, Bundy told listeners that when defending their rights, "the level of defense depends upon you, depends on how much that right means to you."

Bundy and others like him often "flirt on that line" where "they make calls to action" without calling for violence -- and then vulnerable people "hear that message and decide on their own to act violently," according to Johnson, the former domestic terrorism analyst.

Neumann agreed, saying "it wasn't illogical" for protesters who "believed their country was being stolen from them" to then believe on Jan. 6 "that this is one of those times where violence is justified."



In this Jan. 5, 2016, file photo, Ammon Bundy, one of the sons of Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy, speaks during an interview at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, near Burns, Ore.

Rick Bowmer/AP, FILE

Eight years after the standoff at his family's ranch, Bundy is now running to become the next Republican governor of Idaho. In a campaign video released over the fall, Bundy said he's "not anti-government" -- he's "just anti-corruption" and against "government overreach."

And at a campaign event last month, he told ABC News that what happened at the U.S. Capitol a year ago "is being over-exaggerated" and "hyped up."

"It wasn't an insurrection," Bundy insisted. "I mean, they weren't trying to overthrow anything."

The FBI, meanwhile, recently warned that "anti-government extremism" is among the greatest threats facing the nation, and said the agency is currently conducting about 2,700 domestic terrorism investigations.

"The beliefs persist," Neumann, the ex-DHS official, said.

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## INTRODUCTION

# "ARE YOU READY FOR CIVIL WAR NOVEMBER 4"

--Tony Pellegrino, People's Rights [1]

SEIZING ON COVID-19 ANXIETY, AMMON BUNDY AND HIS ALLIES HAVE CULTIVATED A DANGEROUS NEW NETWORK OF MILITIA MEMBERS, ANTI-MASKERS, CONSPIRACISTS, PREPPERS, ANTI-VAXXERS, AND OTHERS INTO AN ARMY OF FOLLOWERS—AMMON'S ARMY.

This report by the Institute for Research and Education on Human Rights and the Montana Human Rights Network explores the breadth and depth of the network built by Bundy and named "People's Rights." What started in late March with a few dozen supporters in a rural Idaho warehouse has swiftly expanded to a membership base of over twenty thousand across the country.

Relying on field reports, countless hours of video footage, interviews, archival material, and a massive trove of online data, report researchers have captured the first full picture of Ammon's army.

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Data presented in this report suggests that the rapid growth of the People's Rights network has been spurred by a fusion of Bundy's core of the far-right paramilitary supporters built up over years of armed standoffs with a mass base of new activists radicalized in protest over COVID-19 health directives.

The leadership of the People's Rights network has remained hidden, locked away inside a new online platform away from public scrutiny, until now. Under the People's Rights banner, Bundy has assembled a team of 153 "assistants" in sixteen states. This report, for the first time, names all 153 of those activists and examines their backgrounds—including extensive far-right activism by many area assistants. Though the national and state leadership is still dominated by men, this report also documents how People's Rights has a majority of women in local leadership positions—a first for modern far-right networks.

This report also details how People's Rights carved up the country into local areas. It maps the locations of the more than twenty thousand members of the People's Rights network. It also dives into the data collected by report researchers on the composition of the online membership base of the twenty-two different People's Rights Facebook groups that helped accelerate the spread of the network. The report digs into the new online platform developed by People's Rights, a way to communicate with activists in case of de-platforming by major social networks.

The results of this study contravene many of the myths surrounding the People's Rights network. Instead of a more traditional "anti-government" narrative, People's Rights leaders have expressed a desire for governmental power to be used to protect the "righteous" against "wicked" liberals, antifa, Black Lives Matter activists, and others. Several People's Rights leaders are running for elected office—to become the government. Absent that sort of intervention, leaders have proposed a type of armed enclave-style "neighborhood" nationalism, where "righteous" neighbors stand against the "wicked." People's Rights leaders have often defined the "wicked" using far-right conspiracism, racism, antisemitism, anti-indigenous, and anti-transgender sentiment.

Despite the different network branding, this report further highlights how the People's Rights network shares many commonalities with far-right paramilitary movements of the past, including the Posse Comitatus and the militia movement.

Throughout the report, the danger of Ammon's army becomes evident. Already there have been significant clashes and growing rage. In the context of the pandemic, it puts the lives of community members and public servants at risk, straining democratic institutions, and damaging civil society. We hope this report will serve as an alert to all communities in the path of Ammon's army.



## POINT OF THE SPEAR

### AMMON BUNDY AND THE MALHEUR ARMED OCCUPATION

The origins of the People's Rights network and the insurrection against COVID-19 restrictions can be traced back four years to the snow-swept terrain of the southeast Oregon high desert. For all the recent viral far-right misinformation claiming "antifa" started wildfires across the West, it's important to remember that the 2016 armed takeover of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge in Oregon began as a rally supporting two ranchers convicted of arson wildfires on federal land.



Rancher Dwight Hammond Jr., and his son, Steven, were convicted of starting a 2001 wildfire on federal land, allegedly to cover up illegal deer poaching. Steven Hammond “handed out ‘Strike Anywhere’ matches with instructions that they be lit and dropped on the ground because they were going to ‘light up the whole country on fire.’”[2] Steven Hammond was also convicted of a 2006 arson in a national wildlife refuge.

When the Hammonds were ordered to serve their full sentences, militia members, Three Percenters, Tea Partiers, and other so-called “patriots” from across the country converged on Burns, Oregon to protest. Among those in attendance was Ammon Bundy, who had become a larger-than-life movement figure after the 2014 armed standoff at his father’s ranch in Nevada. Following a demonstration, a small group of activists led by Bundy left the rally to take over the dormant buildings of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge to take a “hard stand” against federal “tyranny.”[3]

At a press conference during the takeover, Bundy laid out his rationale for seizing the facility as part of a larger crusade to steal public lands.[4] Calling for reinforcements, Bundy declared that they were the “point of the spear that’s going to bring confidence and strength to the rest of the people.”[5] Many, indeed, were emboldened by Bundy’s actions.

After forty days, the armed occupation came to an end with one man dead and more than two dozen occupiers charged with federal offenses. In the legal battle for the Malheur invaders that ensued, Bundy quietly built up a core group of dedicated followers. They helped promote Bundy and did support work for the numerous people who went to trial for involvement in the armed takeover. In the end, the arsonists were pardoned by President Trump, while Ammon Bundy and most of the Malheur militants were freed by the courts. Then along came the COVID-19 pandemic. What was past became prologue as the group of militia members and other far-rightists attracted to the Bundy cause became the nucleus of what would become the People’s Rights network.



## FROM MALHEUR TO MASKS

### AMMON BUNDY & THE COVID-19 INSURRECTION

As governors around the country began putting in place rules to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ammon Bundy started gathering people together to stop them. On March 26, Bundy held an initial meeting in his warehouse in a dusty lot near the railroad tracks in Emmett, Idaho. [6] By that day, a total of 79,785 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the US had been reported, with 1,136 deaths from the virus.[7]

At a germinal gathering of what would become People’s Rights on April 2, Ammon Bundy oversaw a meeting where COVID-19 health restrictions dominated the conversation. One participant lamented that “if we knew for sure that 150 million people were going to die that would be tragic and sad and very unfortunate, but that still doesn’t trump our freedom and our rights.”[8]

There was widespread agreement in the room about the need to change the narrative away from “focusing on the virus” to “focus on our freedoms and our rights.”[9]

When the group reconvened a week later, seventy-two people were in attendance to hear Bundy announce the new name for the group and describe how quickly they had grown.

“We have more people here than we had before, and we’ve started to get organized, so bear with us because it feels like oh man they’re not that organized. And we’re not. But every day and every week we get more and more organized. We put this in place. We put this in place. And pretty soon we have a body of people that are capable—not just talking about—but capable of defending their liberties because we’re uniting. That’s what’s happening here. So one of the things we’ve done we’ve put a way that people can basically join, if you wanna call it that, People’s Rights, or whatever you want to call it. And we have a contact list that’s now probably over 300 people. So that’s a good little start, ok.”[10]

During the event, they announced that they would defy the governor’s stay-at-home directives and hold an Easter service. Though only about sixty people attended the Easter rally, the defiant disregard for public health drew national attention.[11]

Bundy and People’s Rights created a network based on aggressive, belligerent non-compliance with the COVID-19 health directives. Bundy has repeatedly told his crowds, “Do not comply. That is what it will take.”[12]

To help slow the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, like many places the city of Meridian, Idaho, closed playgrounds and outdoor exercise equipment (while leaving walking paths open). On April 21, nine days after the Easter protest in nearby Emmett, Sara Walton Brady, leader of the anti-vaxxer group, Idahoans for Vaccine Freedom, staged a protest at a closed playground and was arrested after multiple requests to leave. She broadcast her arrest on social media. In an aggressive response to Walton Brady’s arrest, Ammon Bundy and a group of about 40 people protested

outside of the arresting police officer's home.<sup>[13]</sup> One person, who identified themselves as a member of the III% of Idaho, called the Meridian Police Department to demand, "It's time to choose a side. We can't stand what you people do. We will make you abide by the Constitution."<sup>[14]</sup> The combined actions reaped national attention, another spark to ignite insurrection. Sara Walton Brady became a member of the People's Rights Idaho group, which helped bring anti-vaxxers into the network.

The series of visible confrontations became a rallying cry around the country, setting off a wave of protests that one week later saw heavily-armed militia members storm the Michigan legislative chambers and the governor hung in effigy. It also gave spark to far-right groups opposed to COVID-19 restrictions. From April to September, the number of those groups swelled to 1,186 with 3,032,085 members.<sup>[15]</sup>

As attention shifted to the massive number of vocal groups clamoring to reopen the economy in the middle of a pandemic and opposing any sorts of health mandates like wearing masks, Bundy and People's Rights were building an army behind the scenes.



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# CHAPTER TWO UNCOVERING THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS NETWORK

*Ammon's Army: Inside the Far-Right People's Rights Network*

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### THE STRUCTURE, SIZE, AND SCOPE OF THE NETWORK

Initially, much of the core of what became People's Rights grew out of ties developed during the Bundy family's armed confrontations with the federal government and/or their subsequent court cases. Some of these core activists became engaged in these networks around the time of Cliven Bundy's 2014 Bunkerville standoff, including Nevada state leader Joshua Martinez, Utah Area 9 assistant Shawna Cox, Utah Area 10 assistant Raul Hevía, and Washington State Area 2 assistant Tammy Hill.<sup>[16]</sup>

Others were involved in Ammon's takeover of the Oregon wildlife refuge. Utah Area 9 assistant Shawna Cox, Idaho Area 2 assistants [Sean and Sandra Anderson](#), and Utah figure [Brand Thornton](#) were all directly involved in the Malheur takeover. Oregon state leader [Bj Soper](#) organized in connection to the occupation through the Pacific Patriot Network.<sup>[17]</sup>

Others either directly mobilized or became engaged online on behalf of LaVoy Finicum, killed by police during the standoff, or during post-Malheur Bundy family trials. These include:

- California state leader [Tony Pellegrino](#)
- California Area 10 assistant Erik Cryder
- Washington Area 4 assistant [Kelli Stewart](#)
- Washington Area 5 assistant Amanda Bisset
- Missouri Area 8 assistant Madelynn Frazier
- Montana Area 5 assistant Ed Kugler
- Oregon Area 3 assistant HollyJo Beers
- Utah Area 11 assistant Trevor Wilkerson. <sup>[18]</sup>

Arkansas state leader [Angela Clemons](#), while organizing in support of a militia member convicted of plotting to kill law enforcement, did so in cooperation with activists in Bundy's networks in 2018.<sup>[19]</sup>

In late April, People's Rights launched its website, complete with stock-photos of a happy white family, and the tagline, "Uniting Neighbors to Defend Their Families, Faith, Freedom and Future."

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# AMMON'S ARMY CHAIN OF COMMAND

## THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS NETWORK STRUCTURE

Despite persistent talk of a lack of hierarchy in the organization, People's Rights is a fairly typically structured group. Ammon Bundy sits atop the hierarchy—though in an unnamed, unspecified position. He is the main spokesperson for the group, and it appears that he has complete access to all the individual member information.

Seated below Bundy, at least in terms of access to information, are so-called “state assistants” responsible for coordinating activities with multiple “area assistants” across their respective states. As Bundy explained in a training video, “The job of the state assistant is to identify the boundaries of each area and to help nominate and fill each of the area assistant positions. And it’s really that simple. Then the state assistants will just assist the area assistants in all that they have to do, training, when one needs to be replaced they can encourage nominations.”<sup>[20]</sup>

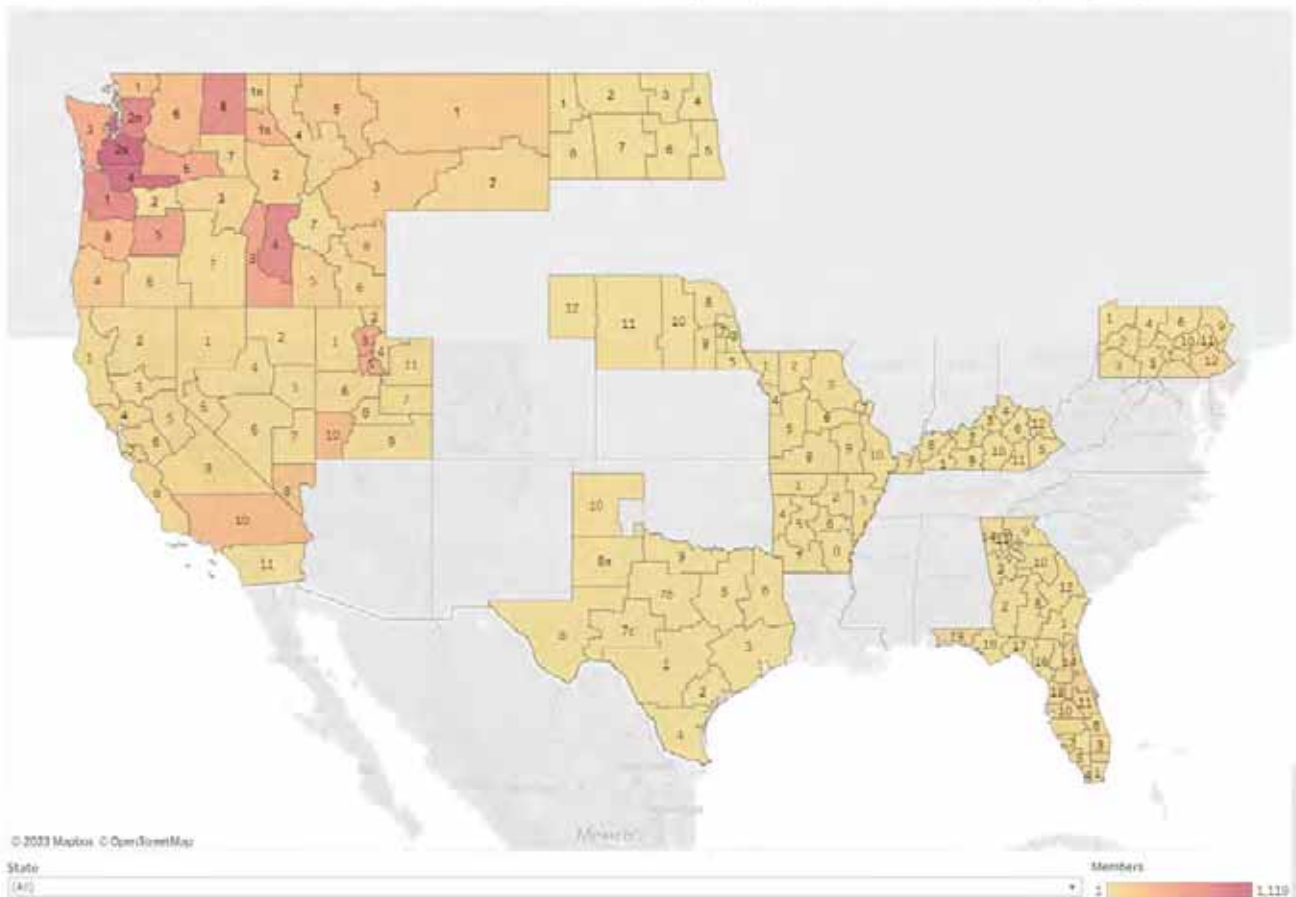
According to Bundy, “the area assistant is the most important role in people’s rights,” as they are the “gatekeepers of the information.”<sup>[21]</sup> Bundy explained in another training video for area assistants,

“so when people sign up to People’s Rights, the area assistants receive that information and it does not go to all the other people in your area. That way it’s protected, that it can’t be used improperly. And the area assistants are the gatekeepers, the caretakers of that information. They also activate the people when someone’s rights need to be defended, or when something is going on in their community, in their neighborhoods, that needs to be addressed.”<sup>[22]</sup>

# MAPPING THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS NETWORK

## DESIGNATED LOCAL AREAS & MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

In sixteen different states, the network has divided up each state into areas that are overseen by area leaders. As of September 1, there are ten state assistants and 143 area assistants in sixteen states: Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, and Washington. Kentucky, Nebraska, and Texas have been divided into areas, but do not yet have assigned state or local assistants. In total, these states account for 15,602 individuals in the People’s Rights network, the vast majority of the group.





















## STATE PROFILES

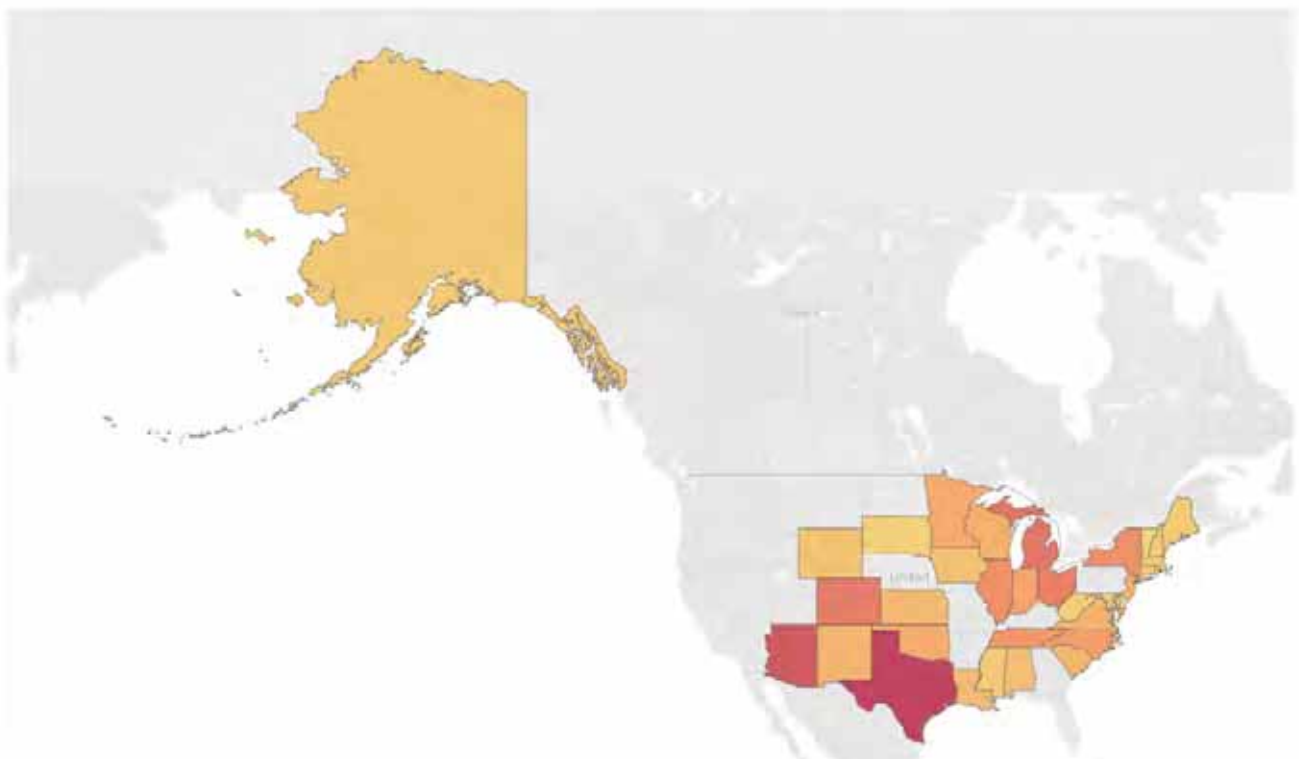
The complete list of area assistants has only been known to the inner-circle of People's Rights. Until now. Report researchers have uncovered the complete list of state and area assistants for People's Rights. A complete list of state and area assistants is available [here](#). Additional information about area assistants is available on each state page.

To dive deeper into the far-right activity of People's Rights at the state level—including area membership figures and profiles of area leaders—select one of the states below.

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 <b>KENTUCKY</b> <a href="#">VIEW</a>		

### MEMBERSHIP IN STATES WITHOUT LOCAL AREA STRUCTURE

In addition, there are 6,249 additional members scattered across the thirty-four states that do not yet have area leaders and have not been broken into areas. In total, the People's Rights network had 21,851 members in their membership system on September 1.





## THE COVID-19 INSURRECTION AND THE MASS BASE

Building on top of the initial militia base, data suggests that the growth of People's Rights relied heavily on opposition to COVID-19 health restrictions. An examination of Facebook data indicates that People's Rights area leaders are members of 85 different COVID-19 Insurrection groups.[23] More than one-quarter of the members of People's Rights groups on Facebook are members of one or more groups opposed to COVID-19 restrictions. In total, 2,097 members of the 8,193 members of People's Rights Facebook groups are members of one or more of 785 different groups opposed to COVID-19 health restrictions.[24] Some of the most popular groups among People's Rights Members include: Reopen Washington State (370), Bare Face Is Legal (270), ReopenWA (262), Put your \$\$ where your mask is. Freedom Friendly Businesses!! (256), All Jobs are Essential (221), Open Oregon (174), No Mandatory Masks For Kids in ANY Washington State Schools (162), Reopen Oregon (155), Reopen Washington State Churches (155), and Reopen Washington Action Network (143).

As discussed at the initial meetings, the network quickly moved beyond opposition to COVID-19 restrictions. Instead, they laid forth a framework to appeal to militia-types, conspiracists, anti-vaxxers, preppers, Christian nationalists, and more. According to their website,

"When it is no longer 'legal' to grow your own food, educate your children or operate your own business, who will you call? Who will you call when the law mandates that vaccines be injected into your body or the bodies of your children? Who will you call when street criminals roam your neighborhood undeterred by the police? Who will you call when due process is denied to you because of political differences? Who will you call when things like contact-tracing are implemented in your state and you refuse to participate?"[25]

The expanse of the issue set may partially account for the wider appeal of People's Rights with women, compared to the militia/Second Amendment crowd.

## CLOSING THE FAR-RIGHT GENDER GAP

Most far-right networks have been dominated by men, who made up the vast majority of leaders and members. Militia-type networks have generally been +85% men in membership, even higher percentages in leadership. The Tea Party was the first modern far-right movement to create significant room for women. Between 2010 and 2015, the Tea Party had between 37% and 33% of members who identified as female.[26] By contrast, the People's Rights network has cultivated a leadership network where the majority of leaders identify as female. Of the 153 area leaders, 53% appear to identify as women, 47% as men. The overall head of the People's Rights network, and eight of the ten state leaders, however, are men. None of the area assistants that researchers have examined identified as transgender or non-binary, and several of the network's leaders have expressed anti-transgender bigotry.[27]

AREA ASSISTANT COMPOSITION



Female



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[24] Members of People's Rights groups on Facebook were also members of these Facebook groups opposed to COVID-19 health restrictions: RE OPEN CALIFORNIA CITIZENS FIGHT BACK, #BackToBusinessGeorgia, #Liberate Washington, #LiberateMissouri, #OpenOHIOAgain, #OpenSBC, #OpenUpCA, #REOPEN IL FREEDOM IN NUMBERS!, #Reopen OK, #ReOpenCT, #reopencoco, #ReopenKS, #ReopenNC Burke County/Unifour Area, #ReOpenNC Henderson County, #ReOpenNC Iredell, #REOPENNJ 2020, #ReopenNY, #ReOpenOC, #ReopenOhio, #reopenor, #ReopenTexas, #ReOpenTN, #ReOpenVC, #UNMASKCT, 2020 PLANDEMIC CORONA PSYOP MIND CONTROL ANTI NEW WORLD ORDER, VACCINES, 5G, Ada School UNMASKED, Adams County Patriots, Advocates for Economic Liberty, AGAINST MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINES, Alabamian's Against Excessive Quarantine, Alaskans Against Mandatory Quarantine, All Jobs are Essential, All Shepherds, No Sheep – Fight to be FREE!, America Back To Work 4/27/20, America Unmasked, American Women do NOT Wear Masks, American Workers & Business Owners Against Excessive Quarantine., Americans Against Excessive Overreach, Americans Against Excessive Quarantine, Americans Against Excessive Quarantine Group, AMERICANS Against excessive Quarantine!, Americans Against Excessive Shut Down and Quarantine, Americans Against Masking & Global Friends Too!, Americans Against Quarantine, Americans Against the COVID Hoax, Americans Against Unconstitutional Lockdown, Americans Against Unconstitutional Lockdowns, Americans Against Unnecessary Quarantine & Business Disruption, Americans for COVID-19 Truth, Against



Quarantine of the healthy, Americans for Liberty and Freedom: End the Government Shutdown, Anti Mask Upstate NY, Anti-Lockdown Group, AntiMask, ANTI-MASK 2020, Anti-Mask Coalition, Anti-Mask League 2020, ANTI-MASKER NATION, Anti-Maskers, Anti-Maskers for Constitutional Rights, ANTI-MASK-STAND4FREEDOM-NOT SLAVERY, AR2 Patriot Network, Arizona against excessive lockdown, Arizonans Against Excessive Quarantine, Arizonans for Liberty, Back to work Colorado, Back to Work Florida, BACKTOWORK2020, Bare Face Is Legal, Benton County Uniting for Liberty, Berkshire's against CV19 hoax, Berkshire's against CV19 hoax, Boise Parents Against Mandatory Masks in Schools, Buckeyes Against Mandatory Quarantine, Bucks County No Masks Required, Buffalonians Against Excessive Quarantine (716) (2), Burke/Catawba businesses not requiring masks, Burn Your Mask, Burn your masks!!, C.U.R.E. - Citizens United for Reopening the Economy, C-19 Hoax 2020, Cabarrus Freedom, California Against Excessive Quarantine, California against masks, California for Civil Rights (Stop The Lockdowns), California Patriots pro Law & Order, Californians Against Excessive Quarantine, Californians Against Lockdown, Californians Against Quarantine, Californians For Freedom, Casper Back To Work, Central Bucks Residents for Reopening Schools, Cherokee County School District REOPEN Community group, Christians Against Face Masks, Citizen. stand up ! ( N.C. ), Citizens For Living Liberty UNITED, Citizens for reopening for business no later than 05/04/2020, Citizens to End the Destruction of California, Citizens to REOPEN CAROLINA BEACH, Citizens United for Freedom, Coloradans Against Excessive Quarantine, Colorado Citizens Against Polis Shutdown Orders, Come Together KS & MO, Commons of Halifax County Virginia, cool story, but corona virus is a hoax, CoronaHoax2020, coronavirus hoax, coronavirus hoax, COVID 19 - BACK TO WORK NOW, Covid 19 Hoax, Covid shutdown March on Capital Building, COVID-HOAX, COVID-19 is a hoax, COVID-19 Is A Hoax!, CT citizens against the shutdown., CT Get Back To Work Rally!, CutNOW hairdressers for opening!, Dansville Against Excessive Quarantine, Defend Hermiston & Eastern Oregon, Defy Your State Government and Get Back To Work, Deschutes County Uniting For Liberty, Disobey Idaho: North Idaho, Douglas County United for Liberty, DURANGO UNITED!, Durango UNMASKED Unite!, Durango UNMASKED Unite!, Elk County for Freedom, Empowering Minds of Pa - EMP, End America's Lockdown, End lockdown June 2020, END the Covid-19 Lockdown NOW! - Only Sunshine or Vt.D3 will stop this Flu!, End The Fresno Lockdown, End the Lock Down, End the Lock down.- Restore Civil Liberties., End the Lockdown, End the Lockdown in Texas, End The Lockdown Tampa Bay, End The Lockdown! This is America!, End The Lockdown-Maryland, End The Quarantine, End The Shutdown, End The Shutdown Movement, End the Shutdown. Quarantine is not a cure., End the Washington State quarantine!, EndTheLockdown Astoria Queens NY, Essential Minnesota, Estes Park Patriots For Freedom, Face the Truth, Fear Free Montgomery, FIRE FAUCI - END THE LOCKDOWN, Fla 2020-The 4 concerned, Florida Citizens Against Looters/Lockdowns, Florida Snow Day, Florida Uniting for Liberty, FLORIDA/USA TIME FOR LOCKDOWN TO END!!!, Floridian's Against Excessive Quarantine, Floridians against excessive quarantine, Floridians for FREEDOM over fear!, Floridians to march on the state capital to end lockdown, Floridian's Against Excessive Quarantine, For Our Rights, Free California, Free Encinitas & San Diego County, Free Livingston County NY, FREE NYS, Free To Choose- No Mandatory Masks For Lakeland, Freedom, Freedom For Michigan, Freedom Is Essential New Jersey, Freedom march 2020, Freedom 🇺🇸, FreedomNC - New Hanover County, Fresno Freedom Events, Fully Open Ferndale Schools, Georgia AGAINST Mandatory Face Masks!, Georgians Against Excessive Quarantine, Georgians Against Unconstitutional Quarantine, Get America Back To Work!, Get Americans Back to Work, Get Indiana County Back to Work, Get our Freedom Back Illinois!!, GetNCbacktowork, Getting OK Back TO NORMAL!, Glendale Unified Parents Against Masks, Great 48!, Group for businesses not requiring masks in Kentucky, Gwinnett Citizens AGAINST Mandatory Masks in School, Gwinnettians against excessive quarantine, Hanover PA for Smaller Government, HARDIN NORTHERN SCHOOL UNMASKED, Hoosiers Connect, Hoosiers United for Liberty, Hunt County - Back to Business, I refuse to wear a mask., Idahoans against excessive quarantine, Illini fighting against excessive quarantine!, Illinoisans Against Excessive Quarantine, Illinoisians Against Excessive Quarantine, Indiana Citizens, Iowans For Economic Freedom, It's Time to Get Back to Work!, Jackson County Uniting for Liberty, Jefferson County Uniting for Liberty, Joplin Mask Mandate Opponents, July 4th Mask Burning Protest, Kansans against mandatory face mask, Kansas Mask Boycott, KEEP CALIFORNIA OPEN & FREE ( Uncensored ), Keep Florida Open and End Mandatory Mask Wearing, Keep Missouri Open, KEEP NEVADA OPEN, Keep Santa Cruz Free, Keep Wisconsin Open!!, Keeping Texas Great! The Lone Star State., Kentucky Resistance to Excessive Quarantine, Kingsburg Constitutionalists, KY is Open for Business, Lancaster/York Area No Masks Required, Lane County Uniting For Liberty, Las Vegas & Nevada Against Excessive Quarantine, Lee county mask protest planning, Let us go back to work!!!!!! Enough is enough!, Lets Be The Voices for Reopening Schools/Sports, Let's End The Lockdown, LET'S GET BACK TO WORK, Let's Get Back to Work!, Let's Keep Clark County, NV, Open, Let's Liberate Missouri together!, LIBERATE, Liberate America, LIBERATE ARKANSAS, LIBERATE CALIFORNIA, Liberate Colorado, LIBERATE FLORIDA, LIBERATE ILLINOIS, LIBERATE KENTUCKY, LIBERATE MARYLAND, LIBERATE MICHIGAN, Liberate Michigan 2.0, LIBERATE MINNESOTA, Liberate Montana, Liberate New England, Liberate Our City, Liberate Palm Desert, Liberate Pennsylvania, Liberate Racine, Liberate Shalopee, LIBERATE TENNESSEE, Liberate the USA! Put American's Back to Work! End the Quarantine!, Liberate Virginia, Liberate Washington, Liberate Wyoming, Liberty Keepers Michigan, Liberty Prince William County, Life, Liberty and Lincoln County, Lift the Lockdown Sonoma County, Linn County Oregon Uniting for Liberty, Live Free MN, Live Free Or Die - Open New Hampshire, Los Angeles County Open Schools for 2020, Louisianians Against Excessive Quarantining, LTUSD Parents for Reopening Schools, Maine businesses forcing masks, Maine Discussion Forum, Mainers Against Excessive Quarantine Member's Bulletin Board, Mainers Against Extended Quarantine, MAKE SCV SCHOOLS NORMAL AGAIN!!, Mandatory mask protest, Mankato Un-Masked, Marching for Freedom - North County, SD, Marion County Uniting for Liberty, Marion County Unmasked, Maryland Against Extended Quarantine, Maryland Back in Business, MASK FREE, Mask Free PA, Mask NOT Manditory Places., Mask Off Militia (M.O.M), Mask-Free Missouri, Masks Are A Choice - Orange County, MASKS ARE FOR THE SHEEP AND THE SLAVES OF THE ZIONIST JEWS!, Masks not Required Unifour, MASKS OFF FOR JESUS!!, MASKS OFF NJ, Massachusetts Freedom Project, May 7th - PA citizen reopening, because we decide!, MAY DAY 2020 Back to work and worship, MAYDAY CALL TO RE-OPEN BUSINESS, MAYDAY CALL TO REÇOPEN BUSINESS, MAYDAY....BUSINESS OWNERS UNITE-OPEN During The Month Of MAY, Michigan 100% AGAINST QUARANTINE, Michigan 3 Percent Against the Quarantine, Michigan against excessive quarantine, Michigan Against Mandatory COVID Vaccination, Michigan Freedom Unmasked, Michigan Go Back To Work, Michigan Minorities Against Excessive Quarantine, Michigan Protest Plan & Contingency, Michigan Real Estate Profess against excessive quarantine, and for Liberty., Michiganders against excessive quarantine, Michiganders against face masks, Michiganders Against Forced Quarantine, michigander's against mandatory masks, Michiganders Fighting to Protect Rights, Michiganders for Freedom, Michiganders in quarantine against Whitmer, Michiganders Still Against Excessive Quarantine!, Mid Michiganders against Tyranny— For Common Sense Government, Mid Michiganders against Tyranny For Common Sense Government, Mississippians Against The Lockdown, Missourians Against Excessive Quarantine, Missourians against quarantine and social distancing, Missourians Against Unconstitutional Quarantine, Mitchell Kernel Parents Against Mandatory Masks, Mohave County AZ Against Mandatory Face Masks, Moms Against Masks, Montana Gym Owners for Re



Opening, Moore County Citizens for Freedom- Reopen NC, Mothers Against Mask Mandates, Muscatine Protest Against Mandatory Masks, My Child, My Choice, Unmask our kids, NC No Masks Mafia, NC United for Liberty, NEPA No Masks Required, Nevada against excessive quarantine, Nevada Citizens for Liberty & Prosperity, Nevada Freedom Fighters for Liberty, Nevada Freedom Keepers, Nevadans Against the New Abnormal, Nevadans to Open our State, Nevadians Against Excessive Quarantine, New England Against Excessive Quarantine, New Jerseyans Against Excessive Government, New Yorkers Against Cuomo's Excessive Quarantine, New Yorkers Against Excessive Quarantine, New Yorkers Against Quarantine, New Yorkers Organized Against Authoritarianism, NJ Sons & Daughters of Liberty, No Mandatory Masks For Kids in ANY Washington State Schools, No Mandatory Masks For Kids in Washington State Public Schools, NO MAS(K), NO MASK DEFIANCE, No Mask Flash Mob Carroll County, No mask for me, No Mask High Five Challenge, No Mask Jeffco, No Mask Mafia, No Mask Zone, No mask/muzzles, we have a Voice!, No masks businesses In central Illinois, No Masks for Colorado, No masks for us!, No more Mandatory Masks, No More Shutdowns, Lock downs or "Pauses", no we wont wear mask, North Carolina Independence Day, North Carolinians Against Mandatory Masks, NoToMask&SocialDistancing, Nurses to Reopen Pa., NY Against Mandatory Masks, NYC: Reopen Businesses Now, Oakboro Freedom Convoy, OAMQ, OCC Open Carver County, Ohio Against Unconstitutional Quarantine, Ohio Freedom from Economic Tyranny, Ohioans Against Excessive Quarantine, Ohioans Against Mandatory Masks, Oklahomans Against Tyranny, Open Alabama/say No To Covid-19 Communism, OPEN Archdiocese of NY Schools in September!!, Open Arizona Now, Open Arkansas Now, Open Back Up Our Great Country (USA), OPEN BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS, Open Butler County Ohio, OPEN CALIFORNIA !, OPEN CALIFORNIA BACK UP ( STAND YOUR GROUND ), Open California NOW, Open Churches Now, Open Dallas County Group, Open DuPage and Will County, Open El Paso County, Colorado, Open Fairfax County Schools #OpenFCPS, Open Fayette County, Open Flagler County Now!!!, Open Florida, Open Florida NOW, Open Florida Now!, OPEN FOR BUSINESS WA, Open Harris County (without restrictions), OPEN ICT NOW, Open Kittson County MN, OPEN LODI, Open Maine Now, Open Marshall County, Open Michigan Now, Open Mississippi, Open MN back up R@lly, Open NC Schools, Open New Jersey Churches, OPEN NEW YORK STATE UP, Open NJ schools, Open Northwest Florida Peaceful Rally & Caravan, OPEN ON MAY 4TH, 2020, Open Oregon, Open Oregon Businesses, Open Oregon NOW!, Open Our Churches, Open PA. NOW!, Open Palm Beach County Now, OPEN PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOLS-OUR CHILDREN, OUR CHOICE, Open Perry County Illinois back up now., Open Pike County PA, OPEN ROSEAU COUNTY, Open S.C. Back Up, Open Santa Clara County NOW, Open schools in Catoosa County, Open Spokane Now!, Open Tennessee, Open Texas, Open Texas - No Mask Required, Open Texas Now, Open Trump's Economy Rally, Open Up America, Open up California, Open Up Humboldt County For Business, Open Up Kansas and Lock Down the Governor!, Open Up Martin County, Open up MN state parks and campgrounds, Open Up New Hampshire, Open Up NOW!!!, Open Up Tennessee Let's Get Back to Work!, Open Utah! Stop the Shutdown, Open Volusia Schools Fall 2020, Open WA State Allow People to Go Back to Work, Open Walworth County May 9th, Open Washington, Open Washington Now, Open Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada And Colorado, Open West Virginia, Opening Minnesota Up, Opening Up America Again!, Operation Gridlock, Operation Gridlock Los Angeles, Operation Gridlock Maine, operation gridlock missouri., Operation Gridlock New Orleans, operation gridlock North Carolina, Operation Gridlock Pennsylvania, Operation Gridlock Tampa, Operation PUSHBACK!, Operation Truth Jax, Operation Un-mask, Oppose Abbott: keep Texas open, Orange County Against Excessive Quarantine, Oregon Uniting for Liberty, Oregonians Against Excessive Quarantine, Ottawa County citizens against excessive quarantine., Palm Beach County Against Mandatory Masks!, Parents for Schools to Open, Patriots Against Excessive Quarantine, Patriots Against Governmental Overreach, Patriots In The Tri Always, Patriots of Hancock County Illinois, Pennsylvanians Against Excessive Quaurantine, Pennsylvanians Against the Quarantine, Pennsylvanians for Civil Liberties, People Against Excessive Quarantine, people who wont wear a mask, Protest Washington State Covid19 lockdown, Put your \$\$ where your mask is. Freedom Friendly Businesses!!, Re Open Kern County CA, Re Open Menifee, Recall Evers put Wisconsin back to work NOW!, Recall Kentucky overnor Andy Beshear, Reopen Michigan bars and restaurants, Reopen Alabama, Reopen Alabama - Oust the Tyrants in 2022!, REOPEN AMERICA, Re-Open America, REOPEN AMERICA - Full Picture, Re-Open America 5-01-2020 ... Let Freedom Ring!, ReOpen America Intelligently!, REOPEN AMERICA... 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Rights before Covid19!!, Reopen New Jersey!!!, Re-Open New Jersey/Stop Murphy/Stop Communism, Reopen New Mexico, Reopen NH, REOPEN NJ, REOPEN NJ Schools!, Reopen NorCal, Re-Open Norman, Reopen North Carolina, Reopen North Carolina Now, Reopen North Dakota Now, RE-OPEN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, Reopen Ohio, Reopen Ohio Now, Reopen Okanogan County, ReOpen Orange County, ReOpen Orange County Schools, Re-open Orange County Schools NOW, ReOpen Orange County, Reopen Oregon, Reopen Oregon Now, Reopen Oregon!, Re-Open Our Schools, ReOpen

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CHAPTER THREE

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## THE ONLINE ARMY

PEOPLE'S RIGHTS USED FACEBOOK TO RECRUIT AN ARMY. NOW THEY ARE MOVING ON.

One of the ways People's Rights has been able to grow so quickly is by capitalizing on existing far-right networks on Facebook. For over a decade, militias, Three Percenters, and other far-right groups have had free reign on Facebook's platform. Data collected by report researchers indicates that People's Rights groups were built atop that legacy. Part of the "People's Rights" brand was to simultaneously paper over that history while situating the group at the heart of COVID-19 insurrection.

The first People's Rights private Facebook group was created at the end of April, with most of the rest coming online in June. As of September, the network built out twenty-one different Facebook groups covering Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Missouri, and Nebraska.<sup>[28]</sup> They also convinced the Facebook group Open Carry Utah, which had been created back in 2015, to openly declare that it was an "arm of peoplesrights.org."<sup>[29]</sup> Among those groups, there are 8,193 unique members. People's Rights also has six Facebook pages representing groups in four states (Idaho, Georgia, Montana, and Washington) as well as the national organization. Those pages have been liked by 9,483 people. Local activists have effectively used Facebook to recruit members, publicize their activities, and livestream their protest demonstrations.

Even before Facebook's recent removal of some militia and Three Percenter groups, People's Rights was already moving away from the platform. Rather than bank on Facebook to communicate with members, People's Rights has chosen a more direct path. The People's Rights network relies primarily on an online tool to communicate actions to members via SMS text message.

Prospective members enter their cellphone number and other information on the group's website or send a text message to People's Rights national. Prospective members then receive a text message containing a temporary Access Code that needs to be entered on the website to verify the member. That information is shared with local area leaders. Cellphone numbers are also used to send text messages or voicemails to activists about upcoming events.

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## VISUALIZING THE NETWORK

An Interactive Visualization of People's Rights Facebook Social Network



In some ways, the People's Rights communications structure is a bit of a throwback, harkening to the days of the old "telephone tree" where each activist has a set of pre-determined people they must relay information to when phoned. After a call was started, it would proliferate through the network, each person calling their handful of contacts, until everyone was contacted. Now the system is automated via text message. All the members of a specific area can be contacted by a local area assistant, an entire state can be contacted by a state assistant, and the entire network can be sent text messages by Bundy and crew. Individuals can also join the network via text message. Such a system allows much of the network's activity to occur away from prying eyes on social media.

As Florida Area 12 assistant Rachael Love Cohen described in August, "Unlike social media platforms, People's Rights offers a secure messaging system that will provide us the security we need when we are shut down by the ever-increasing media censorship. This is our primary vehicle to use in emergency situations."<sup>[30]</sup>

Fearing Facebook action against People's Rights, Bundy announced in September that the network is also building out its own social networking site. It will have to compete with several new Idaho far-right social networking sites that came online this month.<sup>[31]</sup> On October 6, Oregon Area 1 assistant, Sonja Persey, indicated a shift in a similar direction, when she announced that she was shifting the group's Facebook page over to a WIMKIN social network site. Persey cited Facebook "censorship" for the move and invited existing members to join at that platform.<sup>[32]</sup>

As People's Rights grew, Bundy continued to broaden that appeal. Decrying potential electoral success by liberals, Bundy warned, "They're not going to respect our rights. They're going to try and make laws to take our arms away, to take our liberty to worship away, to take the right that we have to decide what goes into our bodies and our children's bodies away, that's what it means. And because we have legislators who believe in liberal ideas, all of a sudden now, all our rights are gone? No, that's not the way it works."<sup>[33]</sup> Not content with a band of "Don't Tread on Me" flag-wavers, Bundy was charming a viper's nest of armed activists ready to strike.



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[28] Current list of People's Rights Facebook groups includes People's Rights – North Idaho (Area 1), People's Rights- Area 4, People's Rights Idaho AREA 3 Group, Peoples Rights Idaho Area 5, People's Rights Idaho AREA 8, People's Rights IDAHO Group, People's Rights Missouri, Montana District 1 People's Rights, People's Rights Nebraska, People's rights Oregon 5, People's Rights Oregon 1, People's Rights Zone 3, Open Carry UTAH-OCU (An arm of PeoplesRights.org), Area 1 People's Rights Washington, Area 4 People's Rights Washington, People's Rights Washington Area 2N, People's Rights Washington Area 2S, People's Rights Washington Area 3, People's Rights Washington Area 5, People's Rights Washington Area 6, People's Rights Washington Area 7, People's Rights Washington Area 8, People's Rights Washington Group.

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# AMMON'S ARMY

## INSIDE THE FAR-RIGHT PEOPLE'S RIGHTS NETWORK

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CHAPTER FOUR

# A DEN OF RATTLESNAKES

*Ammon's Army: Inside the Far-Right People's Rights Network*

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## A DEN OF RATTLESNAKES

### PEOPLE'S RIGHTS, VIOLENCE, MILITIAS, & FAR-RIGHT STREET FIGHTERS

Despite all the talk of "rights" and "freedom," a culture of violence and fear lies at the center of the People's Rights message. As Bundy told the crowd at the third meeting of the group, if local, state, or federal officials attempt to enforce laws that the group doesn't like, People's Rights is prepared to adopt a violent posture.

"Even though I hesitate to compare us to rattlesnakes, right, we do on the Gadsden Flag certainly have a snake and it says 'don't tread on me' well we're going to flip that around because what we want to become, what we will become, we are going to be like a den of rattlesnakes—because we will be so venomous if our rights are even threatened one bit, we will be venomous. So people that would normally simply trample on rights will simply walk around us. They will go around because it is not worth their effort. They don't want to get bit."<sup>[34]</sup>

Not surprisingly, that sort of rhetoric has attracted numerous militia members, Three Percenters, Oath Keepers, and other far-right paramilitary types to People's Rights.

Report researchers documented that state and area People's Rights leaders have been members of at least 31 different Militia-type Facebook groups (militias, Three Percenters, Oath Keepers, patriot, minutemen, etc.).<sup>[35]</sup> This includes memberships in groups like APH1-American Patriots the H1% Old School, H1% United Patriots, LFA H1% Washington, Montana Militia, North Cascades Patriots, Oregon H1%, Southern California Patriots, Southwest Missouri Militia, Washington H1%, and the Washington State Militia.

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Membership in militia-type groups is even more pronounced among People's Rights Facebook group members. Report researchers found that 756 members of People's Rights various Facebook groups are members of one or more of 203 different militia-type Facebook groups.[36] One member of Open Carry UTAH- OCU (An arm of PeoplesRights.org), for instance, is Mark "from Michigan" Koernke, one of the most notorious militia leaders of the 1990s.[37]

Additionally, twenty-two members of People's Rights Facebook groups were members of one or more of the Facebook groups dedicated to Matt Shea's secessionist "Liberty State" effort.[38] In 2019, a state House report found that Shea "planned and participated in domestic terrorism against the United States before and during the armed takeover at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge." [39]

In addition to the ties to far-right paramilitaries, there are People's Rights area assistants who have been members of the Facebook group of Patriot Prayer, the group known for violent street clashes and Islamophobic rallies. Peoples Rights Oregon area 3 assistant, Jill Litzinger, and Washington area 4 assistant, [Kelli Stewart](#), were both members of the Patriot Prayer Facebook group (before it was removed from the platform). Throughout the summer at People's Rights protests in Washington, Patriot Prayer founder, [Joey Gibson](#), was a frequent featured speaker. Gibson is awaiting trial on felony riot charges after Patriot Prayer members attacked a group of anti-fascists in Portland.[40] [For more on Joey Gibson, [select his profile](#)]



*Joey Gibson of Patriot Prayer with Kelli Stewart.*

Patriot Prayer's anti-left fanaticism is reflected in some members wearing t-shirts declaring that "Pinochet Did Nothing Wrong," according to press reports. This refers to the Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet, who came to power through a CIA-backed military coup that overthrew democratically-elected President Salvador Allende. After seizing power, the Pinochet regime launched a campaign of brutal repression against left opposition.[41]

Patriot Prayer events have often included members of the racist reactionary group, the Proud Boys, in the crowd. Since their creation in 2016, the Proud Boys have become infamous for their racism, misogyny, and acts of street violence. People's Rights activists have not shied away from the violence and racism of the Proud Boys.

During the presidential debate on September 30, President Trump told the Proud Boys to "stand back" and "stand by." While the Proud Boys were busy gaining new members and selling T-shirts with their newfound fame, a member of the People's Rights Idaho Facebook group posted an image of the Proud Boys logo wrapped by that phrase, to which the activist attached the note, "That's right!" [42] Another member added, "Good advice for all of us." [43]

On August 31, People's Rights Oregon area 1 assistant, Amanda Vital, circulated an announcement for September 26 Proud Boys rally in Portland.[44] The advertisement included the phrase "Free Kyle Rittenhouse," the far-rightist who killed two Black Lives Matter demonstrators in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

At least one People's Rights area assistant has a history around the Proud Boys. Alicia Peterson, an Idaho area 3 assistant, posted pictures with Proud Boys in September 2017.[45]





People's Rights activists have sought out conflict on playgrounds, in stores, and government buildings. On August 10, after being asked to wear a mask at Costco, and refusing to do so, People's Rights leader Ammon Bundy said in a Facebook video, "You can't even go to the store without feeling like a 1933 Jew...I mean I really can sympathize with them a little bit."<sup>[46]</sup>



Later in the month, Bundy was arrested twice for refusing to leave an area of the Idaho Statehouse. In one of the episodes, Bundy and a group, none wearing community-protecting masks, was reported to have shoved police officers and broken a glass door to gain entry. Bundy would be banned from the building for one year.<sup>[47]</sup>

Ammon Bundy and cohorts showed up at a high school football game in Caldwell, Idaho on October 1. He and his group were asked to wear a mask, just like everyone else. They refused to wear a mask or leave Caldwell High property. They were given the option of watching the game from the park. They refused and became disruptive. After "a threat to the safety of the school was made" the school district was forced to end the game at halftime.<sup>[48]</sup> Bundy and his group frequently use force or threatening actions, to disrupt, postpone, or shut down public events.



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## PEOPLE'S RIGHTS &amp; THE LEGACY OF THE POSSE COMITATUS

Besides the history of armed confrontations and long-established relationships, another thing potentially attracting militia members to People's Rights is the deployment of old-school Posse Comitatus-like rhetoric and tactics.

As Daniel Levitas, author of *The Terrorist Next Door* explained, the Posse Comitatus (Latin for "power of the county") was a violent far-right paramilitary group that swept through the farm crisis of the 1970s and 1980s, which fused medieval British legal practice with hardcore white supremacist ideas. The idea was that the county sheriff, or any individuals in a Posse, could arrest and put on trial in a "citizens' jury," any individuals or government officials who attempted to enforce "unlawful" legislation.<sup>[49]</sup>

The Posse Comitatus relied on the esoteric racism and antisemitism of Christian Identity and the notion of 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment citizenship to spread like wildfire during the farm crisis of the 1970s and 1980s, observed Leonard Zeskind in *Blood and Politics: The History of the White Nationalist Movement from the Margins to the Mainstream*. Christian Identity adherents hold that white, northern Europeans are the true Israelites of the Bible while Jews are satanic imposters. People of color, meanwhile, are pre-Adamic and inferior "mud people" or the Book of Genesis' "beasts of the field." Such racists also held "original" white citizens exempt from federal jurisdiction, while inferior 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment citizens were subjects of the national government.

By contrast, Ammon Bundy's vision for People's Rights is grounded in a broader "Constitutionalism," and popular far-right conspiracies, particularly around COVID-19. Left unchallenged, the more expansive appeal gives People's Rights the potential to build a larger movement than the Posse.

Fixation on the county as a locus of power, veneration of the county sheriff as "the highest law officer of the land," promotion of racist and antisemitic conspiracies, outlandish pseudo-legal tactics, and calls for armed insurrection were the hallmarks of the Posse during their heyday. Many of those themes have been echoed by Ammon Bundy and other leaders in the People's Rights network.

Bundy voiced the Posse Comitatus-like view that "we delegate policing and arresting power to certain people, but who do we, when it comes to law enforcement, do we the people delegate it to?...The sheriff, and only the sheriff." He's gone so far as to tell his supporters that city, state, and federal law enforcement agencies are illegitimate, "Your city police are not Constitutional policing agents. Your state police are not Constitutional policing agents. And your federal police are not."<sup>[50]</sup>

Some People's Rights leaders, including Bundy, have called for "defunding" city police. This, however, should not be construed as a nod towards the efforts of Black Lives Matter. Instead, the People's Rights "defund" effort is in the context of shifting power and resources to the county sheriff.

Also like the Posse Comitatus, some People's Rights activists, like [Brand Thornton](#), have even called for replacing local police outright with bands

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of "citizen militias." [51] Thornton's vision is especially troubling given another post in which he declared, "I live to hear Antifa getting shot all day long." [52]

Posse-like ideas don't stop with Ammon Bundy. Take, for instance, People's Rights Washington leader, Kelli Stewart, who also voiced a similar fixation on the county sheriff, "*The county sheriff is the highest law enforcer, even when there are incorporated cities within his county...I would love to see the County Sheriff send in his deputies to keep the peace in the cities, and defund all police*" [italics added]. [53]

Stewart has not only echoed Posse ideas, she's gone so far as to lend support to the cause of imprisoned Posse murderers. [54] She recently wrote, "Let my people go! Free Yorie Kahl and Scott Fah! Scot is my friend and brother in Christ, and I believe he should be released after almost 4 decades in prison for defending himself and his friends against a federal ambush!" [55]



The alleged "ambush" occurred on Feb. 13, 1983, near Medina, North Dakota, when Yorie Kahl and Scott Faul murdered two federal marshals and injured two other enforcement officers who were attempting to serve Yorie's father, Gordon Kahl, with a probation violation warrant as they were leaving a Posse Comitatus meeting. Gordon Kahl had been a Posse Comitatus leader who refused to pay taxes to the, in his words, "Synagogue of Satan under the 2nd plank of the Communist Manifesto." [56] Gordon Kahl escaped the gun battle and fled. Four months later, he killed an Arkansas sheriff before dying in a firefight.

Putting words into action, People's Rights groups have attempted to get county sheriffs to intervene against local governments and police departments to prevent enforcement of COVID-19 health restrictions. At a Vancouver, Washington, People's Rights rally in support of a woman ticketed for illegally reopening her business during the pandemic, Joey Gibson, leader of the violent far-right street-fighting group, Patriot Prayer, and a member of the People's Rights Washington Area 8 group, fully embraced Posse rhetoric,

"For those of you who don't know, it is the Sheriff's responsibility to protect the Constitution within his own county. Doesn't matter if it's within the city, right? Doesn't matter if he has to protect us from this guy, the city council or any other law enforcement. That is his job." [57]

The embrace of Posse ideas by a far-right street activist like Gibson represents an expansion of these ideas into other far-right circles not known to be previously impacted by such ideas.

Gibson let slip the overall game plan for this manufactured conflict, "To flip it around on them, to get a movement going." Creating fear is also part of the plan. "We've got to put fear into their hearts, so they don't charge one more business owner. Not one. Not one. I talk about this all the time. They have to be afraid of us, guys," he declared. [58]

In a similar vein to the Posse Comitatus, though not yet as relentless, People's Rights groups have also taken up sending bogus documents to legislators which they claim have legal weight. Most recently sending a "Petition to Cease and Desist and Demand to Restore the Republic" to Idaho legislators to end the state's COVID-19 restrictions. [59]

In Montana, People's Rights leader Nick Ramlow drafted a "Petition for Redress of Grievances" against Governor Steve Bullock, claiming that the governor didn't have the authority to issue public health directives. [60] He filed the grievance in Montana District Court and served copies to most government agencies in Flathead County. [61] Ramlow went even further, drawing up bogus forms for businesses to file complaints against public officials, threatening to use the militia to "arrest" public officials enforcing shelter-in-place orders, and even offering a \$100 bounty for the address of Kalispell's mayor so he could make a citizen's arrest. [62]



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While Stewart does voice concern about African-Americans harmed by police, and places Leonard Peltier in with Kahl and Faul as victims of government tyranny, this is deceptive. While *Amnesty International* wrote in 2014 that Peltier, an Anishinabe-Lakota American Indian Movement leader, has been “imprisoned for 38 years despite serious concerns about the fairness of proceedings leading to his conviction,” Kahl and Faul’s conflicts with law enforcement were driven by Gordon Kahl’s (Yories) father tax protest that was itself driven by the viciously racist and antisemitic ideology of Christian Identity and his involvement in the Posse Comitatus. For lengthy description of this involvement, see Corcoran, James. 1990. *Bitter Harvest. Gordon Kahl and the Posse Comitatus: Murder in the Heartland*. New York: Penguin Books; and Levitas, Daniel. *The Terrorist Next Door: The Militia Movement and the Radical Right*. New York: Thomas Dunne Books. 2002.

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## THE IDEOLOGICAL UNDERPINNINGS OF AMMON'S ARMY

The ideological underpinnings of Ammon Bundy and People's Rights have often been characterized as "anti-government," but a deeper dive finds something more complex and troublesome. Like the Posse Comitatus before it, Bundy's efforts do not seek to do away with government, but rather to re-make it in the image of, and favorable to, a particular brand of nationalism and the attendant "nation."

Specifically, Bundy has expressed a particular version of middle American nationalism—the idea that a mythological group of "middle Americans" who constitute the nation are being squeezed from above by elites and from below by the multicultural hordes. Such an ideology was first described by sociologist Donald L. Warren and termed *middle American radical*, in his 1976 book *The Radical Center*. Warren found this framework linked to a significantly higher level of support for George C. Wallace's 1968 segregationist presidential bid when compared to other constituencies.

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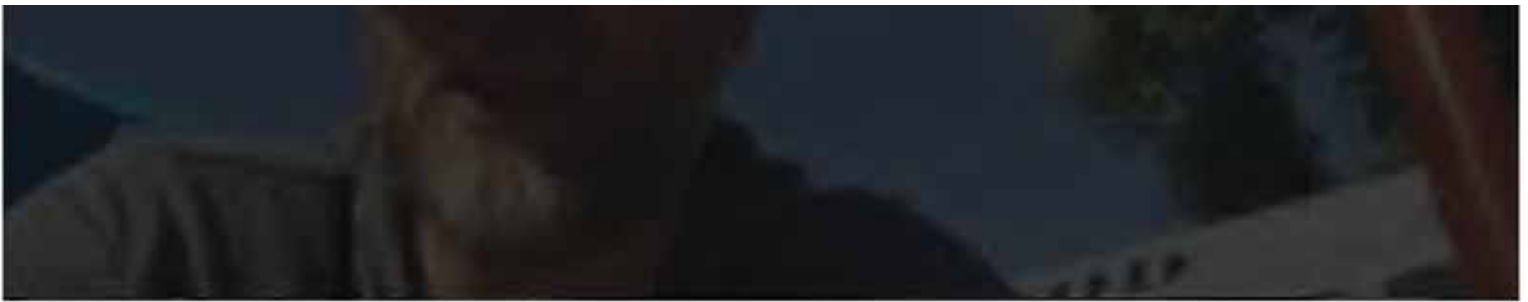
In Bundy's formulation, righteous real middle Americans are being crushed by the "wicked," from below by Black Lives Matter and antifa protestors on the streets and from above by people at the top demanding obedience. In other words, the "wicked" are trying to dispossess the "righteous" of their rightful place in Middle America.

In a refrain returned to often at People's Rights meetings, Bundy expressed core elements of middle American nationalism,

"So the question I am constantly asking is, who is going to defend us? Who is going to defend us? We have this chaos and hate and murder and violence happening on the streets. And we have this corruption, and pressure, and, you know, buying people's obedience and our legislatures and our governor's obedience, from the top. And where are the people at? We're stuck crushed in the middle."<sup>[64]</sup>

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At a recent People's Rights meeting in Idaho, a speaker only identified as Don shared the stage with Bundy and echoed the middle American nationalist construction, calling COVID-19 restrictions "slavery." He declared,

"Unfortunately, as Ammon pointed out, we are the people who are crushed in the middle. If we don't like the system of government we're enslaved under right now—and yes, I will use that term enslaved under right now—if we don't like the system of government that we're under, we can't just change it—because they have a system that shields them from us, and we have no system that shields us from them. And so I echo again that the best revenge is to be unlike your enemy. If the government is trying to wreck this country, if the radicals and the liberals are trying to wreck this country, then we cannot change things by doing the same things that they do. We have to do something different."<sup>[65]</sup>



Far from being "anti-government," Bundy has repeatedly expressed a desire for governmental power to be used to protect the "righteous" against "wicked" liberals, antifa, Black Lives Matter, and others. Absent that sort of intervention, Bundy proposed a type of armed enclave-style "neighborhood" nationalism, a separatism where "righteous" neighbors stand against the "wicked."

While others, like Bundy comrade Matt Shea's Liberty State effort, have pushed for splitting states through state secession, and others have advocated for regional secessionism (neo-Confederate plans to reclaim the South, neo-Nazi fantasies of a "Northwest Territorial Imperative"), Bundy has a different vision for People's Rights.

As Bundy explained during that first gathering, "I think there's no need for another American Revolution, and I'll explain to you why: because I think there needs to be a separation, not a revolution, of righteous people—good people that understand their rights—coming together wherever they live and defending each other where they live."<sup>[66]</sup>

In the People's Rights Network, a far-right Constitutional interpretation is often used to construct a mythology of "the nation." Commonly expressed strains of "Constitutionalism" in the People's Rights Network draw upon the works of far-right figures like W. Cleon Skousen and [KrisAnne Hall](#).

Skousen (1913-2006) was a far-right figure who worked closely with the John Birch Society, who became infamous for a racist revision of U.S. history. His book, *The 5,000 Year Leap*, which gained newfound popularity during the Tea Party era, deployed selective quotes to claim that the U.S. is a Christian nation. His book *The Making of America* casts American chattel slavery as humane, paints Abolitionists as villains, describes enslaved African people as "usually a cheerful lot" and heaps praise on Confederates for their treatment of the human beings they enslaved.<sup>[67]</sup>

For her part, Florida activist [KrisAnne Hall](#) picked up where Skousen left off. A popular speaker on the Tea Party and militia circuits, Hall gained notoriety inside Bundy circles when she played a role negotiating for the occupiers at the end of the Malheur standoff. Hall has promoted a radical assault on the Constitutional basis of federal civil rights and protections from race and sex-based discrimination in voting rights, referring to the 14th, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 19th Amendments as "unlawful expansion[s] of federal power."<sup>[68]</sup> [\[For more on KrisAnne Hall, check out this profile\].](#)

Hall plays an outsized role in the People's Rights network. Her videos are heavily-circulated and discussed on the network's social media channels.

One southern Washington area even uses Hall's videos for in-person training and discussions at weekly meetings.[69] Hall is scheduled to speak alongside Ammon Bundy and People's Rights California state assistant [Tony Pellegrino](#) and Sara Walton Brady at We the People Idaho's third annual event on October 10 in Nampa, Idaho.[70]

In addition to the phony "Constitutionalism," the conspiracy theories promoted by the network further undergird the middle American nationalist ideological construction by fleshing out the threats from both above and below.

Bundy's position seems to cobble together a W. Cleon Skousen and Bircher-style "Constitutionalism," a Christian nationalist framing of the "righteous" as comprising the nation and the "wicked" cast out of the nation, and the "neighborhood nationalism" of far-right paleolibertarians.

The idea of "neighborhood nationalism" was created by paleolibertarian icon Murray Rothbard who fantasized about the "the decomposition and decentralization of the modern centralizing and coercive nation-state, deconstructing that state into constituent nationalities and neighborhoods." [71] For Rothbard, this scheme was to change American political culture and reduce the "scope and importance of voting" and "democracy." [72]

This position also fits with the People's Rights emphasis on property rights and the "right to exclusive ownership and control of property." [73] Such an extreme version of both federal authority and property rights would also eliminate virtually all of the advances of the New Deal.

Ammon Bundy, for instance, appears to believe that virtually all, if not all, taxation and the public spending based on it are "evil" and unjustified. [74] Likewise, People's Rights Washington leader, [Kelli Stewart](#), has advocated for a radical assault on the New Deal and the social safety net. Stewart called Social Security a "Ponzi scheme meant to steal our interest on our stolen funds," and she has argued that because taxation is involved, programs such as public funding of schools, social security disability, VA checks, food stamps, publicly funded health care, and farm subsidies amount to "theft" and being forced to "give to socialism." [75] Another significant network figure, [Roger Roots](#), runs an online site called [Lysander Spooner University](#) which offers courses that refer to both the minimum wage and Social Security as "evil." [76]

This radical vision of curtailing federal power and social welfare policies is the national adjunct to localized seizures of territory and armed opposition to law enforcement and government regulation of private property. Bundy is describing a world where any group could forcibly, even violently, resist any local, state, or federal law the group doesn't like. In other words, Malheur-style takeovers and Bunkerville-style standoffs from sea to shining sea would become the new normal in Bundy's world. In the end, Bundy's vision looks more like clannish "neighborhood" warlords enforcing their will over their "wicked" (or less heavily-armed) neighbors.

As Montana People's Rights figure [Nick Ramlow](#) described, he and [Ammon Bundy](#) hope to establish an "Uber-like" militia response system that can be mobilized whenever people feel their rights are under attack. [77]



While Ammon Bundy was not preaching outright revolution, others have been insistent about their desire for revolution. Sharing the stage with Bundy at a recent People's Rights meeting in Idaho, Don declared,

*"You wanna talk about a revolution in the United States of America, you wanna see politicians stand up and take notice, you wanna see politicians start to pay attention to what we have to say as a nation, as an American people? If you wanna bring about change in this country, there's only one way to start a revolution tonight, and that's by every neighbor in this country who has ideals, and still has morals, and still has a compass to look to God in this nation, we're going to have to join together to tell the government we're not going to listen to you, you're going to listen to us, because the resistance to tyranny is the acceptance of liberty. In case you didn't hear that last part, the resistance to tyranny is the acceptance of liberty, and the definition of liberty, ladies and gentlemen, liberty is accepting faith in God." [78]*

Don's nationalist construction is even more explicit than Bundy's. To Don, the "American people" who comprise the American nation are limited to the righteous neighbors with "ideals" who believe that "liberty is accepting faith in God." Everyone else is "wicked," defined outside of the American nation.

Neighborhood racial and economic segregation is still a vexing problem in the United States, reinforced by policing policies that play a racialized



role in restricting mobility and limiting where people live.[79] Layering the Bundy vision of armed neighborhood separatism atop these existing challenges would further exacerbate racial and class divisions, creating innumerable potential powder kegs. Unlike white nationalist fantasies of explicit division and segregation, Bundy's vision for People's Rights is both an implicit call to maintain existing implicit segregation and an assault against federal and state efforts to decrease segregation and foster equality.



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# CONSPIRACIES AND ANTISEMITISM UNBOUNDED

## THE ROLE OF CONSPIRACIES & ANTISEMITISM INSIDE THE NETWORK

Like the Posse Comitatus and the militia that came before, the People's Rights network is saturated with conspiracy theories, many grounded in antisemitism.

As a nascent far-right network, People's Rights has yet to articulate an overarching conspiracy theory of its own creation. Rather, the network rests upon a mélange of conspiracy theories brought in by the leadership from various corners of the far-right. Conspiracy theories from QAnon, the John Birch Society, Three Percenters and militia-types, Christian nationalists, and hardcore anti-Semites have circulated throughout the People's Rights network.

Given the role that reaction to COVID-19 measures played in the genesis of the organization, it's not surprising to see a massive number of COVID-19 conspiracies circulating in the network.

Those conspiracies range from "COVID-19: Tool of Red China and the Socio-Globalist Left" to "coronavirus is part of the forced vaccination," to a "mandatory covid vaccination" will alter our DNA, to comparing COVID-19 restrictions and/or mask-wearing to slavery and Nazi atrocities against Jews, to the COVID-19 test as a "clandestine brain virus, nano-tech, or plant a chip in someone," to the same "cult of deception" was behind the coronavirus, the Kennedy assassination and the 9/11 terrorist attacks; to the "plandemic" is "Totalitarianism at a Whole New Level," to "COVID-19 an occult driven script and a Luciferian human sacrifice mega-ritual."<sup>[80]</sup>

Different COVID-19 conspiracies are often woven together into a larger tapestry. There have been efforts, for instance, to tie together fear of a cabal of elites wanting power, with anti-vaxxer propaganda, and stereotyping of recent Black Lives Matter demonstrations. Take, for instance, People's Rights Washington State figure Kelli Stewart, who has written of the coronavirus that,

"The global elites want our nation. The Covid plandemic was just one part of this takeover...then on to the riots in the streets leading to civil unrest and war, then fires, the final blow will be round two of the fake plandemic just before the election."<sup>[81]</sup>

Often the people pulling the strings in the conspiracies are unnamed "elites" or the hands of the "New World Order." At times, however, the focus of the conspiracy gets a name and a face. One of the more popular conspiracy themes shared by People's Rights leaders is the belief that liberal Jewish philanthropist George Soros is behind the myriad of ills facing the country. These conspiracies are often explicitly antisemitic or deploy classic antisemitic tropes to demonize Soros.

Ammon Bundy has referenced the Soros conspiracy at People's Rights meetings, as have others. People's Rights California leader Tony Pellegrino recently posted a meme asking, "Why can't Soros be investigated for funding riots, anarchy, and domestic terrorism?"<sup>[82]</sup>

The use of the antisemitic conspiracy theory is long-running in network circles. Individuals who are now leaders in People's Rights promoted the antisemitic Soros conspiracy theory long before they signed up. People's Rights Idaho Area 2 assistant Sean Anderson, for example, promoted the

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antisemitic conspiracy theory that George Soros and the "Bilderberg group" were "puppet masters" that selected Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton.[83] Diego Rodriguez, a speaker at multiple People's Rights events, signed onto a September 2016 letter with Christian Right leaders which declared,

"wealthy, anti-Christian foundations, following the lead of billionaire George Soros's Open Society Foundation, fund and 'rent' Christian ministers as 'mascots' serving as surprising validators for their causes. In the ironic rhetoric of compassion, Soros and friends also fund mass immigration followed by redistricting schemes and 'voting '(sic) rights'...One wonders if the end goal is the destruction of national identity through demoralization, open borders and debt, thus the 'fundamental transformation' (weakening) of American civil society for their leveraged global power. (They have done this to other nations.)"[84]

The Soros conspiracy isn't the only place antisemitism rears its ugly head in the People's Rights network. People's Rights leaders in Washington and California have circulated videos by notorious antisemitic conspiracy theorist David Icke, and his videos have been shared in People's Rights Facebook groups in Montana District 1, Oregon Area 5, and Washington Area 8.[85]

When People's Rights Washington leader, Kelli Stewart, posted one of Icke's videos, she headlined her post, "Here is the problem, and the SOLUTION, all wrapped up in this tiny little twelve-minute...video." [86] Icke holds that "a reptilian race has controlled the planet for thousands of years and continues to do so today" and that reptilian "'Jewish' Rothschild's" lay behind Nazi atrocities against Jews.[87]

Other People's Rights leaders have abandoned any effort to cloak their antisemitism, opting for an explicit expression. A "TRUTH PILL" is what California State leader Tony Pellegrino has called an openly antisemitic conspiracy theory that alleges a dual system of citizenship in the U.S.

"Well guess who owns the FEDERAL RESERVE. Yup, the Zionist Banksters...The FRAUD and DECEPTION of the Satanic Zionist Jesuit Freemason scum that's foisted on YOU by THEIR MEDIA, Schools, Medical Industry and Hollywood is executed by STUPID ASS, CROOKED ASS, JACKASS COPS." [88]

The multitude of conspiracy theories pulsing through the People's Rights network helps shape the ideology of Bundy and his posse.



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The Para-Military rabid-pit bulls are under and protected by the Fraternal Order of Freemasons, oops, Police. They wear military uniforms. They carry heavy Artillery. They use Armoured Personnel Carriers. They get ISRAEL, Inc. Training, and why? Well guess who owns the FEDERAL RESERVE. Yup, the Zionist Banksters...The FRAUD and DECEPTION of the Satanic Zionist Jesuit Freemason scum that's foisted on YOU by THEIR MEDIA, Schools, Medical Industry and Hollywood is executed by STUPID ASS, CROOKED ASS, JACKASS COPS...If you KNOW you're not lawfully under their enslavement, they'll call you a 'sovereign citizen' or 'domestic terrorist' or 'public threat' or now, 'American National.' They parrot their overlords in the ADL, B.A.R., SPLC, FBI, Masons, and others...When you support genocidal ISRAEL INC. war mongers because TB tells you to, they you're in need of a cold slap across your face. Stope watching that STUPID FUCKING ZIONIST Hollywood Chimp Training."

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If far-right conspiracy theories constitute the most prominent "threat from above" in People's Rights circles, the "threat from below" in the group's middle American nationalism finds expression in the myriad forms in which racism appears in the United States.

Perhaps its most common expression in People's Rights takes the form of *racism denial*. Broadly defined, this involves denying that systemic, institutional, or broad cultural racism continue to play a significant factor in shaping outcomes for people of color in American society and institutions. Such a view delegitimizes the struggles of those who continue to face racial discrimination and violence. This view also helps pave the way for the broad assault on the federal capacity to address inequality embodied in People's Rights politics.

In one form, racism denial occurs when the vicious and significant role of racism in U.S. history is minimized, or outright denied. People's Rights leader [Ammon Bundy](#) did this when he declared that his father, Cliven Bundy, was correct in stating that black people in the United States may be more oppressed today than under slavery.<sup>[89]</sup> Both Cliven and Ammon Bundy have likely been influenced in this regard by the work of the Cleon Skousen, the founder of the National Center for Constitutional Studies, whose pocket U.S. Constitution the Bundys are known to use. Among other things, Skousen's work has cast slavery as humane, painted Abolitionists as villains, described enslaved African people as "usually a cheerful lot," and heaped praise on Confederates for their treatment of the human beings they enslaved.<sup>[90]</sup>

After declaring his father correct in this assessment, Ammon Bundy, with a straight face, declared that wearing a mask in the face of COVID-19 concerns is comparable to slavery and that, "It's not about race at this point. It is about tyranny."<sup>[91]</sup> This is a classic attempt to erase racism from history.

Similarly, Georgia state leader Field Searcy posted an article assailing the historically sound assessment that Mount Rushmore is a monument to "two slave owners on stolen land."<sup>[92]</sup> Missouri Area 3 assistant Michael Sudholt wrote in 2019 that the Electoral College was "never about slavery," even though it incorporated the U.S. Constitutions' white supremacist representational structure that counted enslaved Africans as 3/5 of a person. Sudholt gave a full-throated defense of the Electoral College as a means of assuring a state "voice in presidential elections." The meme accompanying his post declared "throwing out the Electoral College" would result in "LA, Seattle, Miami, NY & Chicago" deciding "what's best for the entire country! You know cities with highest homeless rates, pollution, illegal aliens, crime & corruption."<sup>[93]</sup> Amidst this threat from urban areas – itself a common racist trope – Sudholt failed to mention that such a voting system violates the value that everyone's vote counts the same.

[Brand Thornton](#), a member of the Utah People's Rights Facebook group and a ceremonial leader for the group, has posted memes rejecting the reality of white privilege and declaring that white people protesting racism are "brainwashed" and simply protesting against white people "because they are white."<sup>[94]</sup> Thornton has also offered up visions of violence against anti-fascists and Black Lives Matter alike, writing recently,

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"Antifa and BLM, your choice, you want peace or pushing up daisy's (sic)?"<sup>[95]</sup> Thornton's attack on BLM is the flipside of racism denial – if racism is not a real issue, then challenges to it are illegitimate and part of something nefarious.

In a similar vein, Utah People's Rights state leader [Derrick Staheli](#) posted a video showing two unidentified individuals robbing someone in a car. As the two attempted to escape on a motorcycle, the vehicle driver rams the vehicle into them. Even though the apparent robbers are not identified, and do not appear in the short video to be connected to a protest, Staheli writes, "This should be done with ALL BLM/ANTIFA Thugs!!! Love it!" [Capitals in Original].<sup>[96]</sup>

Similarly, Oregon Area 2 assistant Wayne Standiford posts an image of Candace Owens casting BLM as rioting, taking drugs, and being a "radical leftist anarchist" group. Another post by Standiford asks "Why are some of you still supporting BLM?"<sup>[97]</sup> And Idaho Area 5 assistant Jennifer Acheson posted a recent evidence-lacking meme accusing "Antifa/BLM" of starting recent fires in Oregon and "firing on people trying to evacuate."<sup>[98]</sup>

Like these depictions of BLM, attacks on communities of color are often rooted in stereotypes and depictions of them as a threat. In the People's Rights context, such bigotry is most commonly directed at Muslims and immigrants. For instance, Idaho People's Rights Idaho figure [Casey Whalen](#) has produced a video interview of Trevor Loudon on the conspiratorial topic of Cultural Marxism – the idea that movements ranging from environmental and feminist to anti-racist are part of a communist plot.<sup>[99]</sup> Elsewhere, Loudon has spun an anti-Muslim conspiracy theory in which "far left and Islamist agendas" lay behind a range of liberal public policies.<sup>[100]</sup> Connecting such anti-Muslim bigotry to a communist plot and liberal policies sets the stage for linking bigotry to the broad-scale assault on federal government capacity envisioned by People's Rights.

Missouri Area 5 assistant and onetime Missouri Citizens Militia member Michael Clevenger posted an article with an accompanying statement declaring "Go back to Mecca and enforce your laws there!" Another Clevenger post alleges that Islam is already banned from the U.S. because sharia law is antithetical to the U.S. Constitution, a common anti-Muslim canard on the far right.<sup>[101]</sup>

Montana Area 5 assistant Ed Kugler also serves as president of Last Chance Patriots, a group that originally formed as [Flathead ACT for America](#) and was a chapter of the largest anti-Muslim group in the country, ACT for America. During its time as Flathead ACT, the group brought a steady stream of anti-Muslim speakers to Montana and pushed anti-Muslim bills at the Montana Legislature.<sup>[102]</sup>

A similar animus is also directed at immigrants. Casey Whalen has also advocated that the federal government should "PUT THE MILITARY ON THE BORDER TO PROTECT THE COUNTRY" and "Charge all governors and mayors who created a sanctuary city/state" with criminal violations.<sup>[103]</sup> Likewise, Utah Area 5 assistant Darrin Berg promoted a GoFundMe project to fund Donald Trump's border wall.<sup>[104]</sup> In a post criticizing Donald Trump for not pledging during his 2016 campaign to indict Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and others, Berg combined hostility to immigrants and Muslims alike, arguing that given the trajectory of the election,

"I could be like so many celebrities and move to Russia, where Mr. Putin has vowed if one act of terrorism is committed on their soil, the Muslims will be gone the next day. At least then I won't have to worry about terror attacks or floods of illegal immigrants (who should be allowed to vote, but are denied the right). On the bright side, I will avoid the rush to be ruled by a dictator and live in a socialistic society. This might be funny, if it weren't so stunningly true."<sup>[105]</sup>

The title of a video posted by Missouri Area 5 assistant Michael Clevenger declares that, as in Germany, a refugee crisis is headed to the U.S. Another meme posted by Clevenger depicts what appears to be federal vehicles and a helicopter and declares "I wish my Federal government would put this many resources on our Southern Border instead of on Cliven Bundy's cattle ranch."<sup>[106]</sup>

Oregon Area 2 assistant Wayne Standiford posted memes stating that descendants of enslaved Africans should pay reparations to Union soldiers, and mocked efforts by the National Football League to acknowledge police violence against black people.<sup>[107]</sup> He also played to racist stereotypes when he shared a photo of brown-skinned people looting with a comment that they wouldn't loot if they worked at night.<sup>[108]</sup>

Another form of racism denial is seen in equating slogans such as "black power" (associated with a movement historically struggling against white supremacy) with "white power" (associated with a movement historically seeking to preserve white domination), as Missouri Area 5 assistant, Michael Clevenger, did in a meme posted in early 2016.<sup>[109]</sup>

In another form, the racism deniers post memes or material focusing in a one-sided fashion on negative aspects of victims of police racism, thus delegitimizing the historical institutional racism of the police. Missouri Area 3 assistant Michael Sudholt posts a video by Candace Owens purporting to present the "facts" about George Floyd.<sup>[110]</sup> Similar posts were made by Idaho Area 5 assistant Jennifer Acheson about Breonna Taylor and Idaho Area 6 assistant Aaron Egusquiza about Jacob Blake.<sup>[111]</sup>

Other People's Rights area leaders have distorted facts about voter fraud and/or promoted voter ID policies that potentially suppress the vote among communities of color and others. Missouri Area 3 assistant Michael Sudholt writes that "It is a national disgrace and blatant election fraud to continue to claim that a requirement for voter ID is all about voter suppression among minority voters. The only minorities whose votes would be suppressed would be those who have no right to vote."<sup>[112]</sup> Despite Sudholt's claim the Brennan Center for Justice has produced a wide range of studies demonstrating that voter ID policies would suppress the vote among people of color and other voters.<sup>[113]</sup>

Similarly, Idaho Area 5 assistant Jennifer Acheson writes that "Voter fraud is real stop ignoring it!"<sup>[114]</sup> Again, the Brennan Center offers an array of actual evidence debunking the myth of voter fraud in U.S. elections.<sup>[115]</sup>





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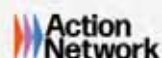
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In addition to the racialized “threat from below” exhibited by many People’s Rights leader, a recurring disrespect for indigenous sovereignty and resources has been displayed in Ammon Bundy’s efforts, both past and present. This was seen when the armed Malheur occupiers undertook the action in the Burns Paiute homelands despite objections from the tribe. Bundy’s group also damaged a tribal archaeological site and caused additional costs to the Burns Paiute, for which two occupiers were ordered to pay restitution.[116]

Moreover, Bundy has allied with far-right figures who oppose indigenous rights as well as those who have promoted political violence. For instance, in October 2018, Bundy headlined a “[New Code of the West](#)” conference in Whitefish, Montana alongside longtime Citizens Equal Rights Alliance (CERA) leader Elaine Willman and Washington State Representative Matt Shea (R-Spokane Valley).[117] As MHRN documented at the time, a lead organizer of the event was Laura Lee O’Neil, a Montana-based supporter of the John Birch Society.[118]

Beyond just appearing on a stage with a national anti-Indigenous figure, Ammon Bundy wrote the forward to CERA board member Christopher Kortlander’s 2018 book *Arrow to the Heart*. Elaine Willman and CERA have long been committed to the outright termination of tribal government and abrogation of treaties between indigenous nations and the United States.[119]

This pattern continued into the People’s Rights network. An August 1 People’s Rights rally in Nezperce, Idaho, included Pamela Hemphill, author of a 2019 book that assailed participants in the mobilization to stop the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline and defend the [treaty-protected resources of the Standing Rock Sioux](#). A synopsis of [Hemphill’s book](#), *We Stand! We Rise! We Resist: Where the Leftist Tactics Began & Now They’re Coming to a City Near You!*, states,

“In this book, you’ll learn how the Leftist Tactics were ‘High Jacked’ by using a platform in the Largest North Native American Protest in history. They used the North American Indians past abuses, as the model for a NEW SOCIALIST Party.”[120]

While waiting at the police [staging area in Nezperce with Diego Rodriguez and others](#), Hemphill told Nez Perce tribal police of her book that, “You’re not gonna like it.” After being informed that they were on Nez Perce land, and as if trying to demonstrate the very definition of settler colonialism, Rodriguez told the tribal police, “Yeah man, you guys are the tribe guys. We get you. This is your property, man, we get it. We thank you for letting us come. *It is your land, but in America, we get to do what we want to do.* [Italics added]”[121]

A defining feature of settler colonialism in U.S. history has been that, even when the federal and state governments and citizens voice respect for tribal rights, Americans often “do what we want to do” in Indian Country.

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To further contradict the idea that People's Rights is an "anti-government" network, gaining political and governmental power is part of the group's program. They engage political systems to alter them to fit their far-right vision. As People's Rights Idaho Area 4 assistant, Mario Perea, declared during a meeting when encouraging people to come to a rally for a political candidate, "We claim, and we use, and we defend our rights. In order to defend our rights, we have to get people into these government positions. That is a form of defense because we're being attacked politically. So we need to fight back and resist politically."<sup>[122]</sup> At meetings and online, they've supported recall campaigns and candidates.

For instance, on October 1, activists in the People's Rights Oregon Zone 3 group asked, "Who wants to help get out the vote and make some phone calls? We need to get people hyped up in this election and to VOTE."<sup>[123]</sup>

Instead of eschewing government, some leading People's Rights figures serve as functionaries of political parties. People's Rights Idaho Area 2 assistant, Heather Rogers, also lists herself as the Legislative District 6 chair of the Idaho Republican Party.<sup>[124]</sup> [Roger Roots](#) is a leader in the Montana Libertarian Party.<sup>[125]</sup>

Other People's Rights leaders have run to become the government. Montana leader, [Nick Ramlow](#), is running as a Libertarian for the Montana House.<sup>[126]</sup> Debbie Westlake, a Montana area 5 assistant, is a Republican candidate in a Montana legislative race.<sup>[127]</sup> [Mark French](#), a Montana area 4 assistant, lost a Montana state legislative primary earlier this year but is still running as a write-in candidate.<sup>[128]</sup> Holly Jo Beers, the Oregon 3 area assistant, ran for a Umatilla County Commissioner seat.<sup>[129]</sup> And Utah area 11 assistant Trevor Wilkerson recently announced plans to run on the Constitution Party ticket.<sup>[130]</sup>

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Another cohort that Bundy and the People's Rights network have targeted for recruitment are "preppers." Also known as "survivalists," they are individuals who vigorously prepare for emergencies, including possible disruptions in the social or political order. Preppers stress self-reliance, stockpiling supplies, and survival skills. Prepping is big business and there is an entire ecosystem of companies that sell goods targeted to preppers. The idea became so popular that the National Geographic channel aired four seasons of the reality TV-show "Doomsday Preppers" from 2012-2014.

For decades, there has been a sizable, though not complete, overlap between preppers and the militia movement. The crossover is most visible at prepper conventions and so-called preparedness expos, where militia figures speak as prepper businesses sell their wares on the convention floor.

Ammon Bundy and People's Rights have woven prepper ethos into the new organization. "Be Prepared" is part of the People's Rights credo. According to the group's website,

"Being prepared may consists[sic] of many things. It could be having a 72 hour kit for each member in the family or it could be knowing who your neighbors are that would help defend your life. Maybe owning or possessing a weapon that would drive off criminals and protect your children. Possibly even be food storage or training on how to grow food. What about having an emergency first aid kit? Overall, being prepared is simply looking at the real possibilities for a need and then planning ahead for it.

You may think that purchasing and storing things for future need is a waste of time, money and makes it hard to keep your home organized... well, maybe so. Get over it!"<sup>[131]</sup>

Though the first few months of People's Rights were focused on fighting against COVID-19 restrictions, Ammon Bundy and other speakers occasionally provided a glimpse of the direction they planned to take the organization. As one speaker told an Idaho People's Rights gathering in September,

"I just want you to understand what you're up against. In the days that are ahead of us, the probability ranges from extremely high to imminent that some or all of us will experience some form of persecution; some form of food shortage; some denial of goods and services; lack of communications via internet, cellphone, etcetera; power blackouts. These are all things that range from extremely high to imminent for all of us in this room and everyone watching in the days ahead."<sup>[132]</sup>

At the same meeting, Ammon Bundy added to the fear around a potential disruption in food supplies. He followed by describing how People's Rights is in the process of building out their own food distribution network. Such a system would allow activists to avoid compliance with COVID-19 restrictions when getting groceries, as well as potentially allowing providers to bypass USDA food safety regulations.

Ammon Bundy runs a truck repair business, his father is a rancher, his brother farms melons.

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Given that background, it is not surprising to see Bundy promoting an ideological scheme that could also provide new customers for his services and his family's products.

Whether the Bundys can financially benefit from tearing communities apart during a pandemic remains to be seen. What is clear, however, is that his organization, People's Rights, is recruiting an army of followers across the country. Left unchecked, there could be real damage to countless communities.



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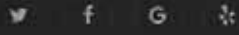
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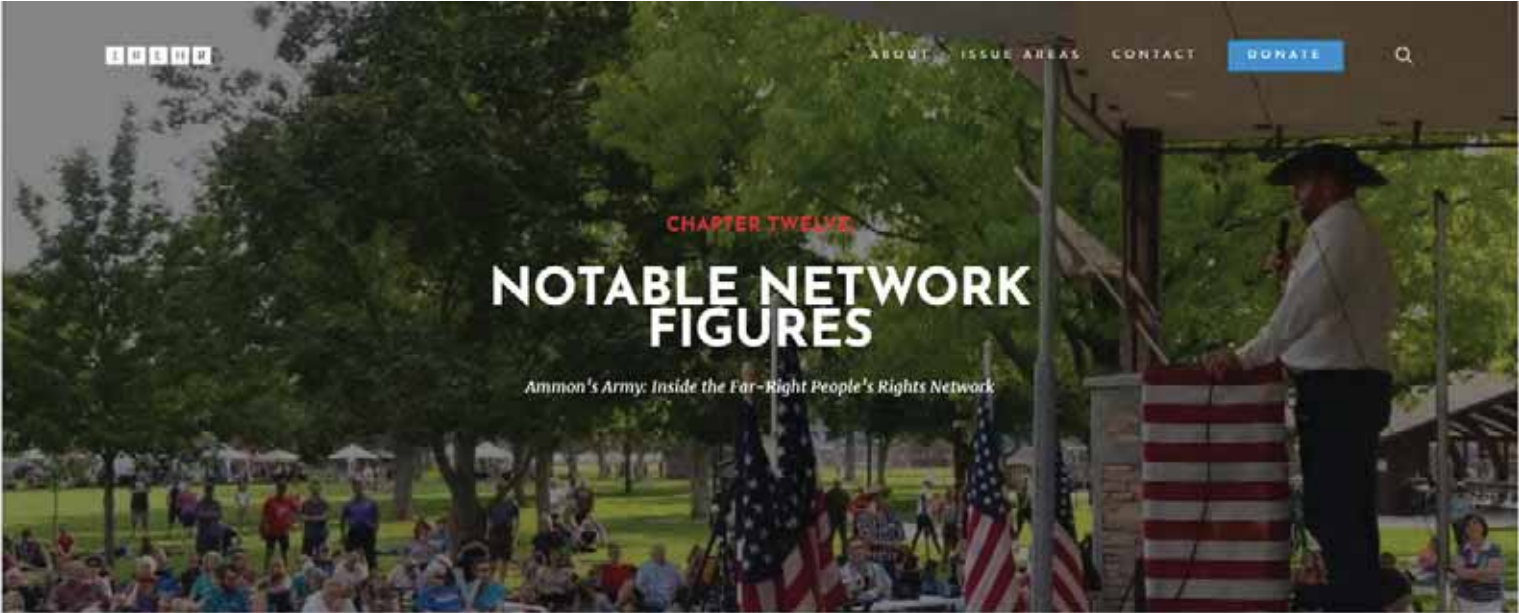


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Ammon Bundy has wrangled a wide array of significant far-right figures into the orbit of the People's Rights Network—far-right paramilitary activists, anti-maskers, far-right street brawlers, conspiracy-mongers, Christian Dominionists, anti-vaxxers, “Constitutionalists,” Tea Partiers, and more. Below are links to detailed profiles of some of the more important figures to the People's Rights network.

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### AMMON BUNDY

Though he lacks an official title in the People's Rights organization chart, Ammon Bundy is for all intents and purposes the head of the network. The 45-year-old truck repair company owner from Emmett, Idaho, is involved in virtually every facet of the People's Rights network—from laying out the structure of the group to overseeing the technology used in the network; to promoting the group, to wrangling area assistants. People's Rights is Ammon's army.

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## ANGELA CLEMONS

Angela Clemons is a far-right conspiracy theorist, promoted the conspiracy that the Coronavirus is part of the forced vaccination effort. Most notably, however, Clemons has been referred to as the "right-hand girl" of an imprisoned militia leader.

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OREGON FAR-RIGHT PARAMILITARY ACTIVIST

## BJ SOPER

BJ Soper is the People's Rights assistant for most of the state of Oregon. Like many in the burgeoning People's Rights network, Soper has a history of far-right paramilitary organizing, including armed mobilizations and organizing around the 2016 Malheur takeover.

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PEOPLE'S RIGHTS CEREMONIAL LEADER

## BRAND THORNTON

Thornton's involvement in Ammon Bundy's network extends back to at least the 2016 Malheur occupation when he blew a shofar as he accompanied the first men that undertook the armed seizure of the wildlife refuge. Thornton has a paramilitary-centered and violent vision for role at People's Rights events, opening an August 1 event in Nez Perce, Idaho by blowing a shofar appropriated from Jewish ceremonies for far-right purposes. Thornton is also a member of the Open Conspiracy, OCF Facebook group, as well as





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(INLAND NORTHWEST ACTIVIST)

## CASEY WHALEN

Casey Whalen plays an outsized role in promoting People's Rights through his North Idaho Exposed YouTube outlet which boasts more than 17,000 subscribers – through which he serves as a regular videographer of the group's events. In early June, People's Rights of Washington listed Casey Whalen as an official assistant for Area 8 in eastern Washington. As of mid-August, Whalen was the sole individual listed as a "Team Member" on the "About" section of the People's Rights public Facebook page. Whalen's name was later removed.

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## DERRIK STAHELI

Derrick Staheli is an anti-masker and 2nd Amendment activist who doesn't "buy the whole face covering thing." In August, Staheli encouraged people with kids in public schools to "find the courage to send them to school...WITH OUT [sic] MASKS!!!" Staheli wrote that "If they get 'expelled' or 'suspended' etc then just contact me. I have a database of THOUSANDS of Patriots that will help and support you/us and raise HELL if we must!" (capitals in original).

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CHRISTIAN DOMINIONIST

## DIEGO RODRIGUEZ

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FAR-RIGHT STREET THUG

## JOEY GIBSON

Joey Gibson, leader of the violent far-right street-fighting group, Patriot Prayer, plays a substantial role in the People's Rights network, acting as a bridge between the violent street fighters and the COVID-19 insurrectionists. Gibson formed Patriot Prayer in 2016, and the group has become well known for violent confrontations with anti-fascists and anti-racists.

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PEOPLE'S RIGHTS WASHINGTON ACTIVIST

## KELLI STEWART



While Kelli Stewart is officially listed as a Rights, she plays an outsized role in the region and has helped build southern Washington into one of the group's strongest areas. Stewart's activism has included organizing efforts in Idaho, Oregon, and Montana. Stewart's involvement in Ammon Bundy's networks extends back to shortly after he led the 2016 armed occupation of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge in Oregon.

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"CONSTITUTIONALIST" VOICE

## KRISANNE HALL

KrisAnne Hall is a Wellborn, Florida-based "constitutionalist" and a legal "theorist" frequently cited as an authority by People's Rights leaders. Hall has a lengthy far-right resume, producing work that has won her a place amongst groups ranging from the Tea Party to paramilitary groups like Oath Keepers. Most notably, Hall promotes a radical assault on the Constitutional race and sex-based discrimination in voting rights, referring to the 14th, 15th, and 19th Amendments as "unlawful expansion[s] of federal power."

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MONTANA TEA PARTIER

## MARK FRENCH

Mark French is a Tea Party activist who repeatedly, and unsuccessfully, has run for elected office in Montana. French said the Tea Party movement, along with his study of the Bible and the U.S. Constitution, inspired him to launch his campaign. French stated his candidacy was about protecting freedom and that "by definition freedom comes from bloodshed."





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MONTANA MILITIA ACTIVIST

## NICK RAMLOW

In April 2020, Nick Ramlow, a Kalispell contractor, began his militia organizing after Montana's governor issued a statewide shelter-in-place order to slow the spread of COVID-19. Ramlow declared the governor's actions illegal and said Ramlow began holding "People's Meetings" and trying to get local owners to open their businesses in defiance of the governor's directives.

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## ROGER ROOTS

While not an official People's Rights leader, Roger Roots has played a significant role in the group. Roger Roots is an attorney licensed to practice law in Rhode Island (but not in Montana where he lives) with a long history with so-called "patriots" and the white nationalist movements. Roots participated in the legal defenses of Bundy Family members when they faced charges from their armed standoffs in both Nevada and Oregon.

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IDAHO THREE PERCENTER PARAMILITARIES

## SEAN AND SANDRA ANDERSON

Sean and Sandra Anderson have a history of far-right paramilitary activism and were quick to join the fight against COVID-19 health restrictions. After a July 18 shootout with police, Sean Anderson became a People's Rights network cause célèbre.

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CALIFORNIA CONSPIRACIES

## TONY PELLEGRINO

Tony Pellegrino is an active promoter of a variety of conspiracy theories, including openly antisemitic versions, as well as COVID-19 conspiracies. He has been an ardent supporter of militias, sporting Three Percenter garb, traveling to Virginia to attend a January 2020 militia gathering in Richmond, and declaring that "militia and Liberty groups need to go out in force and perform citizens (sic) Arrest (sic)."

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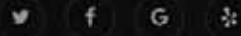
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## WHICH WAY FORWARD?

The evidence presented in this report highlights how "People's Rights" is a misnomer of epic proportions. Don't be fooled. Whatever they choose to call it, it is Ammon's Army, and it marches to a far-right drumbeat of narcissistic rage and insurrection.

There are several important takeaways from research into the rise of the People's Rights network. First, the data highlights how there has been a rapid spread of this network. The far-right paramilitary core carried on, while the current intensely polarized political context has made it possible for that core to swiftly adapt and find a new mass base. Opposition to COVID-19 health directives provided a catalyst at this moment, but the many remaining underlying concerns seen in the group make it possible for the core to morph again in search of a new mass audience after the pandemic.

Undergirding the effort are troubling displays of far-right conspiracism, racism, antisemitism, anti-indigenous and anti-transgender sentiment, and omnipresent threats of violence. Far-right movements like this put stress and strain on all democratic institutions and civil society. In the context of the pandemic, it puts the lives of community members and public servants at risk — without a single shot being fired.

Ammon's army is a dangerous armed threat that requires a response. However, standing by and assuming law enforcement will handle this problem on its own is not the answer. State and federal prosecutors have proven woefully inadequate at bringing justice or even mildly deterring the escalation of Ammon Bundy and his followers. Bunkerville, Burns, Boise, and beyond, Ammon's army keeps on marching.

The continuing march of Ammon's army requires people in local communities to stand united and speak out against those who misleadingly claim to speak for "the People" while promoting paramilitarism and bigotry. This strategy worked in the 1980s, when family farmers, faith leaders, and community members banded together to keep the Posse Comitatus from taking over during the farm crisis. It worked in the 1990s when trade unionists, Civil Rights leaders, anti-bigotry activists, and many others stood together in local communities when the militia came to town. It can, and will work again today if we start our own efforts to defend democracy and human rights from these far-right assaults. This is a battle of ideas over how we treat all of us in a time of danger and turmoil. This is a fight over how we define who we are as Americans. In the end, Bundy's barbaric neighborhood nationalism can be overwhelmed by the values expressed in Dr. King's vision of a beloved community that strives for inclusive democracy.

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# PROFILE: DIEGO RODRIGUEZ

PEOPLE'S RIGHTS FIGURE

Part of the IREHR/MHRN special report, *Ammon's Army*.

## PROFILE

# DIEGO RODRIGUEZ

PEOPLE'S RIGHTS FIGURE

LOCATION: BOISE, IDAHO

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Rodriguez's involvement in theocratic politics was seen in September 2016 when he signed onto "An Open Letter to Christian pastors, leaders, and believers who assist in the anti-Christian Progressive political movement in America." Calling on progressive religious leaders to "repent of their work that often advances a destructive liberal political agenda," the letter included the antisemitic canard that "wealthy, anti-Christian foundations, following the lead of billionaire George Soros's Open Society Foundation, fund and 'rent' Christian ministers as 'mascots' serving as surprising validators for their causes."

Continuing themes that animate a broad swath of the nationalist far-right, the letter declared,

"In the ironic rhetoric of compassion, Soros and friends also fund mass immigration followed by redistricting schemes and 'voting' (sic) 'rights'... One wonders if the end goal is the destruction of national identity through demoralization, open borders and debt, thus the 'fundamental transformation' (weakening) of American civil society for their leveraged global power. (They have done this to other nations.)"<sup>[2]</sup>

Several prominent Christian nationalists and Christian Right leaders joined Rodriguez in signing the letter, including multiple anti-choice groups, representatives of the anti-LGBTQ [American Family Association](#), Pat Robertson's Regent University, and Christian nationalist pseudo-historian [David Barton](#).

Another signatory of the letter was Jay Grimstead of the Coalition on Revival (CoR), a trans-denominational coalition that has brought together a range of tendencies on the Christian Right, detailed by Frederick Clarkson.<sup>[3]</sup> One of its early leaders was R.J. Rushdoony, founder in 1965 of the Christian Reconstructionist Chalcedon Foundation.

Another of [Diego Rodriguez's projects](#), the [creationist 4<sup>th</sup> Day Alliance](#), took him into the world of Christian Reconstructionism.<sup>[4]</sup> In December 2010 Rodriguez's creationist efforts led to an appearance at the Trinity Covenant Church in Fresno, California -- a church whose website declares that "R.J. Rushdoony is the greatest theologian of the last century." Rodriguez's work on creationism subsequently drew high praise in a 2007 issue of *Faith for All Life*, a magazine published by the Chalcedon Foundation.

If Christian Dominionism is a form of Christian nationalism, Christian Reconstructionism represents its most radical form. Christian Reconstructionists argue that its adherents' version of the Bible should be the governing document in the United States, creating what one leading movement "theologian" termed "Biblical theocratic republics." Christian Reconstructionism's defining texts were released in 1973 by R.J.



Kusdoony. Among other things, Kusdoony argued that “Biblical law” demands the death penalty for members of the LGBTQ community, those having sex before marriage, incorrigible juveniles, and practitioners of witchcraft, among other categories of people.[5]

Rodriguez’s Tabernacle Church promotes the bigoted view that “Homosexuality is an abomination unto God and to all Christians.”[6] The church has also promoted equality-gutting policy positions akin to Cleon Skousen’s National Center for Constitutional Studies. This includes opposing “state-run educational institutions that have no authority in the Word of God” and viewing “Government subsidies,” such as “welfare, food stamps, subsidized housing, state run health care (i.e. Medicare, etc.), social security and publicly funded education,” as an “unlawful expansion of state government into areas of life that are ordained by God to be fulfilled by church and families.”[7]

Rodriguez’s Freedom Man Political Action Committee has hosted at least one “reopen” event and declared that “everybody who attends a weak church that shut its doors because of the ‘coronavirus scare’ should leave that church immediately.”[8] The Freedom Man PAC contends that “COVID-19 hysteria is a giant scam” and that the disease is akin to the claim that black people are disproportionately killed by police – that is, both are “false narrative[s]...being done in order to empower government in ways previously unimagined.”[9]

Rodriguez also displayed the very nature of settler colonialism during the August 1 People’s Rights event in Nezperce, Idaho. After being informed that they were on Nez Perce land, Rodriguez told tribal police, “Yeah man, you guys are the tribe guys. We get you. This is your property, man, we get it. We thank you for letting us come. *It is your land, but in America, we get to do what we want to do*” [Italics added].<sup>[10]</sup> A defining feature of settler colonialism in U.S. history has been that, even when the federal and state governments and citizens voice respect for tribal rights, Americans “do what we want to do” in Indian Country.

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## NOTES

[1] Where not specified, this account is based on Tanner, Chuck. “People’s Rights Demonstrates Far-Right Roots, Again.” Institute for Research and Education for Human Rights. August 17, 2020. <https://www.irehr.org/2020/08/17/peoples-rights-protest-demonstrates-far-right-roots-again/>. See this source for original sources.

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## Ammon Bundy claims new report undercounted his group's supporters by half

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BOISE — The founder of a far-right anti-government group says a report estimating the organization's fast growth over the past year undercounted by half. Ammon Bundy took issue with the Institute for Research and Education on Human Rights report, saying People's Rights is actually much larger and more of a network than an official organization.

The report, released last week, found that the organization has grown by roughly 53% in the past year to more than 33,000 members, rapidly expanding nationwide and making inroads into Canada.

"The IREHR report is drastically inaccurate. Not sure where they pulled their info from," Bundy wrote in an email on Saturday. People's Rights had 62,337 members as of Saturday, he said.

"I'm glad they under reported so the FBI does not think we are too much of a threat to 'democracy,'" Bundy wrote. "If we keep growing the way we are the FBI may get jealous and throw me in jail for no reason again."

Bundy — who started People's Rights amid a wave of backlash against public health measures taken at the start of the coronavirus pandemic — is best known for leading a group of armed activists in the occupation of an Oregon wildlife refuge in 2016. But Bundy was acquitted of all federal charges in that case by a federal jury in Oregon. In 2014, Bundy, several brothers and his father led an armed standoff in Nevada with Bureau of Land Management agents who attempted to confiscate his father's cattle for grazing on public land without a permit. The Nevada criminal case against Bundy ended in a mistrial, but he spent nearly two years behind bars awaiting the resolution of the two court cases.

At the start of last year, People's Rights had just under 22,000 members nationally, according to an earlier report by IREHR, which tracks far-right movements, and the Montana Human Rights Network. IREHR Research Director Chuck Tanner said the People's Rights organization's political ideology centers on pre-Civil War interpretations of the U.S. Constitution and Christian nationalism.

"What People's Rights does is spread really radical ideas about overturning civil rights in the United States," Tanner said last week. "This is a broad-based, anti-Democratic and bigoted social movement."

In a phone interview late Friday afternoon, Bundy said People's Rights is more of a network than an organization and claimed the network doesn't profess any ideology other than the principles spelled out at the start of the Declaration of Independence.

"It's a network of individuals that are looking for a way to secure their liberty, but other than giving them tools of how to do that, each area is completely on their own to be able to do whatever they decide to communicate, even whatever they decide to do," Bundy said. "There's very few restrictions that we have placed upon them."

According to the People's Rights website, the network seems akin to an emergency militia service, with members agreeing to help defend each other against "government criminals."

"Who would you call right now if you needed help defending your rights against a government agency?" the website asks readers. It goes on to suggest that things such as vaccination mandates and child protection investigations might be reasons that the network would be activated in a "call to action."

The network is divided into regions, where leaders sometimes hold training sessions on HAM radios, firearms or emergency first aid. At times members in certain regions are asked to attend protests or take other actions to "defend your rights." Much of the networks' activity in the past year has been focused on opposing public health measures taken to slow the spread of COVID-19. In Idaho, People's Rights members have used the network to spread misinformation about coronavirus, advised each other on how to obtain medications that aren't approved for treating COVID-19, and staged protests outside of government officials' homes.

Bundy said the group isn't "anti-government," though he acknowledged that he and other members were ready to take action against the government if needed.

"If it's government trying to take the rights, we will have to unite against them," he said. "It happens. We don't need to get all emotional about it. We just need to appear and unite together so we can all get through it."

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NATASHA D. ERICKSON, MD, an  
individual; and TRACY W. JUNGMAN, NP,  
an individual,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

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PAC, a registered political action committee;  
and PEOPLE'S RIGHTS NETWORK, a  
political organization and an unincorporated  
association,

Defendants.

Case No. CV01-22-06789

**AFFIDAVIT OF DEVIN BURGHART IN  
SUPPORT OF RENEWED MOTION  
FOR CONTEMPT AGAINST AMMON  
BUNDY AND PEOPLE'S RIGHTS  
NETWORK**

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I, Devin Burghart, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and state as follows:

1.       I am the president and executive director of the Institute for Research & Education on Human Rights (“IREHR”). Founded in 1983, IREHR is dedicated to using investigative research and strategic organizing to stand against bigotry and defend democracy and human rights. Before becoming executive director, I served as IREHR’s research director from 2008-2018.

2.       I have devoted the last three decades to defending democracy and human rights, gaining extensive expertise in the course of my work on far-right political and social movements. I have researched and observed People’s Rights Network (“PRN”) since 2020, when the group was formed. IREHR has monitored closely the actions of Bundy and PRN that form the subject matter of this lawsuit.

3.       I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge, experience, training, expertise, and review of the Affidavit of Jennifer Jensen with its Exhibits.

4.       PRN is a nationwide network that Ammon Bundy asserts has over 60,000 members. PRN’s growth has been spurred by a fusion of Bundy’s core of the far-right paramilitary supporters built up over years of armed standoffs with a mass base of new activists radicalized in protest over COVID-19 health directives. Bundy has mobilized PRN to harass St. Luke’s, Chris Roth, Dr. Natasha Erickson, NP Tracy Jungman, and others relating to the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare’s intervention regarding an Infant in March of 2022. The harassment has been ongoing since the intervention and persists to this day.

5. Bundy and PRN pose a real and present danger to the community and to St. Luke's, Chris Roth, Dr. Natasha Erickson, and NP Tracy Jungman. While Bundy and PRN speak in terms of "defending rights," they define "defense" and "rights" in such a way that they really are just advocating the use of violence to reach their objective of imposing their desired type of Christian Nationalist government on others. PRN's leadership and membership includes paramilitary and militia-type group members. PRN was established—and operates—as an "Uber-like" militia response system. PRN's messaging is intended to incite fear and promote violence. PRN uses harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and doxing to silence those it opposes and push its agenda. PRN is willing and able to use violence to accomplish its objectives.

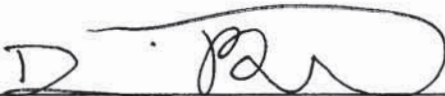
6. The statements from Bundy and PRN, included in the exhibits to the Affidavit of Jennifer Jensen, are examples of their intentional use of false narratives to intimidate and threaten St. Luke's, Chris Roth, Dr. Natasha Erickson, NP Jungman, and other individuals involved in the medical treatment of the Infant while the Infant was in CPS custody. Bundy and PRN use the false narratives to target Plaintiffs and identify them as Bundy's and PRN's enemies, the "wicked." As Bundy and PRN perpetuate their rhetoric, they increase the likelihood that a follower will be radicalized to take violent action.

7. It is my opinion that Bundy and PRN will be emboldened to even worse conduct and further threaten the safety of Plaintiffs and their families (and others)—if Bundy and PRN are not held accountable for their actions and forced to stop harassing, intimidating, threatening, and doxing Plaintiffs. If Bundy and PRN are allowed to continue to disregard the legal system and laws, to flout orders of the Court, and target the plaintiffs and witnesses in this lawsuit, without meaningful consequences to Bundy, the potential consequences are significant.



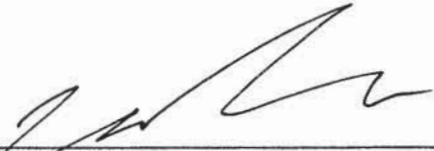
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# **EXHIBIT I**



## What to Do When Someone Needs or Asks for Assistance in Defending Their Rights

UPDATES 1

People's Rights is a network of united neighbors assisting each other in defending their rights. The network is growing and more people are uniting daily. So, what do we actually need to do when someone needs or asks for help? This article should help you know what to do and the steps you should take to assist your neighbor.

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### What should you do when someone needs or asks for assistance in defending their rights?

The first thing any one should do before taking action to assist someone in defending their rights is determined if the person *wants* you to assist them or not. (Remember, it is *their* right that is being violated, not yours.) There are situations when the person cannot communicate and you will need to determine if you are going to assist them anyway. These situations may include the person is being detained or incapacitated in some way. If the person does not want you to assist them, then *you should not*. If the person does, and has communicated this desire to you, then the following steps and actions should be considered:

1. **Assess if the person's rights are legitimately being violated or threatened.** Answer the question, "Is the person's life, liberty or justly-acquired property being taken or controlled by someone else?" (Remember, a person's life and body is their property, and so is their liberty.) If the answer is **YES**, then go to the next step. If the answer is **NO**, then do nothing.
2. **Determine who the perpetrator is.** Answer the question, "Who is the person(s) violating the right(s)?" (Remember, to have a crime, there must exist both a victim and a perpetrator.) Determining the victim and the perpetrator is one of the most important processes you must work through before assisting someone in defending their rights. You must be *impartial* in determining who the bad actor(s) is/are. We must NOT become a people that falsely accuse or act rash. We must be objective, and not allow emotions to dictate "the truth". Finding the perpetrator(s) involved in a situation may take some effort. Remember, if a person participates in the unjustly taking of someone else's life, liberty or property then they are the perpetrator. A perpetrator cannot be a group, such as "the government", a entire corporation or a collection of nameless or unknown people. Perpetrators can only be *individual* people, acting on their own, or in direct and immediate cooperation with other *individual* people. You will need to find the individual or individuals that are most culpable and focus your efforts towards them. Once you have

identified who the victim and perpetrator(s) are, **CONTINUE** to the next step.

3. **Determine if the violation involves the law.** Answer the question, "Is 'the law' being used to violate the persons right(s)?" If the answer is **YES**, then go to the next step. If the answer is **NO**, then skip to **Step 5**.
4. **Determine if due process has been granted.** Answer the question, "Has the person been given JUST due process of law?" Just due process of law can *only* be accomplished by the People, not those that work for government. Constitutional due process culminates with a jury of the People, during a fair, public and speedy trial. A judge may help administer the process, but it must be the jury (the People) that determines guilt, *not* a judge, prosecutor or those working for the government. So, has the person received JUST due process? If the answer is **NO**, go to the next step. If the answer is **YES**, then do nothing.
5. **Determine if the threat is imminent.** Answer the question, "Is a violation of the person's right(s) immediately happening or about to happen?" If **YES**, then go to the next step. If **NO**, then skip to **step 7**.
6. **Immediate action necessary.** When a threat is imminent you should activate the People's Rights Network and inform those in the local Area to act in the physical defense of the person as quickly as possible. This does not necessarily mean violence will be needed. There are many *peaceful* ways to unite and act in the physical defense of a person - do everything possible to defend without using excessive force. If the violation warrants force, and non-peaceful measures are required in order to defend the victim, then the *least* amount of force necessary should be used to secure the person's right(s).
7. **Rights are secure or stable.** As soon as the right is secure or at least stable, then *personal* accountability must be communicated to, and placed upon the most culpable perpetrator(s). Personal accountability is what changes the direction of a perpetrator. The more personally accountable the perpetrator(s) feel for violating a right, the more likely they will be to discontinue the violation. However, before any direct action against the perpetrator(s) can be taken, you must perform the next step.
8. **Notice to Cease & Desist.** You must give **NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST** to those responsible for violating, or will be violating the right(s) of someone else. Before any imminent action is taken, the perpetrator(s) should be given the opportunity to understand, stop and to correct their actions. Official notices are accustomed to natural law, common law and are biblical. The notice should be officially served, sent through certified mail or hand-delivered while being recorded. ([See example of Notice to Cease & Desist in Update 1 below](#)).
9. **Increase personal accountability.** If the perpetrator(s) does not end the violation(s) after receiving the Official Notice; here is a partial list of things that can be done to put personal accountability upon a perpetrator(s):
  - Create a 1-4 page chronological summary detailing the perpetrator(s) violation(s), send it to him/her *and* make it public (this is one of the most effective tools needed). See Examples: [Bugli Family](#), [Hammond Family](#), [Rick Koerber](#)
  - Post on social media giving accurate evidence and links of the perpetrator(s) violation(s).



- File a report with the County Sheriff's Office and officially have the perpetrator(s) served with the report.
- Activate People in the Area (People's Rights Network) and demonstrate at the perpetrator(s) house(s).
- Pass out accurate information (flyers) of the violation(s) to the perpetrator(s) neighbors.
- Contact the perpetrator(s) supervisor at his/her place of income and explain the perpetrator(s) violation(s).
- File a complaint in the local or federal court and have the perpetrator(s) served with the court documents.
- Contact the perpetrator(s) church and inform his/her ecclesiastical leader of the violation(s).
- Activate People in the Area and demonstrate at the perpetrator(s) place of income.
- Write or run ads in the local newspaper explaining the perpetrator(s) violation(s).
- Ponder and pray about other ways to put *personal accountability* on the perpetrator(s) and then act on it.

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10. **Violations continue.** If the perpetrator(s) does not end the violation(s) after the above actions have taken place, then.....We the People have no mechanism to bring justice, so we must build it. (See the Justice System)

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NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST (FORM)

UPDATE 1

 Jan 20, 2021  Jan 23, 2021

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NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

From:

\_\_[Victim's Name]\_\_\_\_\_

To:

\_\_[Perpetrator's Name]\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_[Home Address]\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_[Phone Number]\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_[E-Mail]\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

Re: [Summarize damages and violations]

Dear \_\_\_\_\_[perpetrator]\_\_\_\_\_,

This letter has been served as notice of your unwarranted harassment activities, or the equivalent thereof, that has been on-going in recent weeks.

Therefore, you are required to cease and desist **all** acts, including but not limited to:

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If you do not cease **all** related acts, **lawful personal accountability will** be commenced against you. This may include but not limited to:

*Posting on social media giving accurate evidence and links of your violation(s); Filing a criminal report with the County Sheriff's Office; Activating People to demonstrate at your home; Passing out accurate information (flyers) of your violation(s) to your neighbors; Contacting your supervisor at your place of income to explain your violation(s); Filing a violations warning in the local or federal courts; Contacting your ecclesiastical leader to inform them of your violation(s); Activating People in the Area and demonstrate at your place of income. Run ads in the local newspaper explaining your violation(s).*

Due to the aforementioned harm you have caused me, this cease and desist shall serve as a pre-suit letter demanding that you provide me written assurance within 5 days that you **will** refrain from further actions that could be deemed as a continuance of the violation(s).

If you do not comply with this cease and desist letter within the aforementioned time period then a lawsuit may be filed in the proper jurisdiction (federal, state or common law) seeking monetary damages as well as pursuing **all** available lawful remedies for your personal actions against me.

Sincerely,

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#### Attachments

 notice-to-cess-and-desist.docx (15 KB)

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# **EXHIBIT J**

# EXPERT WITNESS REPORT

In the Matter of

St. Luke's Health System, LTD, et al.

v.

Ammon Bundy, et al.

Case No. CV01-22-06789

In the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of the  
State of Idaho, in and for the County of Ada

Prepared for:

Holland & Hart, LLP

Prepared by:

Dennis R. Reinstein, CPA/ABV, ASA

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March 10, 2023

## INTRODUCTION

I was engaged by Holland & Hart, LLP to evaluate the financial impact on St. Luke's Health System, Ltd. (Health System) business operations associated with the disruption that occurred generally during the third week of March 2022, as a result of demonstrations on the Boise and Meridian hospital campuses allegedly organized and encouraged by Ammon Bundy et, at.

The immediate impact was to the System's Boise hospital and affiliated clinics and to the System's Meridian hospital and affiliated clinics (collectively referred to as "the Hospital(s)"). However, there will be a System wide, on-going impact on costs related to security for all St. Luke's branded medical facilities.

Data provided, reviewed or relied upon in support of the opinions contained herein are as noted within the opinions and/or as listed in Table 1, which follows my opinions.

In addition to documents referenced in this report, I may summarize information contained in such documents in exhibit form to assist with the explanation of my analysis and opinions at trial.

As additional information or testimony becomes available, I may find it appropriate to revise or supplement my opinions, analyses and conclusions stated herein. I may also be called upon to provide testimony with regard to additional data or records and/or data received from or testified to by other parties and/or their witnesses.



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Dennis R. Reinstein, CPA/ABV, ASA

3/10/23

Date



## Overview

The Health System's business operations were impacted between March 12, 2022 and March 18, 2022.

The business operations of St. Luke's Regional Medical Center consist of the Boise and Meridian Hospitals along with their associated clinics, operated and located on the property utilized by the Hospitals. The clinics include, by way of example, facilities such as the St. Luke's Cancer Institute in Boise and the Family Medicine Clinic in Meridian.

**Schedule 1** reflects and accumulation of the loss and cost elements being claimed, which are supported by **Schedule 2** through **Schedule 7**.

- a) The top portion of **Schedule 1** reflects the summation of lost revenues and associated lost earnings for the Boise and Meridian locations.
- b) The bottom portion of **Schedule 1** reflects the increased security costs expected for the St. Luke's branded hospitals and clinics on a System wide basis.

The following table summarizes the losses illustrated in this report as a direct result of the demonstrations during the period of March 12-18, 2022 and the expected future costs as a result of the demonstrations during the period of March 12-18, 2022, along with ongoing disparaging comments currently focused on the Hospitals:

	<u>One Time Losses</u>	<u>Recurring Annual Costs</u>	<u>Present Value of Combined Losses and Costs</u>
Lost earnings	\$3,896,793		
Additional security costs	<u>54,700</u>	<u>\$4,640,203</u>	
Annual totals	3,951,493	4,640,203	
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Present value of losses & costs	\$3,951,493	\$45,447,630	\$49,399,123

The present value date for my Opinions is March 10, 2023.

An organization chart for St. Luke's Health System, Ltd. is presented on the following page.

# **EXHIBIT K**

Document title: Come No More Upon Me, A Warning Letter From Ammon Bundy | Area News | People's Rights - Claim, Use, Defend

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# Come No More Upon Me, A Warning Letter From Ammon Bundy

Now, in less than a week, I will be forced to defend myself again in trial, facing a team of government attorneys, for peacefully standing outside St. Luke's Hospital demanding that they give baby Cyrus back to his loving parents. If convicted, I will be fined thousands of dollars and will most likely spend months, if not a year in jail, away from my little family who need me. By the time I get out, St. Luke's executives and Holland & Hart partners with help from a few Ada County Judges will do their best to strip my family from anything we have left.

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From: Ammon Bundy

To: Blake Higley; Scott Bedke; Whitney Welsh; Chris Roth; Anne McDevitt; Erik Stidham; Brad Little; Keith Reynolds;

RE: Warning

I Ammon Bundy respectfully come seeking relief that my family and I may live in peace and not be harassed at your hands anymore.

As much as it pains me to do so, it is my duty to plead my case to you in why I have acted the way I have over the past few years. I pray that you will understand my intentions and see how my actions have been based in love for God and my fellow man, including yourself.

In February of 2020 I made a vow that I would not live or allow my family and friends to be compelled to live under the delusional control of tyrants pushing lockdown mandates using health orders as the excuse. I made this vow immediately after becoming aware of what officials in the state of California were doing to the people in that area. I had hoped that the same type of action would not come to Idaho, but my hopes were in vain, as in mid-March of 2020, Brad Little, Governor of Idaho, [issued a statewide stay-home-order](#), much like California's Governor Gavin

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Knowing very well that no state or other official has been granted the authority to order my friends, family or I to remain in our homes until we have their permission to leave. Knowing that no man or group of people have the right to order other men or women to stop trading with each other in an effort to provide for their families. Knowing that no man or group of people have the right to order other men or women not to visit and care for each other. Knowing that state officials have only been [granted authority enumerated in the state and United States Constitutions](#). Knowing above all things that the right to travel, the right to visit with and care for each other, the right to leave our homes at will, the right to trade and provide for our families are endowed by God the Almighty Creator to each of His children residing upon this earth, and that no government official has the authority to alienate these rights from His children unless in defense of their own rights.

Knowing these things, I began to act openly in peaceful defiance of the immoral and unconstitutional usurpations coming from government officials within the state of Idaho. Holding regular public meetings, an Easter service, peacefully protesting at a Meridian police officer's home for arresting a mother who took her children to the park and organizing people to peacefully stand for the rights that God had given them. Never once did I damage any property, commit any violence or harm any person. It is not in my nature to do so.

However, these simple peaceful acts of non-compliance caused heads of several government agencies to communicate with each other about what should be done with Ammon Bundy. In one email chain between the head of the Idaho State Police, [Colonel Kendrick Wills](#), Meridian Police Chief, [Meridian Mayor, Robert Simison](#), the FBI JTTF (Joint Terrorist Task Force), [Ada County Sheriff, Steve Bartlett](#), and several other heads of government agencies and offices in Idaho, all discussed to potentially raid the Easter service I had planned and mass arrest those attending. Imagine, in the United State of America, in the State of Idaho, heads of law enforcement and other officials plotting to raid a Christian worship service on Easter. And doing so because those assembling to worship God did not have permission from government officials to do so.

Ultimately, these officials decided not to move forward with the raid and mass arrests because the Easter service was held in Gem County on private property. It is my belief that the Gem County Sheriff and Emmett Moore did not support the action as they did not move forward with the raid



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In August 2020, Governor Little called for a [special legislative session](#) to gain legal immunity for the action of state officials during the lock-down orders. When the session began, hundreds of people came to the Idaho capitol building to attend. However, [Scott Bedke](#), Speaker of the House, ordered the House gallery doors to be locked, guarded by Idaho State Police Troopers; stopping hundreds of people from legally attending the session. This caused many people to become very upset and eventually we pushed our way through the locked doors. I must mention that [Idaho State law prohibits the doors to the House or Senate galleries from being locked at any-time during a regular or special session](#). Regardless, this law did not seem to matter to Speaker Scott Bedke or to the Idaho State Police Troopers. In-fact, instead of apologizing to the people for illegally blocking the doors, the next day, nearly half of the all the ISP Troopers in Idaho were ordered to report for duty at the capitol building. That afternoon [an incident with the independent media was fabricated](#) and I was arrested. My crime was sitting quietly and non disruptive in a public room in the Idaho capitol building (the Lincoln auditorium), during open hours, where no proceedings were taking place. The Lincoln auditorium doors were always open to the public until 7 PM each day. However, that day, at 5 PM, over 60 police officers entered the room and area and ordered me to leave. When I did not leave immediately, I was arrested and trespassed from the capitol building for a year. During my trial, over a year later, multiple police officers testified that I was *"not being disruptive and had broken no rules"* ([please watch this video](#)).

I do admit, at this point I became somewhat irrational. For I believed that I had a right to go into the Idaho capitol building and participate in the legislative process. I believed that the capitol building belonged to the people and not the government. I believed that somehow the people were going to make a difference in the capitol building and that I was to help motivate and unite them. And, I believe that I was targeted and falsely arrested so I could not influence the legislators or the people during that and the following sessions. Ultimately, [I was arrested 3 more times for going back to the capitol building to attend legislative proceedings](#). Each time I was thrown in jail and sorely abused under the hand of the Ada County jailers.

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To make matters worse, when I showed up to my first trespass trial, I was not allowed in the Ada County Courthouse because I would not wear a mask. After many attempts to get permission to go into the courthouse to attend my own trial, over a dozen Ada County Sheriff deputies exited the courthouse and arrested me for Failure to Appear (FTA) to my trial. On this occasion I spent 32 hours in an extremely cold holding cell in the Ada County jail. The jailers refer to this cell as "the cold box". It was very miserable and cruel.

For the next year and a half, I spent much of my life litigating these cases. Never once had I damaged any property, committed any violence or harmed any person. Yet, I was viciously prosecuted at the hands of a team of Ada County Attorneys. In the middle of these trials, I was also sentenced to 10 days in jail and fined \$3,000 (the maximum sentence possible) for Contempt of Court (COC). Judge Annie McDevitt disagreed with me in using campaign service hours for public service time. So, with no opportunity to redo the hours and with no jury involved, she threw the book at me and I spent 10 more days in solitary confinement in the Ada County jail. I am sure to this day she believes that I deserve such a harsh punishment, but even my critics vocalized their surprise at her extreme and unusual sentence.

In early March of 2022, I received a call from my friend's daughter Marissa Anderson. She was surrounded by police officers threatening to take her baby away. The Chavoya family are good friends of my family and we have spent much time together. They are one of the most loving, caring and politically active families that I know. The love and care they display to each other and to their friends is inspiring to all those who know them. Marissa's father Diego and I, during 2020, became two of the most public figures in Idaho speaking out against the governor's lockdown orders. Especially against the massive federal funds that were being distributed into Idaho institutions due to Governor Little keeping Idahoans under executive emergency powers for over 2 years.

So, after participating in much public scrutiny against the most powerful people in Idaho, police officers surrounded Diego's family and forcefully took his grandson under a false pretense of child neglect. Eventually, the accusations against the family were all proven to be absolutely false. Over time, the state had to give baby Cyrus back, drop the CPS case all together and dismiss the criminal charges against Marissa the mother and Miranda the aunt. However, I do not find it a coincidence that St. Luke's Hospital, the #1 PRIVATE beneficiary of the federal COVID funds coming through Governor Little and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW), the #1 PUBLIC beneficiary of the COVID funds, are the two institutions that carried out the assault



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That night, being extremely concerned for baby Cyrus, the family and the entire injustice of the situation, I showed up at St. Luke's Hospital where baby Cyrus was taken, demanding that he be given back to his family. After many demands, Meridian Police Officers arrested me and took me to the Ada County Jail. I must say, even though the Meridian Police Officers were completely in the wrong and acted to enforce the will of people grossly abusing the law, they were also lied to by officials from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (CPS). They were told that baby Cyrus was Failing to Thrive (FTT) and that he must be taken to the hospital for immediate care.

However, the evidence tells an entirely different story. Baby Cyrus was not taken to the hospital for care, he was forcefully taken from his parents and brought to the hospital to be immediately given to foster parents. Yes, this is correct, waiting there patiently in Meridian St. Luke Hospital were baby Cyrus' new foster parent(s). *Baby Cyrus was deemed "a healthy baby" by the medical staff* who told the foster parent(s) to "leave promptly". However, because of the commotion that I and those with me were causing outside the hospital by peacefully demanding Cyrus be given back to his parents, the foster parents had lost their will to take the baby and therefore Cyrus was transferred to Boise St. Luke's Hospital instead.

Read these hospital reports from that night:

*"Health and welfare identified a foster family but due to protesters surrounding the hospital regarding this case, it was felt that discharge with the family foster family from the emergency department was unsafe for all involved."*

*"The sending physician handed us the pt [i.e. patient] secured in his car seat. She indicated the patient was in stable condition and requested that we leave promptly. She stated, "just go! This is a healthy baby with no interventions"...no acute life threats noted."*

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Because of this incident, I and my family have once again suffered under the hands of Ada County Prosecutors for an additional year. The CPS case against baby Cyrus' parents was dropped, the criminal case against baby Cyrus' aunt was dismissed, the criminal case against baby Cyrus' mother was dropped, but the case against me continues to go on and is scheduled for trial this month. If convicted, I face heavy fines and up to 1 year in jail. The Ada County Chief Judge, in the middle of these proceedings, reassigned my case to [Judge Annie McDevitt](#), the same judge who already threw the book at me once and sentenced me to 10 days in jail and a \$3000 fine. Normally, Contempt of Court (COC) is a fine of a few hundred dollars with no jail time. So, it doesn't take legal training to understand what she will try and do to me if I am convicted this time for helping baby Cyrus and his family.

It took about 6 days to get baby Cyrus back to his parents. The people at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (CPS) and [Judge Laurie Fortier](#) did not like the public scrutiny they were receiving and gave baby Cyrus back after about a week of hundreds of people protesting at St Luke's Hospital, the CPS office and the Judge's home. A few weeks later, St. Luke's Hospital sued Diego Rodriguez (Cyrus' grandfather) and myself for saying negative things about them. They retained [Holland & Hart, LLP](#) a law firm that also represents Governor Brad Little, Scott Bedke and the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare.

Each week, going on 5 months now, Diego and I [have received mountains of court documents](#). Holland & Hart is sending documents to my business, home and associates, by personal service companies, Gem County Sheriff's deputies, US Postal Service, Fed-Ex and UPS. Some documents are too big to print so they send electronic files in packages to contain it all. Without exaggerating, I could have filled up a garbage dumpster to contain the amount of legal documents I have received from Holland & Hart. After speaking to an Idaho law firm (in hopes to defend myself) I was told that it would take at least 3 full time attorneys to respond to Holland & Hart's litigation on this case. Because this case may continue for several years, it is not impractical to calculate that it



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I was informed by two very credible, independent sources (one a high-ranking Ada County Official and the other an attorney who works with St. Luke's hospital) that St. Luke's CEO gave Holland & Hart a blank check to financially destroy Diego and I for speaking out against them in the role they played in taking baby Cyrus. So, rather than taking action to ensure that the situation with baby Cyrus does not happen again, instead, [St Luke's CEO, Chris Roth](#), has authorized hundreds of thousands of dollars of donations given to St. Luke's Hospital to pay a law firm to financially destroy baby Cyrus' family and those who stood with them. I don't believe this is why people donate to St. Luke's Hospital. I believe those who donate to St. Luke's Hospital are under the impression that their donations are going to medically help children and other patients, not to fund a team of \$600 per hour bureaucrat attorneys sent to even a political score.

To date, St Luke's team of attorneys have used the courts to put a lien on my home, forcing me to sell it. I have been forced to liquidate all my assets except a few and my family and I have no idea when any of this will end. St. Luke's CEO, Chris Roth, has given Holland & Hart a blank check to financially destroy Diego and I. Mis-using the courts, they have put us under constant threat of losing everything we have worked for our entire lives. Never once have I knowingly stepped inside a St. Luke's medical facility in Idaho. Never have I or my family received any medical treatment from a St. Luke's provider. I owe them nothing, yet they are trying to take everything. Anything I said about them (which was very minimal) I believe to be absolutely true, but they are using the courts to chill free speech and punish anyone who exposes them to the public. All of this, when they are the people who participated in stealing a baby from loving parents. Holland & Hart receiving open payments from St. Luke's Hospital to destroy lives by abusing the court is a prime example of Judicial Terrorism (JT).

In the last few years, I have been criminally charged many times for defending what the Idaho State and U.S. Constitutions were designed to protect. I have had so many court hearings that I have lost track of the number. I have endured multiple trials and spent weeks in solitary confinement in the Ada County Jail. I have been forced to sell my home and assets, been fined thousands of dollars and have not been able to rightfully provide for my family. Now, in less than a



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Never once have I damaged any property, committed any violence or harmed any person. I have remained peaceful and stood for peaceful remedies even when forceful actions in defense may have been justified. I have stood as a barrier in protecting the very people who are harming me from those who believe that sometimes a way to right a wrong is not always peaceful. Everything I have done has been peaceful, even when police officers have falsely arrested me, abused me, my family and my friends and caused me to bleed by violence. Even when jailers have cruelly forced me to suffer for days. Even when judges have taken my income, wealth and stripped me of my rights. Even when the courts have allowed judicial terrorists to use the force of law to harass and financially assault my family. I pray every day to my Father in Heaven for the resolve to remain peaceful, but feel I have the justification to call upon my friends and defend myself by any means, even though I have no intention at this point to do so.

My only desire is to be left alone! But I cannot stand by when the rights to life, liberty and property are being violated all around me. It is my belief that if a man or woman smites me or my family once I should bear it patiently and not revile against them. If they smite me or my family a second time, I should not revile against them. But if they smite me or my family a third time I should bear it patiently as a testimony against them, but warn them, in the name of Jesus Christ, that they come no more upon me or my family, and if they do so, God will deliver them into my hands. However, if they repent at any time, I should forgive them. I have full faith in these words and intend to live by them.

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Humbly,



Ammon Bundy

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## St Lukes Hospital Executives Seek \$7.5 Million & Ammon Bundy's Arrest

UPDATE 4

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#### Article Links:

[Diego a Rodriguez issues Challenge to St. Luke's & Attorney Erik Stidham](#)

[There Is No Silver Bullet to Securing Liberty](#)

[The Baby Cyrus' Kidnaping Story](#)

[13 Hospitals Perform Gender Transition Surgeries On Minors](#)

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## St. Luke's Boise

### Medical options

Medical options for gender affirmation include:

- **Hormone therapy.** This is medicine to help increase or decrease sex characteristics. For example:
  - You may take testosterone to develop more masculine physical traits. These include hair growth on the face and body.
  - You may take estrogen to develop more feminine physical traits. These include breast development and a change in where body fat is stored. You may also take a medicine that blocks testosterone (anti-androgen) or a hormone called progesterin.
- **Puberty blockers.** These are medicines that block the hormones that cause body changes during puberty. They can delay development of physical traits that don't match your gender identity.
- **Surgery.** There are different surgeries that can change the look and the function of your body. They can help your body match your gender identity.

### Nonmedical options

Nonmedical options for gender affirmation include:

- **Living as your gender identity.** You choose how you feel most comfortable expressing your gender identity. Non-medical options include:
  - Clothing, hairstyles, or makeup.
  - Voice therapy or coaching.
  - Hair removal.
  - Breast binding or padding.
  - Penis tucking or packing.
  - Name and gender marker corrections on official documents.
- **Counseling.** This is professional guidance to help a person, family, or group of people. It can be done one-on-one or as a family or group.
- **Getting support.** It can be comforting and helpful to talk to people who know what you're going through. You can find these people through local or online groups. If you don't know where to find support, check with:
  - Your doctor.

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#### Biography

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Corey V. Ham, DNP, NP-C is a nurse practitioner at St. Luke's Clinic - Eastern Oregon Medical Associates. He is trained in family medicine and has interests in diabetes management, gerontology, hospice and palliative care, as well as sexual and gender minority health.

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Phyllis You, MD provides family medicine care, including women's health, adult medicine, and pediatrics. She also enjoys caring for members of the LGBTQIA+ community and offers gender-affirming primary care for transgender patients, with referrals for hormone therapy and sociality care.

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### Gender Health for Adolescents



#### A safe and affirming atmosphere

The team of specialists at St. Luke's Children's Essence Clinic is dedicated to improving health and experiences for children, adolescents, and young adults with differences in sexual development (DSD) and/or gender identity.

In working with gender-diverse patients, we utilize the standards of care developed by the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH). We offer hormonal therapy, including puberty blockers, and gender-affirming therapy and emotional health assessments.

For those interested in gender assignment surgery, we offer surgical consultations and referrals. As part of your care experience, you may expect to see specialists in endocrinology, psychology, urology, and/or plastic surgery who will collaborate on your care plan.

Learn more about St. Luke's Children's Essence Clinic

## St. Luke's Kansas

### Plastic surgery

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- Mastectomy with nipple grafts
- Breast augmentation (mammoplasty)
- Facial feminization
- Body contouring
- Fat grafting
- Liposuction
- Orchiectomy
- Tummy tuck (abdominoplasty)

## Endocrinology

Endocrinologists are physicians who specialize in glands and hormones. Playing a vital role in health care for the transgender population, they offer:

- Referrals for surgery
- Hormonal treatments

## Gynecology

The transgender woman has special health needs and may visit a gynecologist for care after gender-affirmation surgery. On the other hand, a transgender man's needs must be addressed by a gynecologist. Our providers offer a wealth of services including:

Hi, Welcome to Saint Luke's, how can I help you?

[Learn about Saint Luke's commitment to the LGBTQ community and connect with other local organizations.](#)

## Providers



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INTERNAL MEDICINE



**Thuan B Nguyen, MD**

PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY, SURGERY (HAND)



**Amanda Megan Bell, MD**

ENDOCRINOLOGY, DIABETES, AND METABOLISM





#### Attachments

 [2023-02-08-order-granting-leave-to-file-third-amended-complaint-that-includes-punitive-damages-claim-all-ds.pdf \(288 KB\)](#)

 [memorandum-iso-motion-for-contempt.pdf \(724 KB\)](#)

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## Update: They tried to put me in jail but I came home one more time

**UPDATE 3**

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UPDATE: THEY TRIED TO PUT ME IN JAIL BUT I CAME HOME ONE MORE TIME

January 24, 2023

Yesterday I was scheduled for trial for the criminal case. In this case St. Luke's hospital claimed to be a victim of mine and the state was prosecuting me with the potential of jail up to 1 year and up to a \$10,000 fine. This was for going to St. Luke's Meridian hospital and demanding that they give baby Cyrus back to his parents. I was arrested for trespassing on the St. Lukes property. Last Friday the state, St. Luke's and I had come to a settlement agreement and Monday morning's court hearing was supposed to be just procedural. However, in a very rare turn of event, Judge Annie McDevitt, after hearing the details of the agreement, left the room for around 25 minutes and when she came back immediately ruled that she was not going to accept the agreement. She claimed that the Idaho Victims Act was the reason. She stated that she believed St. Luke's (as the victim) was not really okay with the agreement and that she had an obligation to try and satisfy St. Luke's hospital with greater punishment. St. Luke's had a lawyer from Holland & Hart who then began to manipulate the entire proceeding. It was amazing to witness. St Luke's hospital is the largest "private" employer in the state of Idaho and Holland & Hart is one of the largest law firms in the western United States. They are both tied closely to Governor Little and Scott Bedke. I would have never believed the power they hold over Idaho courts unless I had witnessed what I did yesterday in that courtroom.

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Chris Topmiller, the state prosecutor, seemed upset as well. St. Luke's executives went back on the agreement because either they communicated with the judge while she was out (which is illegal by the way) or they saw that the judges had extreme contempt towards me and wanted to grasp the opportunity to go for blood. Mr. Topmiller said to me, "*The judge was going to do whatever St. Luke's wanted.*" Ultimately, St. Luke's and Holland & Hart wanted me in jail, *I must go to jail.*

To make a long story short, after going back and forth for about an hour and a half, Chris Topmiller and St. Luke's lawyer came to an agreement that included imposed jail time. Initially, I rejected those offers and it finally came down to around 80 days suspended jail time and 5 days imposed jail time. With that as the proposed agreement, I asked if St. Luke's was going to stick with this agreement or go back on it again. I was told that they were in agreement. I then informed Chris Topmiller that I had several days of credit for jail time when I was thrown in jail prior and have a right to use those days of credit. This would keep me from actually going to jail. However, when the St. Luke's people heard about my jail credit, they threw a fit and tried to go back on the agreement again, insisting that I go to jail no matter what. The judge wanted me to agree to at least some imposed jail time, but I insisted that my credit days for jail were legal credits and that I had suffered these days in jail prior and had a right to use them. I also made it clear that if they would not accept the credits and tried to impose jail time, then I was ready to go to trial. Chris Topmiller made the statement that settling this matter was negotiations and everyone has to give.

Judge McDevitt finally decided that the days in jail were not worth going to trial and ruled that the agreement with the credit for time served was final. At the objections of the St. Luke's she ended the proceedings. This judge was put in a position of exposure, if she was to continue to give anymore to St. Luke's then her bias would have become more evident. She could see that St. Luke's executives were never going to be satisfied and would continue to go back on their agreements until I was in jail.

[This is what happens when three wolves fight about how they are going to eat a lamb.](#)

I must say that I do believe I would have prevailed in trial. My defense (see below) was very strong and although it is always a challenge to get the truth in front of the jury, I believe (by faith) that I would have succeeded. However, for months I have been asking the Lord to let me know His will in this matter. Ultimately, I came to understand that it did not matter if I went to trial or not, I was not going to prove anything and that I should use this opportunity to extend an olive branch to my enemies. So that is what I did. I do not believe St. Luke's and Holland & Hart accepted my token of peace because they continue to seek for blood. However, I extended it to them, as I believe God requires.

When the court proceedings were over I had a sweet woman insist that God had told her to pay all the fines imposed upon me, nearly \$1200. She told me not to reject her offer because it was from God. Just seconds after that a tall man came up to me and asked me if he could pay all of the fines imposed upon me. Then after going down to the main floor of the courtroom I had another woman offer. Leaving the courthouse I called my wife to inform her of what had happened and to let her know that I was coming home one more time. She informed me that baby Cyrus' parents had just Venmoed us \$1200 to pay the imposed fines. This love brought tears to both of our eyes. I know that the way we get through hard times is by the goodness of people around us. I am surrounded by the best people in the world. THANK YOU!

As long as I do not "commit any new crimes" for a year, the CRIMINAL case against me is over. I pray that St. Luke's will stop this attack on my family and I and end the CIVIL case against me as well (I am not holding my breath). Baby Cyrus back with



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Ammon Bundy

Statement on defense if I was to go to trial:

In one of the body cam videos, Eron Sanchez, St. Luke's administrator, says "go to the designated area off of St. Luke's property". I did not hear that when he said it at the time, no one did that I know of. All those I know who have gone through the videos did not pick up on this either. However, when I began to transcribe that video, I caught it. This was just a couple weeks ago. This did not have a huge impact on my defense because it was never about trespassing anyway. My defense was about baby Cyrus being taken from his nursing and caring mother. The reason we went to St. Luke's hospital in the first place,

My defense in trial was going to be a necessity defense. The state took baby Cyrus from his nursing mother. CPS, St. Luke's nor the foster parents understood what was going on with baby Cyrus. St. Luke's doctors had misdiagnosed baby Cyrus multiple times. Ultimately, another doctor diagnosed baby Cyrus later with Cyclical Vomiting Syndrome (CVS). If baby Cyrus would have been taken to foster parents that night when they did not understand his eating schedule, his vomiting syndrome, his sleeping schedule nor what to do to keep him from dehydrating when he vomits profusely, there was a significant chance he would have lost his life. The evidence shows facts of this when baby Cyrus was taken to Boise St. Luke's rather than given to foster parents because of our actions that night. After St. Luke's nurses fed him with a bottle he threw the formula up. This happened multiple times and when the parents got baby Cyrus back he had a feeding tube down his throat and bruises all over his arms and legs were St. Luke's doctors injected him multiple times with IV needles. I believe it was not until his mother was allowed to give him breast milk and love him that baby Cyrus began to recover.

Ultimately, I and those with me that night stopped the process of baby Cyrus going to foster parents and very likely saved his life or at least from serious medical complications.

If I could prove in trial these legal elements and if the jury would be honest, I would have prevailed.


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## I made a peace offering, let's see if they take it.

**UPDATE 2**

 Jan 21, 2023  Jan 21, 2023

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### UPDATE: I MADE A PEACE OFFERING, LETS SEE IF THEY WILL TAKE IT.

January 21, 2023

Yesterday while I was out, two people came to the front door of my home and served my family with more legal papers from St. Luke's. The amount of mail and people serving legal papers (whether it be private servers or a sheriff deputy) coming to our home and mailbox is becoming extremely harassing. We are receiving typically at least a ream-size amount of papers weekly, many times much more. St. Luke's CEO, Chris Roth has authorized undefined amounts of funds to the Holland & Hart law firm to overwhelm the court with legal filings, motions and injunctions, seeking to ruin what finances and reputation I have left, (Diego too). There is simply no way I can respond to all the court filing or legal action from St. Luke's. I was told by an Idaho law firm that it would take at least 3 full time attorneys to respond to Holland & Hart's court filings on this case. I am certain St Luke's must have already accrued hundreds of thousands in attorney fees to pay for such a legal assault. Holland & Hart attorneys are not cheap. If I was to try and respond to every legal document sent to me it would have already cost myself nearly a hundred thousand dollars in legal fees, if not more. On top of that, I would be required to spend my entire life organizing a legal defense against St. Luke's.

The action from Holland & Hart, led by Eric Stidham is an extreme abuse of the Idaho courts and I am surprised that Judge Lynn Norton has allowed it to go on for this long. The Holland & Hart law firm has a lot of pull and I am certain Judge Norton is intimidated by them and the power they wield in Idaho. After all, Holland & Hart also represents Governor Little, former Speaker of the House Scott Bedke (now Lieutenant Governor) and the most powerful lobbyist group in Idaho, IACI. I don't envy the position she is in.



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Without looking closely into the TWO St Luke's cases against me (1-CRIMINAL, 1-CIVIL), it may seem a bit confusing in what St. Luke's executives are trying to do to me. With the CRIMINAL case, St. Luke's is claiming to be a victim of mine for when I went to their Meridian hospital demanding that they give baby Cyrus back to his parents (see details above). The CIVIL case is a lawsuit against Diego (baby Cyrus' grandfather) and I for speaking out against the actions of St. Luke's employees, CPS staff and Meridian police officers in taking baby Cyrus (read details above). In the CRIMINAL case, I have had no choice but to participate and show up to court or Judge McDevitt will send officers to kick in my door, terrorize my family and haul me off to jail; eventually pronouncing a sentence upon me. The CIVIL case is different. I must bear the cost of the legal defense (if I choose to have one). With the amount of legal preceding coming from Holland & Hart in this case, there is no way I can bear the expense (time or money) to defend myself, nor do I want to spend the next 5 years full-time doing so ( I have a family that I must provide for and tend to).

If Judge Norton does not see what is happening here and chooses not to stop it, eventually, she will grant St. Luke's executives "punitive damages" and expenses to be paid for the massive amount of legal fees that Holland & Hart attorneys have and will accumulate, and will order the Gem County Sheriff to take everything I own. Without going into hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt for legal fees, and spending the next several years fighting full-time, there is no way to legally fight against them. This is how the rich and powerful punish those who expose and stand up to them. Remember they took a baby from loving, caring parents without true cause and I simply stood for the family exposing the truth (see above for details).

So, with all of this going on, yesterday I made a peace offering to St. Luke's executives and settled the CRIMINAL case outside of court. Agreeing to a fine and a suspended sentence of 90 days jail. I have never done this before and it is certainly not my style. I prayed and pondered about this move for many days. I did not purger myself and kept this agreement within the moral boundaries that all of us must live by as children of God. This was not an act done in fear or desperation. This agreement will become official on Monday, so I will not be having a trial anymore. There is no need for people to come to the court-house to support me in trial any longer. Thank you so very much! Now be aware, the judge could reject the agreement and force me to trial, but that is extremely rare and would make her (Judge Annie McDevitt) look even more like the


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My desire, in all I have done, was never to overturn the courts and make the judges start administering justice as the law prescribes. I never wanted to spend my life fighting in the courts. In-fact, after coming home from being in federal prison for two years - never convicted of even one charge - and going through two major federal trials, my desire was to never enter a courtroom again. I only wanted then, and still today, to be left alone. So, making this agreement in the CRIMINAL case is an effort to extend an olive branch to St. Luke's executives. To show that I simply want to be left alone. That I didn't just wake up in the middle of the night, drive an hour to one of their hospitals and cause a scene, because I hate them and wanted to cause them trouble. That I did not rally people to peacefully demonstrate outside one of their hospitals, several days in a row, because I despised them or wanted revenge for something. Making this peace offering I pray will serve as another testimony that I have tried from the beginning to only stand for my fellow man and do what is right before God. I pray that this olive branch will be accepted and that all of us can go about our way in peace.



Ammon Bundy

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## Pretrial Hearing - January 18, 2023

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A hearing was held at the Ada County courthouse today at 10:30 AM. Judge Anne McDevitt presided. Around 39 people came to support Ammon in the courtroom. St. Luke's attorneys from Holland & Hart were in attendance as well, they set behind Chris Topmiller the prosecutors in this case. When the hearing started Judge McDevitt began to question Ammon's main defense. She wanted to make a decision to allow or not allow him to use that defense in front of the jury. Ammon's defense is that baby Cyrus was in imminent danger of life because he was taken away from his nursing mother and if he did not act Cyrus would have been taken home by foster parents that night. Ammon explained that baby Cyrus was suffering from Cyclical Vomiting Syndrome (CVS) and was misdiagnosed by St. Luke's hospital. Being so close to the family he knew that the only food that Cyrus was keeping down was breast milk and that many other things such as being off on his eating schedule would exacerbate his vomiting causing severe dehydration along with other serious complications. Ammon explained that if Cyrus was to go to a foster parent, they, not knowing the seriousness of Cyrus' Health, not having his mother's breast milk, not having the ability to hydrate him, and possibly not caring for him like his mother was, would have put Cyrus' in imminent danger. He also explained how he did not cause the circumstance at St. Luke's hospital that night, that anything he is accused of doing was much less harm than the danger Cyrus was in and that he stopped Cyrus from going to the foster parents. The judge then questions Ammon if he could bring in a witness to present the evidence of his claims. Ammon replied that he had subpoenaed Dr. Rachel Thomas the ED Physician and that she would testify to it and would also cross examine Eron Sanchez the St. Luke's administrator to bring it in. Judge McDevitt said, "So you hope he will testify to that in cross?" Ammon responded, "If he does not, then I will impeach him with the evidence from the ambulance records, the hospital records and CPS records." Chris Topmiller had no meaningful response and the judge seemed satisfied that the defense could be used in trial.

A few other matters such having 50-65 people in the jury pool and setting were discussed. At the end of the hearing prosecutor Chris Topmiller asked if he could approach the judge. He and Ammon went up to the judge and discussed something with the judge without anyone else hearing. Ammon later said that the prosecutor had offered him a settlement plea and the opportunity to avoid trial and that Chris was informing the judge of that settlement possibility. The hearing lasted about an hour and then was dismissed.

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## There is No Silver Bullet to Securing Liberty

Too many liberty minded Americans fall for the idea that one plot or another is going to be the answer to keeping freedom alive in America. Whether it is Common Law, Convention of the States, State Nationalist, Grand Juries or getting a Patent on your property, the results are the same. They don't work in a corrupt system! Let me explain why and what the true answer to securing liberty is.

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### There is No Silver Bullet to Securing Liberty

Since the Dundy Ranch incident in 2014 I have met countless people that have expressed to me what they believe the solution to securing liberty is. On most occasions I try to learn from them and give them the time to explain the details of their findings and conclusions. It is always fascinating to understand what they are expressing. Most of these people are very intelligent and have spent decades researching and documenting what they believe to be the solution to liberty. They anxiously want me to listen and champion their cause to rally the people to implement their plan and take back the rights that have been lost. However, after ample time is given to understanding the basics of their solutions and plans I always ask them one question. A question that none of them have been able to answer. Each time I ask this question the reply is always, "I don't know". This question has never failed to deteriorate the possibility of success to every proposal I have heard. Let me explain.

20 years prior to the events in 2014 my father was fighting in the courts trying to secure his property rights. My family had been ranching in the Virgin Valley for nearly 140 years, 5 generations, since 1877 and we had established strong deeds registered with the state of Nevada. My great great grandfather & mother (on my grandmother's side) were sent by Brigham Young to develop the area. With 120 degree weather and endless sink-sand forming the banks of the Virgin River my family struggled to level the fields and divert water to irrigate crops. I am sure they thought about giving up many times. There were other places that would make a much easier home to produce and live than the one they had settled in. However, driven by faith, grit and determination, they developed that hot dry desert valley into an agriculture rich oasis. During these times of struggles they also ran cattle, sheep and horse along the foothills of the Bunkerville Mountains. Looking for ways to produce food they found several natural springs that allowed them to graze cattle & sheep even when the crops in the fields had failed. Over several generations my family developed these springs creating a network of watering troughs throughout a 30 mile span. My father has been tending these springs and raising cattle in this desert now for 77 years, scratching out a meager living, just enough to raise his family of 14 children.

Most of his adult life my father has had to fight the federal government over the use of the land that he and his forefathers developed. In my lifetime I have seen my father support and promote several elected representatives, help organize a cattlemen's association, fund political groups to lobby for ranchers rights. I have seen him form teams of attorneys and even beg his fellow ranchers to unite and

stand together before it was too late. I even experienced my father speak to hundreds of ranking federal bureaucrats that gave him a standing ovation at the completion of his words. I also recognized as a young man the hardship my father endured trying to find a solution to securing his rights and heritage, especially when he was dragged through the federal courts watching his livelihood slowly pulled from his hands while most of the other ranchers around him just gave up. Shortly after the federal courts ruled that he had no right to the land my father wrote this in a notice to state officials.

*"I fear that my stand is an endangerment to my life and the lives of my family members and will cause the destruction of my property rights by illegal acts of the agents of the United States. They have often attempted to paint me as a violent person when all I have done is stand up for my property rights. I have always conducted myself in a professional manner during this battle with words on paper. I take issue with anyone who would try to paint me as some wacko extremist. I do not advocate violence and only want a legal and peaceful conclusion to this issue and my rights protected. Therefore demand is hereby made that the above Nevada officials intervene and secure my 14th Amendment rights guaranteed in the Constitution and prevent an emergency which has the potential of causing the loss of me and my family's life, liberty and property. The 1st Amendment guarantees me the right to redress my government. That is what I am doing. Respectfully submitted, Cliven D. Bundy, November, 1998."*

(Below quotations are from official government document)

For over 20 years, each time federal agents would provoke my father by threatening his life or property, he would call on state and county officials to protect and resolve. Because federal agents could not provoke my father into reacting in violence, justifying his removal from the land, preparation to destroy the Bundy ranch in 2014 were made by officials from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), FBI, U.S. Attorneys Office, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, United States Forest Service (USFS) & National Park Service (NPS). In "Sensitive" government documents, officials admit that up to that point "Bundy himself is less prone to initiate or support violence". They further admit that they did not know "Bundy's threshold" or "precise trigger that would elicit a violent response", "Nor are we able to detect what his actions would be to a direct threat". However, "If pressed into a corner and faced with having to defend his property, family or person his actions may be hard to forecast". In the official "Planning" documents of the imminent action against the Bundy family a plan was laid out to vise-fully use excessive federal force to push Bundy "beyond his threshold" and either summons enough fear in Bundy to lose all "semblance of hope" and give up his claim on the land or leave him with no choice but to defend his family and property. The official plan states that; "It is important that Bundy realize that impound operations are imminent so he can develop a plan B". Further it states that; this will give "Bundy time to really weigh his options, identify and organize key players and decide how he want[s] to handle the possibility of violence". Federal officials further reveal in this plan that; "While this planning time presents a double edge sword for our LOE operations it is in our best interest to face off against a more stable and measured Bundy contingent, vice a gaged and reactive one". It is evident that the official federal plan was to exhibit such a show of force upon my father, family and the local community that it would either put us in a state of terror, causing us to lose hope or react in open defense, giving federal agents justification to arrest or dispatch anyone who would oppose them.

No matter how much my father pleaded with state officials to help secure his rights they only gave lip service to his plight. Having deeded rights registered with the state of Nevada one would conclude that the state should make some sort of effort to protect those rights. However, all pleading to state officials bore no fruit and they left him to be devoured by the powerful federal bureaucratic waiting to destroy, the same bureaucrats that 20 years prior gave him a standing ovation for powerful articulating the love he had for the land and his heritage.

Federal agents did exactly as they planned, bringing in over 200 federal agents in a military type operation against my family. The elected representatives had failed, the courts had failed, the associations had failed, the laws had failed, the state had failed, the attorneys had failed. Every effort for nearly 50 years had failed, resulting in an army of federal agents surrounding my family's ranch home, threatening our lives, turning the Virgin Valley into a real live Red Dawn scene. It was not until my father appealed to the good people across America that the situation changed. On social media and across every network that would allow, my father asked for help. Declaring what his rights are and that he was going to do whatever it took to keep them. People from all over the county came and the situation peacefully turned right side up. The federal agents left the area and my father recovered his cattle and went back to ranching. Sure, it took some time to recover, federal agents had killed around 60 cattle, cut up water tanks and destroyed corrals. But, within a relatively short period of time the ranch was back to normal and my father was experiencing more freedom to ranch than ever before.





Federal Agents at Bundy Ranch

So what made that all happen? It was not a Convention of States, it was not a Common Law Court, it was not a Grand Jury or becoming a State Nationalist. It was the people coming together in the defense of their neighbors rights. The one question I ask the people that want my buy-in on what they believe is the silver bullet to securing liberty, is this, "Who is going to enforce it"? Who is going to enforce the ruling of a grand jury? Who is going to enforce the results of a convention of states? Who is going to enforce the verdict of a common law court? Who is going to enforce the clearing of title on a patent? If you have no way to enforce liberty then you have none. The people in this country have lost the balance of power they once had. Prior to the last few generations the American people had maintained a unity and regard for individual rights that those in government feared and respected. The bureaucrats understood that they could only get away with so much or the people would forcefully put them in order. Today that balance of power is almost non-existent putting we the people in a very precarious position.

If we really want to secure liberty all we need to do is unite as a body of people determined to defend each other when rights are threatened. All we need to do is balance the power that has been usurped by the bureaucrats. Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death". He understood that until you are willing to give your life for liberty you cannot be free. He also knew that if the people did not balance the power of government then they would lose all ability to control their own lives.

There is no silver bullet to securing liberty. It is going to take unity, suffering and the willingness to use violence in defense, like it always has. Stop believing that some convention or other plot is the answer. Stop thinking that the courts or elected representatives are going to save us. Stop worshiping the police or anyone else that secures more power to the institutions that threaten freedom. Stop wasting your time thinking that congress or the president is where the solution resides. Stop being afraid. Stop thinking that remaining free is easy, it's not! The people must balance the power that is forming against them. We must peacefully unite, plan and prepare so we are ABLE to defend ourselves as necessary. The right to defend yourself is a right that is given to you from God and a right that is protected in our founding documents. The same documents that mean nothing unless they can be enforced by the people.

Whether we unite through the People Rights Network (PRN) or some other way, unite we must. Never should we go on the offense and use violence. However, we should become proficient and CAPABLE in defending our families, faith, freedom and future, even by violence when necessary. Never in offense, only in defense. We must not allow ourselves to become so powerless that we have no ability to protect our families from those who have an endless sensation to control.



Jewish Men Being Shot By Government Agents

My commitment to you is a renewed resolve in strengthening and building a unity of people. To unite with other liberty minded networks and groups around the country. To provide effective tools to help neighbors across America communicate and act when individual rights are being threatened. To communicate better myself. In return, I pray that you will resolve to be more courageous. To act when you know you should act. To put away fear and replace it with faith in God. To not allow yourselves to get sucked into ideas that never have nor ever will bring liberty. Ideas that divide and cause contention among freedom minded people. To forgive your neighbors and love them enough to value their freedom as much as your own. To not worry so much about what others may think about you or or even what they may do to you for doing what is right. "Do what is right let the consequences follow, battle for freedom in spirit and might", one of my favorite hymns.

Sincerely Yours,

Ammon Bundy

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## Come no more upon me, a warning letter from Ammon Bundy

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Now, in less than a week, I will be forced to defend myself again in trial, facing a team of government attorneys, for peacefully standing outside St. Luke's Hospital demanding that they give baby Cyrus back to his loving parents. If convicted, I will be fined thousands of dollars and will most likely spend months, if not a year in jail, away from my little family who need me. By the time I get out, St. Luke's executives and Holland & Hart partners with help from a few Ada County Judges will do their best to strip my family from anything we have

left.

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From: Ammon Bundy

To: Blake Higley; Scott Bedke; Whitney Welsh; Chris Roth; Anne McDevitt; Erik Stidham; Brad Little; Keith Reynolds;

RE: Warning

I Ammon Bundy respectfully come seeking relief that my family and I may live in peace and not be harassed at your hands anymore.

As much as it pains me to do so, it is my duty to plead my case to you in why I have acted the way I have over the past few years. I pray that you will understand my intentions and see how my actions have been based in love for God and my fellow man, including yourself.

In February of 2020 I made a vow that I would not live or allow my family and friends to be compelled to live under the delusional control of tyrants pushing lockdown mandates using health orders as the excuse. I made this vow immediately after becoming aware of what officials in the state of California were doing to the people in that area. I had hoped that the same type of action would not come to Idaho, but my hopes were in vain, as in mid-March of 2020, Brad Little, Governor of Idaho, issued a statewide stay-home-order, much like California's Governor Gavin Newsom did earlier that month.

Knowing very well that no state or other official has been granted the authority to order my friends, family or I to remain in our homes until we have their permission to leave. Knowing that no man or group of people have the right to order other men or women to stop trading with each other in an effort to provide for their families. Knowing that no man or group of people have the right to order other men or women not to visit and care for each other. Knowing that state officials have only been granted authority enumerated in the state and United States Constitutions. Knowing above all things that the right to travel, the right to visit with and care for each other, the right to leave our homes at will, the right to trade and provide for our families are endowed by God the Almighty Creator to each of His children residing upon this earth, and that no government official has the authority to alienate these rights from His children unless in defense of their own rights.

Knowing these things, I began to act openly in peaceful defiance of the immoral and unconstitutional usurpations coming from government officials within the state of Idaho. Holding regular public meetings, an Easter service, peacefully protesting at a Meridian police officer's home for arresting a mother who took her children to the park and organizing people to peacefully stand for the rights that God had given them. Never once did I damage any property, commit any violence or harm any person. It is not in my nature to do so.

However, these simple peaceful acts of non-compliance caused heads of several government agencies to communicate with each other about what should be done with Ammon Bundy. In one email chain between the head of the Idaho State Police, Colonel Kendrick Wills, Meridian Police Chief, Meridian Mayor, Robert Simison, the FBI JTF (Joint Terrorist Task Force), Ada County Sheriff, Steve Bartlett, and several other heads of government agencies and offices in Idaho, all discussed to potentially raid the Easter service I had planned and mass arrest those attending. Imagine, in the United State of America, in the State of Idaho, heads of law enforcement and other officials plotting to raid a Christian worship service on Easter. And doing so because those assembling to worship God did not have permission from government officials to do so. Ultimately, these officials decided not to move forward with the raid and mass arrests because the Easter service was held in Gem County on private property. It is my belief that the Gem County Sheriff and Emmett Mayor did not support the action so they did not move forward with the raid.

In August 2020, Governor Little called for a special legislative session to gain legal immunity for the action of state officials during the lock-down orders. When the session began, hundreds of people came to the Idaho capitol building to attend. However, Scott Bedke, Speaker of the House, ordered the House gallery doors to be locked, guarded by Idaho State Police Troopers; stopping hundreds of people from legally attending the session. This caused many people to become very upset and eventually we pushed our way through the locked doors. I must mention that Idaho State law prohibits the doors to the House or Senate galleries from being locked at any-time during a regular or special session. Regardless, this law did not seem to matter to Speaker Scott Bedke or to the Idaho State Police Troopers. In-fact, instead of apologizing to the people for illegally blocking the doors, the next day, nearly half of the all the ISP Troopers in Idaho were ordered to report for duty at the capitol building. That afternoon an incident with the independent media was fabricated and I was arrested. My crime was sitting quietly and non disruptive in a public room in the Idaho capitol building (the Lincoln auditorium), during open hours, where no proceedings were taking place. The Lincoln auditorium doors were always open to the public until 7 PM each day. However, that day, at 5 PM, over 60 police officers entered the room and area and ordered me to leave. When I did not leave immediately, I was arrested and trespassed from the capitol building for a year. During my trial, over a year later, multiple police officers testified that I was *"not being disruptive and had broken no rules"*(please watch this video).

I do admit, at this point I became somewhat irrational. For I believed that I had a right to go into the Idaho capitol building and participate in the legislative process. I believed that the capitol building belonged to the people and not the government. I believed that somehow the people were going to make a difference in the capitol building and that I was to help motivate and unite them. And, I believe that I was targeted and falsely arrested so I could not influence the legislators or the people during that and the following sessions. Ultimately, I was arrested 3 more times for going back to the capitol building to attend legislative proceedings. Each time I was thrown in jail and sorely abused under the hand of the Ada County jailers.



To make matters worse, when I showed up to my first trespass trial, I was not allowed in the Ada County Courthouse because I would not wear a mask. After many attempts to get permission to go into the courthouse to attend my own trial, over a dozen Ada County Sheriff deputies exited the courthouse and arrested me for Failure to Appear (FTA) to my trial. On this occasion I spent 32 hours in an extremely cold holding cell in the Ada County jail. The jailers refer to this cell as *"the cold box"*. It was very miserable and cruel.

For the next year and a half, I spent much of my life litigating these cases. Never once had I damaged any property, committed any violence or harmed any person. Yet, I was viciously prosecuted at the hands of a team of Ada County Attorneys. In the middle of these trials, I was also sentenced to 10 days in jail and fined \$3,000 (the maximum sentence possible) for Contempt of Court (COC). Judge Annie McDevitt disagreed with me in using campaign service hours for public service time. So, with no opportunity to redo the hours and with no jury involved, she threw the book at me and I spent 10 more days in solitary confinement in the Ada County Jail. I am sure to this day she believes that I deserve such a harsh punishment, but even my critics vocalized their surprise at her extreme and unusual sentence.

In early March of 2022, I received a call from my friend's daughter Marissa Anderson. She was surrounded by police officers threatening to take her baby away. The Chavoya family are good friends of my family and we have spent much time together. They are one of the most loving, caring and politically active families that I know. The love and care they display to each other and to their friends is inspiring to all those who know them. Marissa's father Diego and I, during 2020, became two of the most public figures in Idaho speaking out against the governor's lockdown orders. Especially against the massive federal funds that were being distributed into Idaho institutions due to Governor Little keeping Idahoans under executive emergency powers for over 2 years.

So, after participating in much public scrutiny against the most powerful people in Idaho, police officers surrounded Diego's family and forcefully took his grandson under a false pretense of child neglect. Eventually, the accusations against the family were all proven to be absolutely false. Over time, the state had to give baby Cyrus back, drop the CPS case all together and dismiss the criminal charges against Marissa the mother and Miranda the aunt. However, I do not find it a coincidence that St. Luke's Hospital, the #1 PRIVATE beneficiary of the federal COVID funds coming through Governor Little and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW), the #1 PUBLIC beneficiary of the COVID funds, are the two institutions that carried out the assault against the Chavoya family, who happens to also be some of my best friends. They did so by falsely reporting baby Cyrus' condition and sending the police after them.

That night, being extremely concerned for baby Cyrus, the family and the entire injustice of the situation, I showed up at St. Luke's Hospital where baby Cyrus was taken, demanding that he be given back to his family. After many demands, Meridian Police Officers arrested me and took me to the Ada County Jail. I must say, even though the Meridian Police Officers were completely in the wrong and acted to enforce the will of people grossly abusing the law, they were also lied to by officials from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (CPS). They were told that baby Cyrus was Failing to Thrive (FTT) and that he must be taken to the hospital for immediate care.

However, the evidence tells an entirely different story. Baby Cyrus was not taken to the hospital for care, he was forcefully taken from his parents and brought to the hospital to be immediately given to foster parents. Yes, this is correct, waiting there patiently in Meridian St. Luke Hospital were baby Cyrus' new foster parent(s). Baby Cyrus was deemed "a healthy baby" by the medical staff who told the foster parent(s) to "leave promptly". However, because of the commotion that I and those with me were causing outside the hospital by peacefully demanding Cyrus be given back to his parents, the foster parents had lost their will to take the baby and therefore Cyrus was transferred to Boise St. Luke's Hospital instead.

Read these hospital reports from that night:

*"Health and welfare identified a foster family but due to protesters surrounding the hospital regarding this case, it was felt that discharge with the family foster family from the emergency department was unsafe for all involved."*

*"The sending physician handed us the pt [i.e. patient] secured in his car seat. She indicated the patient was in stable condition and requested that we leave promptly. She stated, "just go! This is a healthy baby with no interventions"...no acute life threats noted."*

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (CPS) mis-represented the truth about baby Cyrus, causing this entire situation. Baby Cyrus was and has always been cared for and loved to the extreme by his parents and family. His mother was breastfeeding and he had been thriving since birth, even though recently he was not reacting well to solid foods (not atypical for his age). CPS with the help of Meridian Police Officers took Cyrus away from his main source of nutrition (his mother), which was very concerning to many people, including myself. I felt I had the ability to bring attention to the matter and did so at the hospital by demanding that baby Cyrus be returned to his nursing mother.

Because of this incident, I and my family have once again suffered under the hands of Ada County Prosecutors for an additional year. The CPS case against baby Cyrus' parents was dropped, the criminal case against baby Cyrus' aunt was dismissed, the criminal case against baby Cyrus' mother was dropped, but the case against me continues to go on and is scheduled for trial this month. If convicted, I face heavy fines and up to 1 year in jail. The Ada County Chief Judge, in the middle of these proceedings, reassigned my case to Judge Annie McDevitt, the same judge who already threw the book at me once and sentenced me to 10 days in jail and a \$3000 fine. Normally, Contempt of Court (COC) is a fine of a few hundred dollars with no jail time. So, it doesn't take legal training to understand what she will try and do to me if I am convicted this time for helping baby Cyrus and his family.

It took about 6 days to get baby Cyrus back to his parents. The people at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (CPS) and Judge Laurie Fortier did not like the public scrutiny they were receiving and gave baby Cyrus back after about a week of hundreds of people protesting at St Luke's Hospital, the CPS office and the Judge's home. A few weeks later, St. Luke's Hospital sued Diego Rodriguez (Cyrus' grandfather) and myself for saying negative things about them. They retained Holland & Hart, LLP a law firm that also represents Governor Brad Little, Scott Bedke and the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare.



Each week, going on 5 months now, Diego and I have received mountains of court documents. Holland & Hart is sending documents to my business, home and associates, by personal service companies, Gem County Sheriff's deputies, US Postal Service, Fed-Ex and UPS. Some documents are too big to print so they send electronic files in packages to contain it all. Without exaggerating, I could have filled up a garbage dumpster to contain the amount of legal documents I have received from Holland & Hart. After speaking to an Idaho law firm (in hopes to defend myself) I was told that it would take at least 3 full time attorneys to respond to Holland & Hart's litigation on this case. Because this case may continue for several years, it is not impractical to calculate that it would take hundreds of thousands of dollars to properly defend against the onslaught of litigation paid for by donations given to St. Luke's Hospital.

I was informed by two very credible, independent sources (one a high-ranking Ada County Official and the other an attorney who works with St. Luke's hospital) that St. Luke's CEO gave Holland & Hart a blank check to financially destroy Diego and I for speaking out against them in the role they played in taking baby Cyrus. So, rather than taking action to ensure that the situation with baby Cyrus does not happen again, instead, St. Luke's CEO, Chris Roth, has authorized hundreds of thousands of dollars of donations given to St. Luke's Hospital to pay a law firm to financially destroy baby Cyrus' family and those who stood with them. I don't believe this is why people donate to St. Luke's Hospital. I believe those who donate to St. Luke's Hospital are under the impression that their donations are going to medically help children and other patients, not to fund a team of \$600 per hour bureaucrat attorneys sent to even a political score.

To date, St. Luke's team of attorneys have used the courts to put a lien on my home, forcing me to sell it. I have been forced to liquidate all my assets except a few and my family and I have no idea when any of this will end. St. Luke's CEO, Chris Roth, has given Holland & Hart a blank check to financially destroy Diego and I. Mis-using the courts, they have put us under constant threat of losing everything we have worked for our entire lives. Never once have I knowingly stepped inside a St. Luke's medical facility in Idaho. Never have I or my family received any medical treatment from a St. Luke's provider. Lowe them nothing, yet they are trying to take everything. Anything I said about them (which was very minimal) I believe to be absolutely true, but they are using the courts to chill free speech and punish anyone who exposes them to the public. All of this, when they are the people who participated in stealing a baby from loving parents. Holland & Hart receiving open payments from St. Luke's Hospital to destroy lives by abusing the court is a prime example of Judicial Terrorism (JT).

In the last few years, I have been criminally charged many times for defending what the Idaho State and U.S. Constitutions were designed to protect. I have had so many court hearings that I have lost track of the number. I have endured multiple trials and spent weeks in solitary confinement in the Ada County Jail. I have been forced to sell my home and assets, been fined thousands of dollars and have not been able to rightfully provide for my family. Now, in less than a week, I will be forced to defend myself again in trial against criminal trespass charges, facing a team of government attorneys, for peacefully standing outside St. Luke's Hospital demanding that they give baby Cyrus back to his loving parents. If convicted, I will be fined thousands of dollars and will most likely spend months, if not a year in jail, away from my little family who need me, sentenced by Judge Annie McDevitt. I am certain if I am thrown in jail, by the time I get out, St. Luke's Executives and Holland & Hart Partners with help from a few Ada County Judges, will do their best to take everything they can from me and strip my family from anything we have left.



Never once have I damaged any property, committed any violence or harmed any person. I have remained peaceful and stood for peaceful remedies even when forceful actions in defense may have been justified. I have stood as a barrier in protecting the very people who are harming me from those who believe that sometimes a way to right a wrong is not always peaceful. Everything I have done has been peaceful, even when police officers have falsely arrested me, abused me, my family and my friends and caused me to bleed by violence. Even when jailers have cruelly forced me to suffer for days. Even when judges have taken my income, wealth and stripped me of my rights. Even when the courts have allowed judicial terrorists to use the force of law to harass and financially assault my family. I pray every day to my Father in Heaven for the resolve to remain peaceful, but feel I have the justification to call upon my friends and defend myself by any means, even though I have no intention at this point to do so.

My only desire is to be left alone! But I cannot stand by when the rights to life, liberty and property are being violated all around me. It is my belief that if a man or woman smites me or my family once I should bear it patiently and not revile against them. If they smite me or my family a second time, I should not revile against them. But if they smite me or my family a third time I should bear it patiently as a testimony against them, but warn them, in the name of Jesus Christ, that they come no more upon me or my family, and if they do so, God will deliver them into my hands. However, if they repent at any time, I should forgive them. I have full faith in these words and intend to live by them.

I therefore warn; Blake Higley, Scott Bedke, Whitney Welsh, Chris Roth, Annie McDevitt, Erik Stidham, Brad Little and Keith Reynolds, in the name of Jesus Christ, that you come no more upon me or my family. I pray that I will be even more patience than I have been and hope that you will repent of your violations against the people of Idaho and myself. There is not one person that I hate or wish harm to come upon. I only hope that you will see that all men and women are equal to you and that you have no right to deprive anyone of the gifts that God has given them, no matter what authority or power you think you possess.


Humbly,



Ammon Bundy

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## **St. Luke's files lawsuit against Ammon Bundy, others for 'harassment,' 'intimidation' during child welfare case**

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Far-right activist Ammon Bundy speaks to a crowd of about 50 followers in front of the Ada County Courthouse in downtown Boise, Idaho, April 3, 2021.

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St. Luke's Health System filed a lawsuit in state court Wednesday on several counts against Gubernatorial Candidate Ammon Bundy, Diego Rodriguez, and related entities like the People's Rights Network.

The counts include defamation (libel and slander), invasion of privacy, intentional infliction of emotional distress, unfair business practices, wrongful charitable solicitations, two counts of trespassing, and civil conspiracy to commit all of the above counts.

The lawsuit stems from a March incident when Child Protective Services took Rodriguez's grandson into custody after determining he was malnourished.





Protesters gather outside St. Luke's Hospital in downtown Boise on Monday, March 14. The gathering was in response to the removal of a 10-month-old child by Child Protective Services because of concerns over the baby's welfare.

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A call to Bundy seeking comment did not go through.

Soon after the incident, Bundy was arrested at St. Luke's Meridian and he and Rodriguez began a campaign against CPS, St. Luke's and other entities they deemed to have medically kidnapped the baby.

At one point, St. Luke's Boise went into lockdown and four patients had to be taken by ambulance for care elsewhere. Protestors also called the hospital system's phone lines, preventing people from reaching staff, the Idaho Press previously reported.

St. Luke's requested a jury trial and monetary damages of at least \$50,000.

The lawsuit alleges that Bundy and Rodriguez sought to benefit financially and enhance their standing among their followers. The two, along with other defendants, set up a "knowingly dishonest and baseless smear campaign," the lawsuit said and spread a conspiracy that the government kidnapped and trafficked children.

In the lawsuit, St. Luke's denied many allegations made by Bundy, Rodriguez and others during the March incident. The baby was not vaccinated against the wishes of the parents, the lawsuit said, nor did St. Luke's harm or abuse the infant.

"Such statements were false and were intended to attract media attention, incite followers, collect donations, disrupt hospital operations, and defame the St. Luke's Parties," the suit alleges.

In March, a crowdfunding campaign was set up by a friend of the family and has raised \$114,000 since its inception.

The hospital informed the parents they likely qualified for Medicaid, the lawsuit said.

"St. Luke's currently estimates that Medicaid will cover the Infant's medical bills for both ER visits and admissions," the lawsuit said. "Despite absence of insurance, the Infant's family is unlikely to have any outstanding balance due to St. Luke's."

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St. Luke's alleges there was a "concerted effort to disrupt" hospital business, using false statements related to a child protective services case in March 2022.



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BOISE, Idaho — St. Luke's Health System filed a lawsuit Wednesday against what they call a "coordinated campaign of harassment and intimidation" against its employees over a March protest at the downtown Boise hospital that prompted a temporary lockdown.

The defendants named in the lawsuit include Ammon Bundy, Diego Rodriguez, Freedom Man Press and other related entities.

St. Luke's says there was a "concerted effort to disrupt" hospital business by trespassing at both the Meridian and Boise hospital campuses and false statements related to a child

protective services case. According to the lawsuit, the hospital and its staff were also attacked online attacks related to the case.

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According to the suit, the defendants called on their supporters to protest at St. Luke’s Boise, forcing ambulances to divert and the hospital to warn doctors, nurses, and other employees not to enter or leave the building.

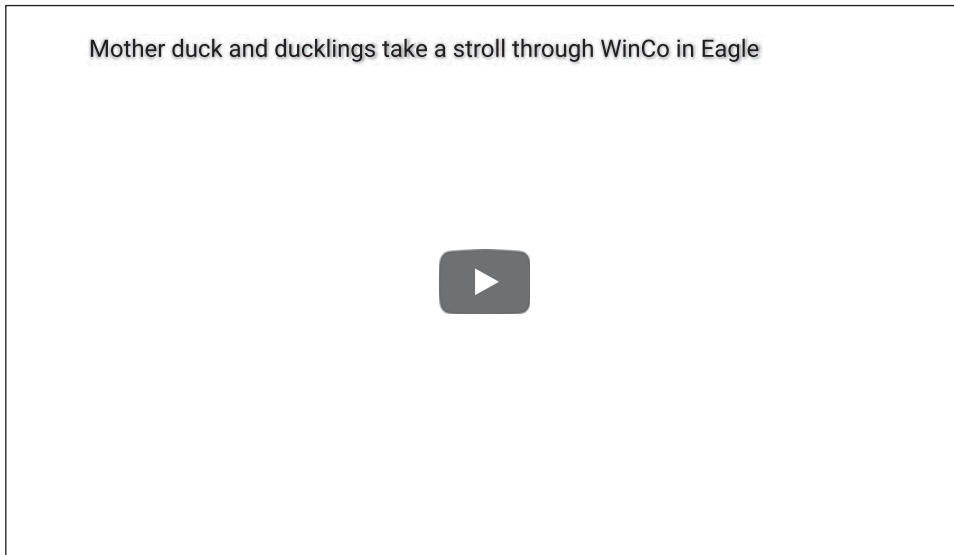
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In the lawsuit, St. Luke's says its aim is to stop the defendants from their ongoing harassment and to remove the defamatory and false statements they have posted and shared online and on other platforms.

St. Luke's is also seeking no less than \$50,000 in monetary damages, or whatever sum is proven at trial, which the hospital has vowed to donate to Children at Risk Evaluation Service (CARES).

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# St. Luke's hospital system sues Bundy, Rodriguez, People's Rights and others

Lawsuit alleges defamation, harassment surrounding a 2022 child protection case in Idaho

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St. Luke's downtown Boise hospital was on lockdown and diverted patients to other health facilities for about an hour, after Ammon Bundy and others encouraged their followers to show up at the facility to protest a child protection services case. (Idaho Capital Sun)

Idaho's largest hospital system on Wednesday filed a lawsuit against Ammon Bundy, Diego Rodriguez, the People's Rights Network and others in response to "the targeted and damaging



activities” surrounding a child protection case this year, according to a news release.

St. Luke's Health System said in the release that it chose to sue over “a coordinated campaign of harassment and intimidation against St. Luke's and its team members” and that Bundy, Rodriguez and the other defendants were “responsible for these actions ...”

The lawsuit alleges false statements and defamation, trespassing on two St. Luke's hospital campuses and “sustained online attacks,” the release said.

It says that Bundy, Rodriguez and their organizations launched “a knowingly dishonest and baseless smear campaign” that, among other things, claimed St. Luke's “engaged in widespread kidnapping, trafficking, and killing of Idaho children.”

Bundy and Rodriguez could not be reached for comment.

Rodriguez created a website through his Freedom Man PAC organization that made allegations against St. Luke's and Idaho's child protection system. (The website identifies the child, whose identity the Idaho Capital Sun has chosen not to share.) More than \$100,000 was donated to Rodriguez's family through an associated fundraising campaign.



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One of the plaintiffs in the complaint, filed in Ada County court, is a physician whose photo and name was shared on social media by people who opposed the decision by Idaho's child protection system to place Rodriguez's grandchild in foster care. The child was hospitalized for several days and treated for malnutrition and other issues.

St. Luke's on March 15 went into lockdown for more than an hour, in response to a security threat, the health system said that day. Patients and ambulances had to be diverted from the Boise hospital, and staff and patients couldn't enter or exit the hospital. Phone lines also were tied up around that time, as members of the public called the hospital about the case.

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St. Luke's asks the Fourth District Court in Ada County to order the defendants to stop “their ongoing harassment and to remove defamatory and false material they have posted and shared online and through other platforms,” the release said.

The St. Luke's lawsuit also seeks monetary damages, but the health system plans to donate any money it receives to the Children at Risk Evaluation Service program, it said in the release.

Bundy is running as an independent candidate for governor.



## St. Luke's suing Ammon Bundy over March lockdown

They say the lockdown prevented them from entering or exiting the building and being able to provide care for patients



KMVT sister station KBOI reported St. Luke's in Boise went into lockdown back in March (KBOI CBS2)

By KMVT News Staff

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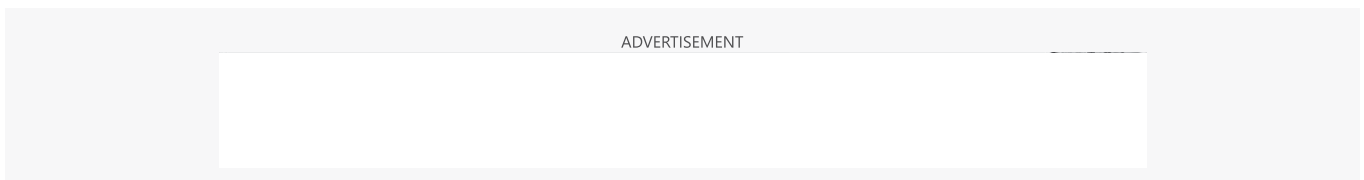


BOISE, Idaho (KMVT/KSVT) — The St. Luke's medical system announced Wednesday they have filed a lawsuit against Ammon Bundy and others over a March protest that forced a hospital into lockdown.

The incident stems from Bundy and a collection of his supporters protesting outside St. Luke's Boise over a child custody case involving a family friend.

Their complaint alleges a concerted effort to disrupt St. Luke's through false claims and defamation of St. Luke's parties.

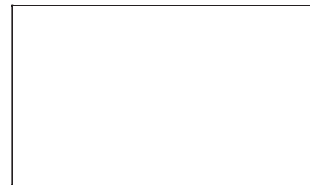
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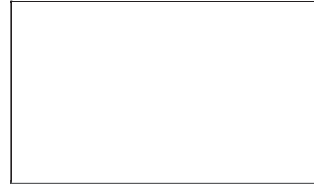
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Gubernatorial candidate Ammon Bundy will run as an independent candidate and will not be in the Republican primary. He filed the required 1,000 signatures to the Secretary of State on March 10, 2022. BY [SARAH A. MILLER](#) 📧

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Over the next week, a series of protests, orchestrated by Bundy and his People's Rights organization, drew crowds at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center, where protesters believed the baby was being receiving care. Lt. Gov. Janice McGeachin, a candidate for governor in the Republican primary, also attended one of the protests, Rodriguez told the Statesman.

In addition, protests took place at the Ada County Courthouse, where the custody matter was adjudicated, and at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare headquarters, which oversees Idaho's child welfare and foster care programs.

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## **UPDATE ON THE CHILD WELFARE CASE**

A week ago, McGeachin told attendees at a voter rally that the matter related to the parents of the child was dismissed earlier in the day. McGeachin had weighed in on the family custody situation, seeking Gov. Brad Little's involvement to return the child to his parents, which Little declined to do through an attorney.

At the rally, which included several of the state's right-wing candidates for office, McGeachin called the result a "miracle." The crowd of about 1,000 people responded with loud cheers and applause.

Later during the event, members of the family, including Rodriguez, appeared on stage at Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Park in Meridian, holding the child.

Child welfare matters are confidential in Idaho, and the state's Department of Health and Welfare has declined to comment about individual cases.

"The work of child welfare is guided by the assessment of the assigned worker as to the safety of the child or children in the family," Greg Stahl, a spokesperson for Health and Welfare, said in an email to the Idaho Statesman, speaking generally about the process. "Once the worker assesses that the child can safely be in their home without intervention or supervision, the case and the department's involvement in the family can cease.

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## **A CUSTODY BATTLE AND A WEEK OF PROTESTS**

Concerns about the health of the 10-month-old sparked the state's action and the week of protests in March. While the child was in state custody, the family maintained that he had lost an insubstantial amount of weight and that his parents were working to find him more nourishing foods.

Organizers of the protests personally targeted those who had been involved in the case, posting photos, names and home addresses of police officers, a social worker, a nurse practitioner and an Ada County magistrate judge online. Those involved were called "perpetrators," and right-wing activists went to their homes. Signs at protests were labeled "WANTED" and "HANDS OFF OUR KIDS!"

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FILE - Ammon Bundy glances toward the prosecution table during a pause in his trial to clarify a line of questioning with the jury dismissed in Ada County Magistrate Judge Kim Dale's courtroom Tuesday, March 15, 2022, in Boise, Idaho. An Idaho hospital that went on lockdown in March after far-right activists protested outside is suing Bundy, Diego Rodriguez and their various political organizations for defamation and "sustained online attacks." St. Luke's Health System filed the lawsuit Wednesday, May 11 against Bundy, his gubernatorial campaign, and the People's Rights Network organization. (Darin Oswald/Idaho Statesman via AP, File) DARIN OSWALD AP



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The child protection case involved a 10-month-old baby who was temporarily removed from family custody in March after officials determined the infant was "suffering from severe malnourishment" and at risk of injury or death, the Meridian Police Department said at the time. The baby's parents had refused to let officers check on the child's welfare after the family canceled a medical appointment, the police statement said.

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Bundy, who is well-known for participating in armed standoffs with law enforcement, was arrested the following day on a misdemeanor trespassing charge after he protested at a different hospital where he believed the baby was being treated. He also asked his followers to protest at the hospital and the homes of child protection service workers, law enforcement officers and others involved in the child protection case. Rodriguez, meanwhile, wrote on his website that the baby was “kidnapped,” and suggested that the state and people involved in the case were engaged in “child trafficking” for profit.

The men also told followers to protest at the Boise hospital on March 15. The facility went on lockdown for more than an hour, diverting emergency patients to other area hospitals, after hospital officials determined the protests presented a safety risk.

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In the lawsuit, St. Luke's Health System contends that the two men “worked together to manufacture a false narrative of a state-sponsored child kidnapping and trafficking ring” that included the hospital, the Department of Health and Welfare, law enforcement officials and others.

“They realized the facts surrounding DHW's intervention could be mischaracterized as a governmental conspiracy to kidnap, traffic and kill children,” the hospital system's attorney wrote in the lawsuit. “Then, in turn, Defendants realized they could establish themselves as crusaders against their falsely manufactured governmental conspiracy.”

The defendants wanted to generate interest in Bundy's political campaign for governor, raise their public profiles and create financial gain in the form of donations from followers, the hospital system contends.

Neither Bundy nor Rodriguez immediately responded to emails requesting

making defamatory statements.

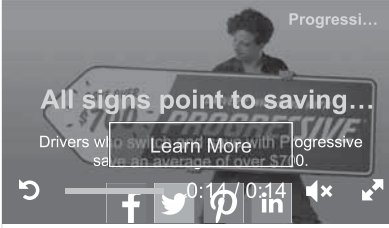
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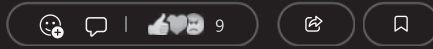
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St. Luke's Health System filed a lawsuit Wednesday against what they call a "coordinated campaign of harassment and intimidation" against its employees over a March protest at the downtown Boise hospital that prompted a temporary lockdown.



The defendants named in the lawsuit include Ammon Bundy, Diego Rodriguez, Freedom Man Press and other related entities.



St. Luke's says there was a "concerted effort to disrupt" hospital business by trespassing at both the Meridian and Boise hospital campuses and false statements related to a child protective services case. According to the lawsuit, the hospital and its staff were also attacked online attacks rel



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St. Luke's files lawsuit against Ammon Bundy and others, over 'intimidation, disruption'

"It is important for us to stand up to the bullying, intimidation and disruption, and the self-serving and menacing actions of these individuals, for the protection of our employees and patients, and to ensure our ability to serve our community," Chris Roth, president and CEO of St. Luke's Health System, said.

According to the suit, the defendants called on their supporters to protest at St. Luke's Boise, forcing ambulances to divert and the hospital to warn doctors, nurses, and other employees not to enter or leave the building.

"St. Luke's has not been the only target of these individuals and believes that no one should be subject to such abuse. Inaction would signal this type of behavior is acceptable in our community. It is not," Roth said.

In the lawsuit, St. Luke's says its aim is to stop the defendants from their ongoing harassment and to remove the defamatory and false statements they have posted and shared online and on other platforms.

St. Luke's is also seeking no less than \$50,000 in monetary damages, or whatever sum is proven at trial, which the hospital has vowed to donate to Children at Risk Evaluation Service (CARES).

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE  
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA**

ST. LUKE'S HEALTH SYSTEM, LTD; ST.  
LUKE'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER,  
LTD; CHRIS ROTH, an individual;  
NATASHA D. ERICKSON, MD, an  
individual; and TRACY W. JUNGMAN, NP,  
an individual,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

AMMON BUNDY, an individual; AMMON  
BUNDY FOR GOVERNOR, a political  
organization; DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, an  
individual; FREEDOM MAN PRESS LLC, a  
limited liability company; FREEDOM MAN  
PAC, a registered political action committee;  
and PEOPLE'S RIGHTS NETWORK, a  
political organization and an unincorporated  
association,

Defendants.

Case No. CV01-22-06789

**AFFIDAVIT OF SPENCER FOMBY IN  
SUPPORT OF RENEWED MOTION  
FOR CONTEMPT AGAINST AMMON  
BUNDY AND PEOPLE'S RIGHTS  
NETWORK**

STATE OF ~~TEXAS~~<sup>Nevada</sup> )  
County of ~~TRAVIS~~<sup>Clark</sup> )  
:ss.

I, Spencer Fomby, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and state as follows:

1. I am a retired police Captain. I was most recently employed as the Captain of the Boise Police Department Training, Education and Development Division in Boise, Idaho. I have been a sworn police officer for 22 years. I previously worked for Berkeley Police Department in California for 20 years. I have held primary assignments in patrol, narcotics, and community involved policing. I was assigned to the Berkely Police department's SWAT team (SRT) for 16 years. I was the Team Leader, Team Commander, and lead tactical instructor for 9 years. During my career, I have been involved in over 1000 high-risk tactical operations. I have been involved in 4 officer involved shootings precipitated by the suspect ambushing officers.

2. I have been a police use of force instructor for 15 years. I am a certified Force Science Analyst and Force Science Realistic De-escalation Instructor. I have also attended the Force Encounters Analysis course and Officer Involved Shootings and Use of Force Investigations course. I am a certified instructor in the following disciplines: firearms (pistol, shotgun, and carbine), weaponless defense, impact weapons, ground fighting, active shooter, ALICE, chemical agents, flash bangs, crowd control, less-lethal weapons, live-fire shoot house and tactical de-escalation. I created 2 CA POST (California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Trainings) approved tactical de-escalation courses.

3. I was the Berkeley Police Department lead departmental public order instructor; responsible for equipment selection, tactical training, less-lethal weapon selection, chemical agent selection and deployment, and mission planning. I was a squad leader in more than 75 protest events including: (1) Oscar Grant Protest (Oakland, CA – January 2009); (2) Mehserle



Verdict (Oakland, CA – July 2010); (3) Occupy Oakland/Berkeley (Oakland/Berkeley, CA – October 2011); (4) Eric Garner/BLM (Berkeley, CA – December 2014); (5) Pro Trump protests 2017 – February 1, March 4, April 15, April 27, August 27, September 24-27); (6) George Floyd protests (Oakland, CA – May/June 2020). I have extensive experience protecting the public from extremist groups, including Antifa.

4. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge, experience, training, expertise, and review of the Affidavit of Jennifer Jensen with its Exhibits.

5. It is my opinion that extremist groups like People's Rights Network have a playbook that involves the intentional use of misinformation and disinformation to radicalize others to take action, including violent action, against individuals identified by the extremist group. PRN, Bundy, and Rodriguez follow the same playbook as Antifa.

6. Misinformation is false or inaccurate information. Examples include rumors, insults, and pranks. Disinformation is deliberately used to mislead and includes malicious content such as hoaxes, spear phishing, and propaganda. It spreads fear and suspicion among the population. Extremist groups take a systematic approach to spreading misinformation and disinformation they believe will (1) advance their political agenda, (2) help them raise money, (3) sway public opinion, (4) undermine the legitimacy of their opponents, and (5) radicalize their followers.

7. Extremist groups may engage in a short-term effort to spread false information or create a coordinated, long-term, multi-faceted disinformation campaign. These campaigns often involve a team of people who use various mediums of communication including press releases, social media, podcasts, interviews, speeches, blogs, and face to face communication.




8. It is my opinion that the media appearances and statements from Bundy (attached as Exhibits to the Jensen Affidavit) were made in furtherance of Defendants' disinformation campaign that intentionally mislabels Child Protective Services as child trafficking and kidnapping and directs the ire of People's Rights Network and other Bundy followers at St. Luke's, Chris Roth, Dr. Erickson, NP Tracy Jungman, and other individuals involved in the treatment of the Infant. The false information Bundy and People's Rights Network spreads is not just inaccurate, it is purposely inflammatory and malicious. Based on my training and experience, this disinformation campaign—and specifically the statements made in the above-identified media—is intended to intimidate the St. Luke's organization and the individuals who were identified and doxed.

9. It is my opinion that the systematic doxing and harassment of Chris Roth, Dr. Natasha Erickson, and NP Tracy Jungman and their families was—and is—intended to intimidate and terrorize the Plaintiffs. Doxing refers to publicly identifying or publishing private information about someone especially as a form of punishment or revenge. Doxing is a form of cyber-bullying that has been increasingly used by extremists to target their political opponents. Extremists will typically post pictures, names, home addresses, work or business addresses, phone numbers, or emails. Some extremists have gone as far as posting identifying information for their target's children or significant other. This practice is rarely about accomplishing some strategic goal. It is intended as a form of harassment and intimidation. Doxing can create a real sense of fear in the victim. Doxing victims often develop anxiety and hyper-vigilance as a result. They often report taking increased safety precautions, reducing public exposure, deleting or restricting social media, or relocating for a short period of time.

10. Bundy and People's Rights Network will continue to use intentional disinformation and misinformation and doxing unless there are real consequences for their behavior. These personal attacks create a serious life-threatening danger to the targets—Mr. Roth, Dr. Erickson, and NP Jungman.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Idaho that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 30 day of March, 2023.



Spencer Fomby

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 30 day of March, 2023.



(Signature of notarial officer)



## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 30th day of March, 2023, I caused to be filed and served, via iCourt, a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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