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18th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Circuit Court Sumner County, Tennessee

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TREVOR ADAMSON

Plaintiff(s)
 vs. Case # 83CC1-2020 -CV- 616
 SARAH E. GROVE,
 DEBORAH ANN SANGETTI, and
 KARL S. BOLTON

Defendant(s)

- Local Sheriff
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- Sec. of State
- Comm. of Ins.
- Attorney
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TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): SARAH E GROVE

You are hereby summoned to appear and defend a Civil Action filed against you in the Circuit Court, Sumner County, Tennessee; and your defense must be made within thirty (30) days from the date this summons is served upon you, exclusive of the day of service. You are further directed to file your defense with the Clerk of this Court and send a copy to the Plaintiff's Attorney, _____ KATHLEEN R. REDPATH whose address is _____ 115 Shivel Drive, Hendersonville, TN 37075. In case of your failure to defend this action by the above date, judgment by default can be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

TO THE SHERIFF: Execute this summons and make your return herein as provided by law.

WITNESS, Kathryn Strong, Clerk of the Circuit Court at Office in Gallatin, Tennessee.

Issued: July 9, 20 20.

KATHRYN STRONG, CLERK
 By:  D.C.

RECEIVED THIS SUMMONS FOR SERVICE, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20 _____

Deputy Sheriff

RETURN ON SERVICE OF SUMMONS

I hereby certify and return that on the _____ day of _____, 20 _____, I served this summons together with a copy of the complaint herein as follows:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMNER COUNTY, TENNESSEE
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TREVOR ADAMSON,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
SARAH E. GROVE,)
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KARL S. BOLTON,)
Defendants.)

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COMPLAINT

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, TREVOR ADAMSON, by and through counsel and files this civil action against the Defendants, SARAH E. GROVE, DEBORAH ANN SANGETTI, and KARL S. BOLTON, and would respectfully submit to this Court the following:

JURISDICTION, VENUE, and PARTIES

1. Plaintiff, TREVOR ADAMSON (“Mr. Adamson”), is an adult citizen and legal resident of the State of Tennessee, residing at 1063 Jackson Heights Road, Goodlettsville, TN 37072, in Sumner County.

2. Defendant, SARAH E. GROVE, also known by the alias “GERT COMFREY” (hereinafter, “Defendant Gert,” referred to with “they” instead of “he/she”), is an adult citizen and legal resident of the State of Tennessee, residing at 531 Elgin Street, Nashville, TN, 37211, in Davidson County.

3. Defendant, DEBORAH ANN SANGETTI, also known by the names “Deborah Ann Johnson” and “Deborah Ann Somers” (hereinafter, “Defendant Sangetti”), is an adult citizen and

legal resident of the State of Tennessee, residing at 722 Givan Court, Murfreesboro, TN, 37130, in Rutherford County.

4. Defendant, KARL S. BOLTON (hereinafter, “Defendant Bolton”), is an adult citizen and legal resident of the State of Tennessee, residing at 903 W. Eastland Avenue, Nashville, TN, 37206, in Davidson County.

5. The acts complained of here occurred online, but each targeted Mr. Adamson while he has been a resident of Sumner County, Tennessee. As the Court affirmed in *United Agricultural Services, Inc. v. Scherer*, 17 S.W.3d 252, 256–57 (Tenn. Ct. App. 1999), when upholding that residents of Kentucky could be haled into Tennessee Court for internet posts aimed at Mr. Adamson, when there is a lack of general personal jurisdiction, specific personal jurisdiction still may be found without violating the due process clause when an actor purposely directs his activities toward citizens of the forum and litigation results from injuries arising out of or related to those activities. It is well-established that, in such cases, “the defendant's conduct and connection with the forum State are such that he should reasonably anticipate being haled into court there.” *World-Wide Volkswagen Corp. V. Woodson*, 444 U.S. 286, 297, 100 S.Ct. 559, 567, 62 L.Ed.2d 490 (1980); *Shoney's, Inc. V. Chic Can Enterprises*, 922 S.W.2d 530, 536 (Tenn. Ct. App.1995). The Defendants’ actions created the substantial connections with this Court’s forum in order to establish jurisdiction.

6. Venue for a trial in Sumner County, Tennessee is appropriate pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated (“T.C.A.”) § 20-4-101(a).

7. This lawsuit was filed within six (6) months of the complained of conduct. The acts and omissions of the Defendants complained of herein arose from a defamatory Facebook post and

comment section created and circulated by the Defendants, as well as slanderous utterances by the Defendants concerning Mr. Adamson.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

8. Mr. Adamson works for political campaigns, organizing and running a number of events and groups to lead and support different candidates, both local and national.

9. Mr. Adamson has been one of the administrators (“admins”) for a grassroots organization known as Tennessee Activist Coalition (“T.A.C.”) and has helped run its Facebook page since 2016.

10. On or about May 28, 2020, T.A.C. organized a rally against police brutality and racism to be held in Nashville, TN.

11. On May 28, 2020, Defendant Gert posted on the rally’s discussion board, in part saying they had concerns about the safety of attendees. Defendant Gert also accused the rally of not being led by persons of color (“POC-lead”). [Exhibit A].

12. One of the event’s black organizers, a Ms. Tequila Johnson, replied to Defendant Gert, confirming the event was in fact POC-led. [Exhibit A].

13. Despite receiving the above response, Defendant Gert went on to post a status that claimed the rally was not POC-led, furthermore, telling the public that worries about “the organizers” addressing safety, based on what Defendant Gert referred to as “troubling interactions with [T.A.C.] in the past.” [Exhibit B].

14. Mr. Adamson had only previously met Defendant Gert on one occasion, on February 21, 2020. [Exhibit C]. Everything involving that interaction had been peaceful, and Mr. Adamson has had no further interactions with Defendant Gert since.

15. Defendant Gert claimed T.A.C. failed to let participants of a previous rally know about the potential of counter-protestors, and also specifically references Mr. Adamson, who Defendant Gert specified “is a white man,” who had “told [Gert] to [Gert’s] face that he was happy that violent counter-protestors showed up at an action that was centering LGBTQ+ people.” [Exhibit B]. Defendant’s claims about Mr. Adamson were false.

16. During the one previous interaction between Mr. Adamson and Defendant Gert, the two had discussed counter-protestors at recent LGBTQ+ rally. Mr. Adamson recorded the conversation.

17. Never did Mr. Adamson tell Defendant Gert that he was “happy that violent counter-protestors” had shown up. In fact, Defendant Gert acknowledged that it was actually Neon Guard’s (Defendant Gert’s organization) role to handle the rally’s counter-protestors but appeared to be attempting to reassign the blame.

18. Defendant Gert’s post, which was never removed, has garnered hundreds of responses, with the most recent count as of June 26, 2020 being: 275 likes, 255 comments, and 118 shares. [Exhibit B].

19. Defendant Gert made sure that the post was “sharable,” meaning others could easily republish Defendant Gert’s false claims, along with the comments on the post. One person even commented, “Essential information indeed. May I share?” to which Defendant Gert responded, “yeah.” [Exhibit B].

20. Mr. Adamson posted on behalf of T.A.C., addressing the accusations as false. Defendant Gert commented, saying, “I stand by my words.”

21. On May 29, 2020, Defendant Gert updated, but did not remove, the original status, stating that the rally was actually POC-lead. However, Defendant Gert still went on to tell people

that the original post was “primarily about concerns with TAC,” telling readers “to consider the risks involved in showing up, especially given TAC’s history.” [Exhibit B].

22. Mr. Adamson attempted to mitigate the damage by replying, clarifying that the event was POC-lead, that the flyer associated with it had not been made by him, that black organizers were actively answering questions, and that Gert was lying. However, the Defendants never removed their statements. In fact, they continued posting defamatory comments about Mr. Adamson, even after he had responded to Defendant Gert’s original post. [Exhibit B].

23. Defendant Gert responded to one commenter, stating that “Organizing patterns with the [white] man in question have definitely been my concern.” Defendant Gert went on to accuse Mr. Adamson of actions that Defendant Gert labeled as “an abuse of power and predatory tactics.” Defendant Gert then referred to Mr. Adamson’s involvement in the rally as “harm-causing and traumatizing.” [Exhibit B].

24. Defendant Gert went on to state, “I could definitely see how [folks] could interpret my post as gatekeeping...,” and “...I accept accountability for any harm I may have caused.” However, Defendant Gert never removed or recanted any statements degrading Mr. Adamson. [Exhibit B].

25. Defendant Gert also replied to one commenter that Defendant Gert had checked in with one of the black organizers “who said she had it handled regarding [Mr. Adamson],” and that Defendant Gert had “left it at that with deep trust in her.” However, in the same post Defendant Gert acknowledges that this post came after having already been told that the information was false. Defendant Gert claims that they felt “compelled to speak.” [Exhibit B].

26. The organizer who Defendant Gert referenced, Ms. Tequila Johnson, replied to Defendant Gert’s post, stating that Defendant Gert had “caused a great huge deal of confusion”

with the post. Defendant Gert responded that, while discrediting the work of black organizers was not the goal, Defendant Gert “did want [folks] to know about TAC” and “to know what they are getting into.” [Exhibit B].

27. Defendant Sangetti replied to Defendant Gert’s above comment, stating, “Trevor caused the confusion and conflict as he usually does. Multiple activists can attest to his pattern of behavior.” [Exhibit B].

28. As of June 26, 2020, the post had at least 255 comments, including ones from Defendants, Sangetti, Bolton, Gert, and Albertson. [Exhibit B].

29. Defendant Sangetti commented: “I have had the same troubles with him. He is controlling and abusive.” This was in reference to Mr. Adamson, as the leader of T.A.C. Defendant Gert “liked” Defendant Sangetti’s comment. Defendant Sangetti goes on to further state: “And a sexist.” Again, she is referring to Mr. Adamson. [Exhibit B].

30. Defendant Sangetti had been invited on Mr. Adamson’s podcast in January of 2020 to promote an event she was leading, but was caught disparaging Mr. Adamson by his fiancée, Samantha Myers (“Ms. Myers”).

31. Additionally, Defendant Sangetti had previously messaged Mr. Adamson through a different page, on which Mr. Adamson is one of four (4) admins, on February 5, 2020. After being told that she was out of line for trying to control a group that she did not help, Defendant Sangetti responded that Trevor had “an absolute pattern of abuse of women.” [Exhibit D].

32. Ms. Myers, who is one of the other four (4) admins, messaged Defendant Sangetti through the same chat thread about the “pattern of abuse of women” comment, telling Defendant Sangetti it was false, and calling out the how dangerous Defendant Sangetti’s baseless accusations against Mr. Adamson could be. [Exhibit D].

33. Defendant Sangetti replied that she “had a terrible [abusive] experience with Trevor personally.” She went on to say that she “would never recommend anyone to go to his home or work with him especially a woman or a candidate.” [Exhibit D]. All of this was not just sent to Mr. Adamson and his fiancée, but also the other three (3) admins of that social media page.

34. When Ms. Myers asked Defendant Sangetti what Mr. Adamson had done, if anything, pointing out that she and Mr. Adamson had been supportive and generous, Defendant Sangetti provided no answer, saying Ms. Myers’ response was “ridiculously disrespectful and completely immature at best – it sounded just like Trevor,” stating that “Trevor can tell you about it.” [Exhibit D].

35. When Ms. Myers pressed further as to what Defendant Sangetti meant by “abusive towards women,” Defendant Sangetti only replied “Because he was to me,” going on to say that she “can’t wait to lift this interaction up to the campaign.” After that, Defendant Sangetti would not reply to any questions from Ms. Myers. [Exhibit D].

36. On May 28, 2020, when Ms. Myers responded to Defendant Sangetti’s public comments about Mr. Adamson, Ms. Myers let her know that there were recordings showing Defendant Sangetti was lying. Defendant Sangetti replied, “what ever you’re just as bad for enabling him and co abusing.” [Exhibit B].

37. When one commenter posted about “naming concerns” not counting as “lying nor anti-progressive,” Mr. Adamson replied, “They are if you don’t know what’s going on.” Defendant Sangetti replied to him, “all the red flags.” [Exhibit B].

38. Another commenter asked about who was leading the event, stating in part that they knew Gert, who they said was “not a liar.” Defendant Sangetti responded twice, stating, “i agree. I

have my concerns about it if Equity Alliance is not actually hosting.” and, “They are definitely telling them truth about TAC.”

39. Defendant Sangetti replied again in the post thread, further claiming that Mr. Adamson had “a history of concerning interactions.” She repeated, “He is concerning. I can attest from my own personal interactions.” [Exhibit B]. This is baseless and untrue.

40. Defendant Sangetti went on to allege that Mr. Adamson was an organizer “with a bad record,” that staying silent about him would “potentially endanger folks,” and that he had “a pattern of problems.” The person she was talking to replied that he had seen at least five (5) posts from people who organize other groups telling their members not to attend because of Defendant Gert’s post [Exhibit B].

41. One commenter on Defendant Gert’s post shared a picture that took T.A.C.’s original post concerning the rally, and superimposed words over it which originally said, “Y’all, do not support this. Support black voices.” When another person asked who had made the picture, Defendant Bolton responded, “Hey!” [Exhibit B].

42. On Defendant Bolton’s Facebook page, he had posted the image in question, although he has changed the text over the image a few times to post it to multiple different political group pages. The text over the rally’s poster has changed from “Y’all, do not support this. Support black voices,” [Exhibit B] to “Y’all, find another way to support. Black voices need to be at the center of this,” [Exhibit F] to “Support BLMs action instead” [Exhibit E].

43. Defendant Bolton’s image was posted along with a caption he wrote, claiming in part that T.A.C. did not include local black organizations in planning the rally and that the rally “Is being organized by a white guy who is literally refusing to engage in conversation about his decisions.” [Exhibit E].

44. On Defendant Bolton's original post, someone asked if BLM was doing an action, to which Defendant Bolton replied, "thought they were but either I was wrong or BLM did not want to be affiliated," implying that BLM wanted to dissociate from T.A.C. [Exhibit E].

45. The individual replied to Defendant Bolton, saying, "ok. What is this dudes damage, as we used to say?? Why is this wyte dude being a wyte dude?" Defendant Bolton responded, "I don't know. He needs to be shouted the fuck down." Again, this was all in reference to Mr. Adamson. [Exhibit E].

46. Defendant Bolton did edit his posting, stating, "It seems that some collaboration with BLM and Gideon's army has happened since yesterday." This was false regarding T.A.C.'s involvement with other groups in organizing the rally. Defendant Bolton goes on to say, "I would assume because the organizer was pressured to but I don't know." [Exhibit E]. Any "pressure" put on Mr. Adamson was from the Defendants spreading falsehoods about him and T.A.C. and sabotaging the rally.

47. As of June 19, 2020, at least 118 other individuals had reposted Defendant Gert's statements. [Exhibit B].

48. Mr. Adamson continues to hear from others in his field about this incident. He has been shut out of groups because of the original claims the Defendants made against him, which can still be found on public forums, for anyone to see. [Exhibits B, E, and F].

49. Furthermore, Mr. Adamson continues to hear from other organizers that these Defendants are continuing to disparage him in the community. He has even been turned away by persons not wanting to work with him because of other things they have heard from the Defendants since this posting.

COUNTS I and II - INVASION OF PRIVACY

(I) Unreasonable Publicity to Plaintiff's Private Life; (II) False Light

50. Plaintiff incorporates by reference herein the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 49 and does further allege as follows.

51. The Defendants publishing of comments and spreading falsehoods about Mr. Adamson's homelife constitute an actionable and tortious invasion of privacy by portraying Mr. Adamson in a false light and by widely broadcasting false claims to the general public.

52. Tennessee recognizes four types of invasion of privacy: "(a) unreasonable intrusion upon the seclusion of another ... (b) appropriation of the other's name or likeness ... (c) unreasonable publicity given to the other's private life ... (d) publicity that unreasonably places the other in a false light before the public..." Restatement (Second) of Torts § 652A(2) (1977); see, e.g., *Givens v. Mullikin*, 75 S.W.3d 383, 411 (Tenn.2002); *West v. Media Gen. Convergence, Inc.*, 53 S.W.3d 640, 643 (Tenn.2001).

53. Tennessee, like a majority of states, still recognizes false light "as a distinct, actionable tort." *West v. Media Gen. Convergence, Inc.*, 53 S.W.3d 640, 645 (Tenn.2001). It has adopted the Restatement (Second) of Torts, which described the tort of false light as follows: "One who gives publicity to a matter concerning another that places the other before the public in a false light is subject to liability to the other for invasion of his privacy, if (a) the false light in which the other was placed would be highly offensive to a reasonable person, and (b) the actor had knowledge of or acted in reckless disregard as to the falsity of the publicized matter and the false light in which the other would be placed." Restatement (Second) of Torts § 652E, at 394.

54. The Defendants' distortion and public dissemination of references to private and intimate details of Mr. Adamson's relationship with women and clients are highly offensive to a reasonable person.

55. The Defendants' repeated statements in various forms of social media that refer to having worked with Mr. Adamson before and having "troubling interactions" or referring to "abuse" are immensely offensive to any reasonable person and further serve to cast Mr. Adamson in a false light.

56. Generally, one who intentionally intrudes, physically or otherwise, upon the solitude or seclusion of another or his private affairs or concerns, is subject to liability to the other for invasion of his privacy, if the intrusion would be highly offensive to a reasonable person; no special publicity needs to be given to the Plaintiff or to the Plaintiffs affairs. Restatement (Second) of Torts § 652B. *Givens v. Mullikin ex rel. Estate of McElwaney*, 75 S.W.3d 383 (Tenn. 2002). Tennessee has also adopted the Restatement (Second) of Torts § 652D, which provides that one who gives unreasonable publicity to another's private life is liable for invasion of privacy.

57. The Defendants' actions in giving far-reaching publicity to Mr. Adamson as an individual and broadcasting through social media and other avenues repeated references to Mr. Adamson being an "abuser" constitute an actionable and tortious invasion of privacy by giving unreasonable publicity to Mr. Adamson's private life. The Defendants clarified that their comments were not directed at any of the other leaders of T.A.C. but at Mr. Adamson, who they even list by name.

58. There is a term called "doxing," which refers to publishing private or identifying information about a particular individual on the Internet, typically with malicious intent. The

purpose is often to “expose” said individual, by handing them over to the vast mob that exists on the internet. That is exactly what Defendants did and continue to do to Mr. Adamson.

59. As a direct and proximate consequence of the Defendants’ patterns of intentional and tortious misconduct, Mr. Adamson is entitled to an award of compensatory and punitive damages.

COUNTS III and IV – DEFAMATION

(III) Libel; (IV) Slander

60. Plaintiff incorporates by reference herein the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 59 and does further allege as follows.

61. Libel and slander are both forms of defamation; libel being written defamation and slander being spoken defamation. *Quality Auto Parts Co., Inc. v. Bluff City Buick Co., Inc.*, 876 S.W.2d 818, 820 (Tenn.1994). To establish a prima facie case of defamation, the plaintiff must prove that (1) a party published a statement; (2) with knowledge that the statement was false and defaming to the other; or (3) with reckless disregard for the truth of the statement or with negligence in failing to ascertain the truth of the statement. *Sullivan v. Baptist Mem’l Hosp.*, 995 S.W.2d 569, 571 (Tenn.1999) (relying on Restatement (Second) of Torts § 580 B (1977)).

62. Despite Mr. Adamson’s repeated pleas and numerous other organizers informing the Defendants that the Defendants’ statements were false, the Defendants nevertheless continued to disparage Mr. Adamson regarding both his professional and private life and spread misinformation. The written posts regarding Mr. Adamson, which constitute libel, were made with the knowledge that they were false and defaming at the time, thus establishing the intent to harm Mr. Adamson’s reputation.

63. Mr. Adamson has also been made aware that the Defendants have reached out to leaders and members in other political organizations to “warn” them about Mr. Adamson on more than one occasion, constituting slander. Mr. Adamson was previously aware of Defendant Sangetti making false remarks regarding Mr. Adamson back in January of 2020, but he was completely blindsided by the collective attack against him.

64. The defamatory posts and “warnings” the Defendants are spreading are clearly intended to portray Mr. Adamson as dishonest and dangerous, and holds Mr. Adamson up to public hatred, contempt, ridicule, and disgrace.

65. The Defendants do not attempt to hide the fact that their comments were aimed at Mr. Adamson. The Defendants have not removed their comments, nor have they made any attempt to clarify about any of their false accusations of Mr. Adamson.

66. The defamatory statements have been heard and read by third persons, as members of the general public, other than Mr. Adamson, who understood their defamatory meaning and understood them to apply to Mr. Adamson.

67. Defendants’ continued defamation of Mr. Adamson has caused severe damage, not just to Mr. Adamson’s mental and emotional wellbeing, but to his present and future job opportunities and community reputation.

68. Furthermore, the Defendants omitted facts which, if properly presented, would not have created the negative impression of Mr. Adamson they wanted to craft. As such, they engaged in Defamation by Implication or Innuendo.

69. As a direct and proximate consequence of the Defendants’ patterns of intentional and tortious misconduct, Mr. Adamson is entitled to an award of compensatory and punitive

damages, involving, but not limited to, impairment of his reputation and standing in the community, personal humiliation, and mental anguish and suffering.

**COUNT V – INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE WITH
CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS RELATIONS**

70. Plaintiff incorporates by reference herein the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 69 and does further allege as follows.

71. Tennessee has established a claim for intentional interference with business relations when a plaintiff can demonstrate the following: (1) an existing business relationship with specific third parties or a prospective relationship with an identifiable class of third persons; (2) the defendant's knowledge of that relationship and not a mere awareness of the plaintiff's business dealings with others in general; (3) the defendant's intent to cause the breach or termination of the business relationship; (4) the defendant's improper motive or improper means (*see, e.g., Top Serv. Body Shop*, 582 P.2d at 1371); and finally, (5) damages resulting from the tortious interference. *Trau-Med of Am., Inc. v. Allstate Ins. Co.*, 71 S.W.3d 691, 701 (Tenn. 2002).

72. Mr. Adamson had a prospective business relationship with a specific, identifiable class of persons.

73. The Defendants were certainly aware of Mr. Adamson's admin role on the T.A.C. Facebook page, but they also go on to refer to him in his professional role, as a political organizer. The warn others on numerous posts about working with him, citing the false accusations as reasons why other should be wary of Mr. Adamson. Certain Defendants even outright stated that they would be taking their allegations to the heads of different groups for which Mr. Adamson might work.

74. It is Mr. Adamson's understanding that they have followed through with these threats, as he has been shut out from more than one group based on the Defendants' defamation.

75. The Defendants were aware that Mr. Adamson runs a podcast. In fact, Defendant Sangetti was even invited on the podcast in January of 2020, which is where she was first caught disparaging Mr. Adamson. The Defendants have gone out of their way to tell others not to work with Mr. Adamson in any regard.

76. The Defendants intentionally, by improper motives or improper means, caused Mr. Adamson's prospective business relationships to end. This interference was either reckless or malicious.

77. Mr. Adamson has sustained damages including, but not limited to, loss of earnings and other consequential damages.

78. The Defendants' tortious actions are directly attributable to each other by means of republishing of the post and comments, as well as under the principles of civil conspiracy.

79. As a direct and proximate consequence of the Defendants' patterns of intentional and tortious misconduct, Mr. Adamson is entitled to an award of compensatory and punitive damages.

COUNT VI – CIVIL CONSPIRACY TO DEFAME

80. Plaintiff incorporates by reference herein the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 79 and does further allege as follows.

81. It is well-established that an actionable civil conspiracy is "a combination of two or more persons who, each having the intent and knowledge of the other's intent, accomplish by concert an unlawful purpose, or accomplish a lawful purpose by unlawful means, which results in damage to the plaintiff." See *Brown v. Birman Managed Care, Inc.*, 42 S.W.3d 62, 67 (Tenn.2001) (citing *Dale v. Thomas H. Temple Co.*, 186 Tenn. 69, 87, 208 S.W.2d 344, 353 (1948)).

82. Furthermore, upon a finding of conspiracy, each conspirator is liable for the damages resulting from the wrongful acts of all co-conspirators in carrying out the common scheme. *Id.*, citing *Traut-Med of Am., Inc. v. Allstate Ins. Co.*, 71 S.W.3d 691, 703 (Tenn. 2002).

83. It is true that a common law action of conspiracy requires that each conspirator have the intent to accomplish a common purpose, with each knowing of the other's intent. *Dale v. Thomas H. Temple Co.*, 186 Tenn. 69, 90, 208 S.W.2d 344, 353 (1948). However, the agreement need not be formal, the understanding may be a tacit one, and it is not essential that each conspirator have knowledge of the details of the conspiracy. *Dale*, 186 Tenn. at 90, 208 S.W.2d at 353-54.

84. The Defendants knew each other before this posting. In fact, Defendants Gert and Bolton lead a therapy group together in the months preceding the incident. The Defendants all posted on the same thread, Defendant Gert's original posting, defaming Mr. Adamson. The Defendants all ignored any evidence to the contrary and have let their derogatory comments remain open to the public. A reasonable jury could conclude that the Defendants, though never formally establishing a conspiracy group, were taking active steps to accomplish the plan of defaming Mr. Adamson.

85. As a direct and proximate consequence of the Defendants' patterns of intentional and tortious misconduct, Mr. Adamson is entitled to an award of compensatory and punitive damages.

COUNT VII – INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS (“IIED”)

86. Plaintiff incorporates by reference herein the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 85 and does further allege as follows:

87. Tennessee law states that, to sustain a claim of Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress (“IIED”), a plaintiff must prove that the defendant's conduct was (1) intentional or

reckless, (2) so outrageous that it is not tolerated by civilized society, and (3) resulted in serious mental injury to the plaintiff. *Akers v. Prime Succession of Tenn., Inc.*, 387 S.W.3d 495, 502 (Tenn.2012) (quoting *Rogers v. Louisville Land Co.*, 367 S.W.3d 196, 205 (Tenn.2012)) (emphasis in *Akers*.)

88. Here, the Defendants published and republished comments that went beyond mere criticism. The Defendants falsely accused Mr. Adamson in a way that meant he could not defend himself. They attacked his work, his past, his relationships with women and people of color, and they did so without remorse, even when proven wrong. Additionally, they did so with hundreds of people watching and listening, and it appears they will continue doing so without court interference.

89. Mr. Adamson and his fiancée have lost numerous hours of sleep over this, not just because of the initial trauma, but also because of the continued strain the Defendants have caused. Mr. Adamson has to try to figure out if he can even find work in Tennessee, which he believes to be unlikely in the near future, thanks to the damage the Defendants have caused.

90. Mr. Adamson and his fiancée have had to seek professional treatment to deal with the fallout of the Defendants' actions, the extent of which Mr. Adamson can provide the Court. In the middle of already chaotic times, the Defendants have put Mr. Adamson's community standing, job security, future investments, and current relationships into jeopardy, causing severe damage.

DAMAGES

91. Mr. Adamson has suffered, and continues to suffer, irreparable injury as a direct and proximate consequence of the Defendants' deliberate and intentional tortious conduct. Mr. Adamson has been turned away by individuals and groups who he has worked with before, who have told him that they heard from the Defendants about him. Multiple replies to the Defendants'

claims consist of people saying they would have participated were it not for the Defendants' statements about Mr. Adamson.

92. Mr. Adamson has been subjected to humiliation and emotional distress, and he has lost many nights of sleep trying to process the Defendants' actions. Mr. Adamson can show the court that he has had to seek emotional and psychological counseling to handle these events.

93. T.A.C. has seen a decrease in support and involvement, which is due to the malicious and baseless interference of the Defendants. Mr. Adamson has put thousands of hours into building and maintaining community forums and organizing based on his community standing.

94. Mr. Adamson runs a podcast, on which Defendant Sangetti appeared in January of 2020. Mr. Adamson has spent considerable time and money on running this podcast, and he previously had plans to grow his podcast network. Mr. Adamson had started investing in a major expansion based on his following. However, because of the Defendants' baseless allegations, Mr. Adamson has had to hold off with said plans while attempting to rebuild a reputation they destroyed. The money that he invested has become a sunk cost thanks to the Defendants.

95. Mr. Adamson's career in political campaigns has been upended because of the deliberate actions of the Defendants and the false information they have spread and continue to spread about Mr. Adamson. The Defendants, most notably Defendant Sangetti, previously threatened to disparage Mr. Adamson to the leaders of political groups that would hire him, which is exactly what the Defendants have done.

96. Mr. Adamson's reputation has been significantly injured and the life that he worked hard to establish has been forever changed due to the false allegations of the Defendants. The Defendants' have callously rung a bell that cannot be un-rung, and for this, they must be held accountable.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Plaintiff prays that:

1. Proper summons be issued and served upon the Defendants along with a copy of this Complaint and that the Defendants be required to appear and answer in the time provided by law;

2. The Court, upon proper motion and hearing, issue an injunction requiring the Defendants to retract their postings on Facebook and/or any other forum with this posting;

3. At the final hearing on these matters, the Court enter an injunction enjoining and restraining the Defendants, and all those acting in concert with them, from publishing, disseminating, or posting on social media or Internet site, or through the use of any written or digital media of any type any reference to any events pertaining to Mr. Adamson's private life, whether the same are believed by the Defendants to be truthful or otherwise;

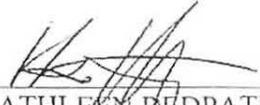
4. The Court hear proof as to the damages suffered by Mr. Adamson and enter a judgment against Defendants for such damage as may be proven, but not less than \$300,000 for compensatory damages, and punitive damages for the malicious and/or intentional acts of the Defendants of \$500,000;

5. All Defendants be held jointly and severally liable for all damages awarded to Mr. Adamson as the result of the civil conspiracy of the Defendants concerning the underlying torts;

6. The Court award Mr. Adamson reasonable attorney's fees and costs available under T.C.A. 50-1-304; and

7. Mr. Adamson have and recover such further and general equitable relief as to which he may be entitled, including but not limited to court costs taxed to Defendants.

Respectfully Submitted,

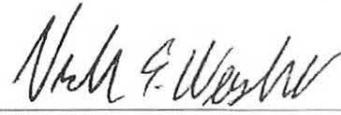

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STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF SUMNER)

I, the undersigned, make oath that the facts stated in the foregoing document are true to the best of my knowledge and belief; that the complaint is not made out of levity or by collusion with the co-defendants, but in sincerity and truth, for the causes mentioned in said bill.



SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 8th day of July, 2020





My commission expires:
10/23/2023

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this day, July 14th, 2020, a true and exact copy of the foregoing Complaint has been forwarded via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to the parties, as follows:

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KATHLEEN R. REDPATH

EXHIBIT

A

← Solidarity For Victims Of Police Br...

 **Gert Comfrey** ▸ **Solidarity For Victims Of Police Brutality And White Supremacy** ...
Yesterday at 10:43 AM

Have individuals from communities of color, especially Black Lives Matter Nashville, been included in the envisioning and creation of this action? Have they asked for this action? Are they leading this action?
Also: What are the protocols for this action regarding safety in the midst of the pandemic?

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  **E Gail Allison and 46 others**

 **Andrea Hewitt**
Important question!
 6
on Thu Like Reply More

 **Leia Siksay**
YES! Thank you for asking both of these questions.
 2
on Thu Like Reply More

 **Gert Comfrey**
Absolutely! I would hate for a bunch of folx to show up at this action if **Black Lives Matter Nashville** or other people of color led organizations had something else planned or had another immediate ask. We need to



Gert Comfrey

May 30 at 9:25 AM · 🌐



Black Lives Matter Nashville ✓

May 30 at 8:41 AM · 🌐

EXHIBIT

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ATTENTION FOLKS!

We would like to provide some clarity regarding today's rally. There are few facts we would like to make clear, to diminish confusion:

-The r... [See More](#)

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Gert Comfrey

May 29 at 7:06 PM · 🌐



UPDATE: To clarify, this post is primarily about concerns with TAC. While they are involved in the promotion of the rally, this is a Black-led action. I meant to encourage people to consider the risks involved in showing up, especially given TAC's history. I'm definitely not dissuading people from showing up. And I'm definitely not shitting on the work that fierce Black organizers and elders have done.

Y'all. About that rally tomorrow... I hope by now you know that I will throw down for my BIPOC comrades any chance I have. I have also dedicated my time, heart, and body over the past several years to organizing around community-based safety practices at POC-led direct actions.

I am severely worried about how the organizers of tomorrow's rally are addressing safety. I (and safety teams I've been a part of) have had troubling interactions with Tennessee Activist Coalition in the past, including a time when they failed to let participants know when counter-protestors were expected at an action. I believe that letting people know what risk they are about to get into is crucial for safety and basic autonomy. (It's called informed consent in the therapy world.)

I have also had troubling interactions with its leader, who is a white man, including a time when he told me to my face that he was happy that violent counter-protestors showed up at an action that was centering LGBTQ+ people.

So, needless to say, I'm mistrustful that people (especially marginalized people) have all the information they need to make an informed decision about tomorrow's rally.

Tomorrow if you choose to go, please know that you should expect white supremacist counter-protestors. You should expect local and state police in intimidating postures and attire. You should expect to be at a higher risk regarding the pandemic. All of those risks matter and deserve your consideration, especially if you are BIPOC, undocumented, queer, etc.

Stay safe out there. ❤️



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Liz Shadbolt

Ann Gillespie  2

Like · Reply · 3w



Elizabeth Young

This is appreciated; thinking about going for support of people attending but agreed everyone needs to exercise major caution. The people who are too excited about violent revolt but won't put their bodies on the line for or between us are dangerous.

Like · Reply · 3w





Becca Dryden

Thank you for the insight. Especially important to folks in marginalized communities. But also personally helpful when deciding whether or not to attend with kids.

Like Reply 3w



Sarah J Chisari

Sharing



Like Reply 3w



Kate Moore

thanks for sharing **Gert Comfrey** - do you know anything about a poc led action tomorrow?

Like Reply 3w



Andrea Hewitt

Kate Moore follow Black Lives Matter Nashville for more info.

Like Reply 3w



Nathan Foote

Essential information indeed. May I share?

Like Reply 3w



Gert Comfrey

Nathan Foote yeah

Like Reply 3w



Trevor Adamson

Gurt is lying, it was another LGBTQ organizer who recommended they come to the event, which they were welcomed to. I never said I was "happy the warriors of christ" guys came. Lastly, because these people doxx activists and marginalized groups, I usually use my privilege to network, to keep the anonymity of the group. This effort is POC led and once this rally is over we will be addressing the white folks who've used me to disparage them. Because you do not have immediate knowledge of peoples organizing the event, doesn't make them any less real and any less black and they've seen your posts. I said do you want to address this and they feel they do not have to answer to you a white person. Bye.

Like Reply 3w



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Andrea Hewitt

Trevor Adamson: but you put groups on your flyer that have no idea they were participating, so 🤔

Like Reply 3w





Sydney Burden Desind

Trevor Adamson why isn't Black Lives Matter Nashville participating then? Why are you a white Bernie bro who is arguing with people's concerns? Why did you list Gideon's Army as participants when they have no plan on attending?

You're shady and if my black friends see right through you, then I'll be listening to them. Sorry bout your party tho white guy.

Like Reply · 3w



Becca Dryden

Trevor Adamson I mean you didn't even spell their name right... how can we trust you? 😏

Like Reply · 3w



Lizzie Rice

The fact that you're getting defensive and trying to disparage the writer instead of addressing the valid concerns brought up in the post tells me every I need to know about you and your leadership. bye.

Like Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

Becca Dryden I did not make the flyer.

Like Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

Lizzie Rice because what the writer is saying is untrue. I've also brought the concerns to the other organizers, who did not choose to answer her. Why do black people have to answer Gurt or address her concerns.

Like Reply · 3w



Lizzie Rice

No one is asking black organizers to answer to their concerns they were addressing concerns TO YOU AS THE ORGANIZER about safety which you still haven't done. Also you spelled their name wrong and midgendered them. You got some work to do buddy.

Like Reply · 3w · Edited



Trevor Adamson

Lizzie Rice I have not written the shared content and those members of those communities have been reaching out to the concerned parties. What is happening is y'all are using me to attack them. You have work to do.

Like Reply · 3w



Lizzie Rice

No one is attacking anyone. You're deflecting and it's so obvious. What are you doing to keep folx safe at the rally?

Like Reply · 3w





Lizzie Rice
You still haven't answered.

Like Reply · 3w



Lizzie Rice
Amazing how you respond to my comments almost immediately but when I ask you the simplest question: what are you doing to insure safety at the rally, it's crickets. I'll ask again: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR SAFETY AT THE RALLY. We're waiting.

Like Reply · 3w



Peter Capretto
Trevor Adamson, wow dude. Misgendering others, deflecting legitimate concerns, and overall bulldozing conversations like this is really not helping your cause. I kid you not, I was planning to come tomorrow until I saw how you're interacting with others here. I trust **Gert** about as much as anyone on the planet; they were clearly being more generous to you in the OP than you deserved.

Please do better.

Like Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson
Peter Capretto and again, I helped other people with an event. There were miscommunications, if someone from the black community would like to speak with the the organizers than that would have happened. But I do not have a duty to answer white peoples questions. You're reacting to someone as friend instead of looking at the situation objectively. Each and every concern Gurt and others had brought up, was brought to the discussion. I was not in charge of making sure what got addressed.

Like · Reply · 3w



Peter Capretto
Trevor Adamson, bruh, it's "GERT." My God.

Like · Reply · 3w



Lizzie Rice
What are you doing to address safety at the rally?

Like Reply · 3w



Ann Gillespie
Sorting facts. It is important to me that (1)) Black leaders are part of the organizing. I hear Equity Alliance is on board and helping to promote but others were put on the poster without permission. (2) what security precautions have been taken including medics?

Like · Reply · 3w





Becca Dryden

Trevor Adamson I was referring to your comment addressing Gert but misspelling their name "Gurt", which I guess you haven't noticed yet?

Like Reply · 3w



Lizzie Rice

Still no answer. 3

Like Reply · 3w



Becca Dryden

And also misgendered them. Legit red flags.

Like Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

Ann Gillespie I can answer some of those, there was a miscommunication about some of the orgs. It was from my understanding and honest mistake. EMT, social distancing measures have been in place. As for other other security measures, that would be best to be addressed by the other organizers. At this point they are worn out and have seen these posts. The event is happening tomorrow, obviously noone can guarantee the safety of anyone.

Like Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

Becca Dryden oh I apologize, I'm in the middle of being slandered from one end to the other, by people who don't know me. Bring some water.

Like · Reply · 3w



Lizzie Rice

Why? Why can't you address them? Why are you making POCs do it? What's stopping you?

Like · Reply · 3w Edited



Lizzie Rice

Why can't you come up with a plan? Again, great leadership skills 😊

Like Reply · 3w



Lizzie Rice

Why are you putting the burden on POCs and not stepping up to do the work?

Like Reply · 3w





Becca Dryden

And re: your comment to the highly respected **Peter Capretto**, white people SHOULD BE HOLDING OTHER WHITE PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE. That's like, one of the BIG lessons to be learned from the current moment. So here we are, white people, attempting to hold other white people accountable. It's irresponsible and selfish to demand BIPOC put in work here. I want other white folks to hold me accountable and save BIPOC siblings' energy. White folks need to hold each other accountable. Full stop. If you don't get that, why the hell are you in charge of this thing?

Like · Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

Lizzie Rice I'm not the leader. I also don't have any duty comment or question things I don't know.

Like · Reply · 3w



Ann Gillespie

Thanks for your responses. Appreciated. Miscommunications happen, that's understandable.

Like · Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

I can tell you this, at this point I'm talking to armchair organizers who are critiquing an event they aren't even a part of planning. Haven't offered help, only condemnation. This is exactly why we are losing.

Like · Reply · 3w



Lizzie Rice

Omg are y'all seeing this?

Like · Reply · 3w



Lizzie Rice

Armchair organizer? You're the one who says you have no obligation to address important concerns and pretend to be a leader until it's inconvenient. We see you. We see this and we're not going to forget how you acted and what that says about you as a person and an "organizer"

Like · Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

Lizzie Rice so wait, first I was in trouble for "leading" this event? Now I'm in trouble for differing to those people I was supposed to be undercutting? You're illogical. Come tomorrow and support the cause. At the end of the day, there are always people who can critique, but not be part of the solution.

Like · Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

Oh damn, you're a Warren supporter, of course you know all about political expediency 🤔

Like · Reply · 3w



Lizzie Rice

So how are you part of the solution? Critiques on you and your leadership as an organizer are not critiques of the movement. You are not the movement.

Like · Reply · 3w



Lizzie Rice

Classic chad. 🤔🤔🤔🤔

Like · Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

Lizzie Rice you're trying a false premise, that's a move that right wing pundits use btw. Never said I was "the movement", to the contrary. I'm helping, what are you doing for this event besides disparaging those who are helping exactly?

Like · Reply · 3w



Lizzie Rice

Oh so the only way to show support is to show up to this one specific rally?

Like · Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

Another false premise, never said this was the only event, nor the last.

Like · Reply · 3w



Dan Kappus

Trevor Adamson you not only misspell Gert's name, but insist on misgendering. Why?

Like · Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

Dan Kappus I didn't know her pronouns and have already apologized for that. Why they are saying the event is led by me when Tequila already answered her question on Thursday?

Like · Reply · 3w · Edited



Trevor Adamson



Like · Reply · 3w



Dan Kappus

Trevor Adamson Well, look, there you go again! You've been corrected, and you still won't do it. Gert uses "they" to refer to Gert's self.

I don't know you, but why are you shooting yourself in the foot?

You're probably a fine person. Mistakes and miscommunication happen! But you're not advancing your position very well at the moment.

Like · Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

Dan Kappus corrected, can you please address the photo now?

Like · Reply · 3w



Dan Kappus

Trevor Adamson Yeah, I don't know any of these people. I'm not super activist dude. I show up for things to provide some support. I try to understand the conflicts and ideological differences that people may have, and I stay away.

It looks like you have a group of people on board who are people of color (cf photo). It also looks like there are several respected organizations that, despite publicity to the contrary, are not going to be involved. It seems like there is some conflict here.

Like · Reply · 3w



Write a reply...





Samantha Loraine

There are multiple different organizers that lead TAC not just one white man. ALSO this is EXTREMELY unprogressive of you to discourage another event when the whole purpose and reason for the event has nothing to do with your ego. The reason for this event is to bring solidarity and support behind the murder of George Floyd and many countless other people of color that have died at the hands of police officers. The black leaders that are putting this event on are using TAC as an avenue to get people involved. You didnt deserve any of that explanation but here it is since you are deciding to put other people and their hard work down for shit you dont know anything about. You did not help organize this event and you do not lay claim to how this or any other progressive cause holds events. Shame on you and shame on everyone else for losing focus on what this WHOLE THING IS ABOUT.

Like · Reply · 3w



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Andrea Hewitt

Samantha Loraine: but orgs like Gideon's Army were listed on the flyer & they have no idea they were on it. How do you respond to that?

Like · Reply · 3w · Edited



Becca Dryden

Samantha Loraine umm pretty damn progressive to be looking out for folks who literally can't risk putting themselves in danger & need full info on the risks (like undocumented folks, as one example)

Like · Reply · 3w



Samantha Loraine

Andrea Hewitt everything is being thrown together in a very short amount of time. There was a miscommunication between a few people and some false commitments, that is all.

Like · Reply · 3w



Andrea Hewitt

Samantha Loraine: well, that's a problem. You don't list an org on your flyer if you haven't confirmed with their leaders. It undermines your credibility.

Like · Reply · 3w · Edited



Sydney Burden Desind

Yeah.... Not good enough Samantha. You're Trevor's girlfriend, so exactly as untrustworthy as him.

Like · Reply · 3w



Becca Dryden

Samantha Loraine if Gideons Army & BLM Nashville aren't committed &/or participating, I trust their judgment over white ppl I don't know.

Like · Reply · 3w





Becca Dryden

Sydney Burden Desind omg you're right 🤔👍

Like Reply 3w



Samantha Loraine

Becca Dryden the organizers of this event do not want anyone to risk anything by coming to the event. With that said it is planned to be a peaceful protest and march. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come as long as they feel it is safe for them.

Like Reply 3w



Sydney Burden Desind

Becca Dryden I wondered why she was the only one to come to his defense. Uh huh... They should stay home and have a Netflix night instead. No thank you.

Like Reply 3w



Samantha Loraine

Becca Dryden hey white woman, you know there are other black organizations than just those two right? If you don't want to come and support then don't.

Like Reply 3w



Samantha Loraine

Sydney Burden Desind



Like Reply 3w



Sydney Burden Desind

Samantha Loraine you and Trevor are perfect for each other. I mean that exactly as it sounds.

Like Reply 3w





Becca Dryden

Samantha Loraine okay but "planned to be a peaceful protest" doesn't provide the necessary info like: what sort of safety team will be there, will someone block traffic, what are accessibility considerations, what is the risk of counterprotest & the plan to address it, etc. And that's a big job, I get it. But transparency is absolutely vital. Coming on a well-respected organizer's page to bitch doesn't make us feel safe or trust this whole thing. There is a lot at stake for a lot of folks. I'm a white lady and want to use my privilege and put myself on the line in defense of my BIPOC siblings, but I'm also a mother of two young children, one of whom has mental health considerations & one of whom needs me for milk. So I need to know the risks before I put myself or them into any situation that has the potential to be unsafe. I've been to BLM protests where things felt so well organized and safe, and I've been to others where safety and transparency were not prioritized. That's fine, but I need to know which I'm going to. I'm not the most important consideration here, obviously, but this is the experience/perspective I can speak from. It's only more intense for a BIPOC or undocumented mom.

Like · Reply · 3w



Becca Dryden

Also obviously I know there are more than two Black orgs in town, that's a lazy rhetorical argument. But Rasheedat will forever have 100% of my support and respect and if she/Gideons doesn't feel comfortable supporting something then that informs my decision-making process.

Like · Reply · 3w



Andrea Hewitt

Becca Dryden: she knew nothing about it.

Like · Reply · 3w



Becca Dryden

And the problem is that so many of us DO want to come and support. But we need to know what/who we're actually supporting. If an action is just a way for white people to earn themselves some racism karma then, idk. Not saying that's what this is, tho your posts on here & defensiveness & lack of actual information or transparency make it really feel like that is indeed what this is.

Like · Reply · 3w



Elizabeth Young

Samantha, whoever the hell you are do not ever put the words "black orgs" in your mouth ever again since you're out here acting childish for your white dude.

Like · Reply · 3w





Becca Dryden

Samantha Loraine good lord you aren't listening at all. I'm not gonna try to explain it further. Gert's post was primarily regarding the safety of other marginalized communities. I shared my personal experience/perspective in hopes that it might also be illuminating. I'm not going to risk one of my kids getting injured; they're babies & they need to be able to grow up to do anti-racist work themselves. Don't you fucking dare shame parents who have to make very hard decisions about the moral imperative to fight for justice and the moral imperative to keep their kids alive & safe. Fuck that, and fuck shaming anyone else with legitimate accessibility or safety concerns who y'all have completely shut down from conversation.

Gert didn't throw anyone under the bus. They provided transparency and information that a lot of people needed before making a decision. They opened a dialogue with respect and generosity. You could seriously learn a thing or two from them.

And with that I will bid you adieu.

Like Reply · 3w



Samantha Loraine

Becca Dryden Elizabeth Young Sydney Burden Desind please go read the comments at the end of this post thread to answer any questions you have.

Like · Reply · 3w



Sydney Burden Desind

Samantha Loraine no. I don't have questions. I just won't be there and I'll tell everyone I know not to be there.

Like Reply · 3w



Samantha Loraine

Sydney Burden Desind way to support the cause. 🙄 🙄

Like Reply · 3w



Sydney Burden Desind

I'll support black causes led by black people. You're co-opting something that isn't yours and arguing with everyone who has asked for clarity. Fuck you Bernie bitch.

Like · Reply · 3w



Samantha Loraine

Sydney Burden Desind According to her **John Smith** I guess you and Venita and Hamid and Tequila aren't people of color then. 🙄

Oh well...Today is going to be a great event in spite of people like this encouraging others not to support a worthy cause.

Like · Reply · 3w



Sydney Burden Desind

Samantha Loraine today's event is to mourn the brutal murder of a black man. It's not great. Go to hell you moron.

Like Reply 3w Edited



Samantha Loraine

Sydney Burden Desind k



Like · Reply · 3w



John Smith

I organized the Trayvon Rally



Like · Reply · 3w



John Smith

Samantha Loraine i am black

Like · Reply · 3w



Samantha Loraine

John Smith I know. Its Sydney thats saying its not a black led event.

Like · Reply · 3w





Samantha Loraine

John Smith thanks for the work yall are puting in and the stress you're puting up with. See you later today.

Like Reply 3w



John Smith

Samantha Loraine awesome sister see you there

Like Reply 3w



Write a reply...



Ann Gillespie

Kristin Kirkpatrick Frank

Like Reply 3w



Rain Marie Voss

Thank you for this, Gert. Who's organizing?

Like Reply 3w

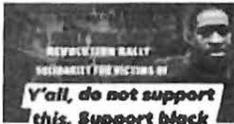


רבקה בת שינה

Alright y'all, this protest tomorrow by Tennessee Activist Coalition is:

1. Wearing a brown cap speech
2. Did not include local black organizations in planning
3. Is being organized by a white guy who is literally refusing to engage in conversation about his decisions.

We are not going to be participating in this action but do plan on doing action elsewhere



Solidarity For: voices And White Supremacy

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Becca Dryden

!who is this post from? Thanks for sharing רבקה בת שינה

Like Reply 3w



רבקה בת שינה

Becca Dryden Karl Bolton

Like Reply 3w



Karl Bolton

Hey!



Like Reply 3w



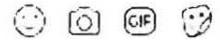
Becca Dryden

Oh cool. Thought maybe another activist group posted it. But Karl seems rad too! Thanks for this info.

Like Reply 3w



Write a reply...



Nikki Williams-Northern

Harriet Vaughan-Wallace just wanted you to know about this. And gideons army said they are not part of it.

Like Reply 3w



Andrea Hewitt

Nikki Williams-Northern yep, we have confirmed this.

Like · Reply 3w



Harriet Vaughan-Wallace

Nikki Williams-Northern thanks for clueing me in. I'm monitoring & talking with organizers. A lot of deflection & confusion being created by those outside the event. This is well organized & with well intentions. It's also open to the public. So, others with opposite intentions could show up. We'll see how this ends but I'm putting out positive vibes

Like · Reply · 3w



Kristin Kirkpatrick Frank

Katie Kirkpatrick Abramson

Like · Reply 3w



Sydney Burden Desind

Black Lives Matter Nashville has specifically stated they are not part of this. That says it all.

Like · Reply · 3w



Andrea Hewitt

Niki Albertson, Edith Margarethe Bluhm: context.

Like Reply · 3w



Jules Rivera

Lol I got blocked from Tennessee Activist Coalition for saying that Bernie or Bust folks repeating their 2016 mistakes will get Trump re-elected. I appreciate you sharing your safety concerns and encouraging folks to go but be smart about it

Like Reply · 3w



Jules Rivera

Also—is the TAC rally the same one as the SURJ rally? Or are they different events??

Like · Reply · 3w



Andrea Hewitt

Jules Rivera: this has nothing to do with SURJ.

Like Reply 3w



Jules Rivera

Andrea Hewitt oh okay. I was confused. I'm on the SURJ Zoom call tonight and they said they are not endorsing, sponsoring, or organizing the rally tomorrow, but they are just supporting it as the Black-led event of the weekend and educating white folkx on how to be good participants ❤️

Like Reply 3w Edited



Andrea Hewitt

Jules Rivera: gotcha.

Like Reply 3w



Kaitlin Malick

Andrea Hewitt SURJ posted on Instagram today encouraging people to go to this rally. So SURJ isn't organizing but is promoting.

Like Reply 3w Edited



Trevor Adamson

Hmmm.

Like Reply 3w



Jules Rivera

I will add that SURJ said the official organizers reached out to them to share the event and provide support to allies but did a solid disclaimer at the start of the meeting. SURJ is providing some great safety tips to the white folk on here on how to NOT endanger Black lives any further because of our actions. they are explaining how the perimeter will work with social distancing and answering all our questions.

Like Reply 3w



Write a reply...



Elizabeth Young

Screencapping just in case those 2 comments up there mysteriously vanish.

Like Reply 3w



Sara Schuster

Looks like some already have.

Like Reply 3w



Elizabeth Young

Not terribly surprising.

Like Reply 3w



Robbie Robinson Hutchens

I agree & am appreciative of your post

Like · Reply · 3w



Kashif Andrew Graham

Wow. Thank you so much for this.

Like · Reply · 3w



Molly Meinbresse

Oh man.... Thank you for sharing.

Like · Reply · 3w



Lyndsey Godwin

Gert, you took a risk to share your insights and concerns. Naming concerns about an event, an action, or a position is neither lying nor "anti-progressive" (whatever that means). Not being willing or able to engage in thoughtful conversation, principled struggle, or accept and navigate public critique is a concerning red flag for me. (She says knowing she can't come no matter what.)

Like · Reply · 3w · Edited



Becca Dryden

Lyndsey Godwin amen.

Like · Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

They are if you don't know what is going on.

Like · Reply · 3w



Deborah Sangetti

Lyndsey Godwin all the red flags

Like · Reply · 3w



Write a reply...



Rebecca Mills

Plan to bring a baking soda water solution in bottles or jugs in case police use tear gas. <https://www.popsci.com/story/diy/tear-gas-guide/>



POPSCI.COM

What to do if you're exposed to tear gas



Like · Reply · 3w





Kat Jones

Rebecca Mills Our Police in the past (or the protests I have been involved in) have been pretty amazing. Shutting down the freeways for us, handing out hot chocolate, working with local black churches to increase understanding and safe protocol. I'm not saying they're good or perfect or doing the work they should be doing... all that stuff is a start... but I am not personally worried about tear gas with our officers.

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Sarah Jordan

Kat Jones all those actions are useless and performative niceness. Those actions don't change anything systemic or address the concerns and demands of black and brown Nashvillians. Cops do that to look good and perpetuate the myth that there are good cops and that police are necessary. If black and brown folks are still being policed, arrested, incarcerated, deported and killed, who the fuck cares if the cops give out hot chocolate.

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Rebecca Mills

Sarah Jordan did you intend to direct your comment to me or Kat? I know that protesters in ATL are being gassed right now and wanted to share info.



Like · Reply · 3w



Sarah Jordan

Rebecca Mills yes sorry that was directed at Kat! Info on tear gas is important

Like · Reply · 3w



Kat Jones

Sarah Jordan I'm not disagreeing with you. And we have certainly had our problems with the police here, I just know how much work we've been doing in the city towards equity (and are nationally recognized for it) and want to honor that and mention it. I am NOT defending the police in any way but I do want to acknowledge the work we have done.

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Sarah Jordan

Kat Jones who is the we in your statement? This "we" continues to center whiteness and the logic of white supremacy. Bringing up how nice the cops have been and how much "progress" Nashville has made just works to silence protestors and their desire to see real justice instead of crumbs.

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Kat Jones

Respectfully, I don't see how it silences anyone. When I use the word We I speak of "Nashville" at large as in "We Are Nashville." I am only saying this to encourage folks who might be showing up with the fear of retribution from the police. I don't think it helps to keep peaceful protests peaceful when people come prepared for an actual physical conflict. I think maybe you are misunderstanding my intent here. Which is okay. But again, those words were used only to offer hope. I am personally far more worried about White Nationalists showing up and posing as protestors with the intention of creating chaos, as is also happening in Minneapolis.

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Lyndsey Godwin

Kat, I'll offer this, in part because I see the sincerity with which you are engaging this conversation. I offer this in that same spirit.

Highlighting these "amazing" police actions acts to silence all of those who have been telling us for centuries that policing is inherently violent and destructive to lives and communities. There are many black, brown, indigenous and other folks of color, many immigrants, many trans and queer folks in our community, many disabled folk who have named repeatedly that the police force here and the police force anywhere is a violent threat to their (our) lives. I personally know individuals and organizations who have specifically named that the actions that you identify as "amazing" are practices that act as intentional distractions from the actual violence that happens here every day. Those intentional distractions then serve as excuses for not being accountable for the terror they enact.

Offering hope via good police behavior might comfort some, but it strikes fear and distrust in others. Particularly those of us who's primary experiences with the cops are violent (including this white queer woman). AND undermine the reality that for so many, it is our communities (and the hard work it takes to build them) that keep us safe, not the cops.

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Kat Jones

Lyndsey Godwin HEARD. You are completely right. Thanks Lyndsey. I'm not going to edit my above post so that others can read the thread and learn as well. I apologize to anyone who I have triggered or offended.

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Write a reply...



Lindsey Glenn Krinks

Thanks Gert! ❤️ 7

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Jim Wohlgeomuth

I would like to know who is actually in leadership for this event? If it is Equity Alliance then things should be fine. If not then I would really want to know what is going on. But I know **Gert Comfrey** and Gert is not a liar.

Like Reply 3w Edited

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Rosa Chavez

Jim Wohlgeomuth *they are not a liar (they, them pronouns)

Like Reply 3w

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Christa Gaskill

Jim Wohlgeomuth I'd like to hear from Equity Alliance. This rally has REVOLUTION in the title and that is a loaded word. I trust Gert.

Like Reply 3w Edited

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Deborah Sangetti

Jim Wohlgeomuth i agree. I have my concerns about it if Equity Alliance is not actually hosting.

Like Reply 3w



Deborah Sangetti

Jim Wohlgeomuth They are definitely telling them truth about TAC

Like Reply 3w



John Smith

Jim Wohlgeomuth If Anyone has any questions or concerns about todays rally. Please contact Hamid Abdallah +1 615-693-6732 Venita Lewis 1 979-627-3111 or John Smith 615.573.5536 we will be happy to answer any questions.

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Rob Mount

Stay safe!

Like Reply 3w



Nicole Knowles Ellis

Thank you for your vigilance Gert. Sending you love.

Like Reply 3w

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Diana Lopez

Thanks! 1

Like Reply 3w



Rasheedat Rah Frizzy Fetuga

Mic True

Like Reply 3w



Jules Rivera

The rally is being hosted by Tennessee Activist Coalition, John Smith Marketing, The Brothers Round Table, and The Equity Alliance.

Like Reply 3w



Kat Jones
Erica Najera

Like Reply 3w



Alissa Beuerlein
Thank you Gert. ❤️

Like Reply 3w ❤️ 1



Caitlin Craig

Thank you! I was following TACs post, BLM and your comments. I could see something was odd but didnt know enough to understand. This insight is helpful!

Like Reply 3w



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Gert Comfrey

Caitlin Craig I saw you in that thread. Thanks for your solidarity. I eventually was blocked by TAC but I appreciate you ❤️

Like Reply 3w



Caitlin Craig

Gert Comfrey Thank you for speaking out!

Like Reply 3w



Trevor Adamson

She is speaking out against black voices lol. Why do you think they have to address Gert?

Like Reply 3w



Elizabeth Young

Trevor, good lord keep black people out of your mouth and let them speak for themselves. White folks have done quite enough and by which I mean nothing at all.

Like Reply 3w



Caitlin Craig

Trevor Adamson Never said they did. We've been focused and making sure this is an event led by Black leaders and that there are safty measures in place.

Kind of important things to have answers to when helping to organize such an event.

Like Reply 3w





Andrea Hewitt

Trevor Adamson: why do you continue to misgender Gert? That's super offensive.

Like Reply 3w Edited



Trevor Adamson

Caitlin Craig uh, so you as a white person can do that, because you think the event is led by me, because you got faulty information. You are all operating under the ASSUMPTION this isn't black led.

Like Reply 3w



Trevor Adamson

So let's take that into consideration. What do you think I do next?

Like Reply 3w



Trevor Adamson



Like Reply 3w



Trevor Adamson

So in this instance. One of the speakers is an ex black officer, how is it ok for a white dude to address that? I'm not sure, go on and tell me what I should have said.

Like Reply 3w



Caitlin Craig

Trevor Adamson Why are you being aggressive and offensive instead of just giving people the answers?

Goodluck seriously, hope the event goes off well and peacefully.

Like Reply 3w





Julie Henry

Trevor Adamson I've been following this entire thread trying to figure out what is going on tomorrow, and the fact that you have been constantly misgendering Gert over and over despite countless others correcting you, huge red flags. If this is how you support poc voices, please sit down. You are causing considerable harm here. You are painting the perfect picture of how not to behave as a white person in regards to this very serious situation.

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Trevor Adamson

Julie Henry I did not know her pronouns and have since apologized.

Like · Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

Caitlin Craig just because you say I'm being aggressive or defensive doesn't make it so.

Like · Reply · 3w



Julie Henry

Trevor Adamson You are still misgendering them. I've seen multiple people here correct you. Yet you still can't correctly address them.

Like · Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

Julie Henry I've corrected it and apologized.

Like · Reply · 3w



Julie Henry

Trevor Adamson the actions that you have on full display throughout this thread are what's making it apparent

Like · Reply · 3w



John Smith

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Elizabeth Barna

Shared. Thank you, Gert.

Like · Reply · 3w



Caitlin Craig

Charles White heads up if you or others you know where headed out tomorrow. Just be safe!

Like · Reply · 3w





Darlene Leong Neal

Thank you **Gert** 🙏

I do believe informed consent is absolutely necessary to build solidarity that is sustainable.



Like · Reply · 3w



Deborah Sangetti

I have had the same troubles with him. He is controlling and abusive.

Like · Reply · 3w



Deborah Sangetti

And a sexist 🙏 1

Like · Reply · 3w



Samantha Loraine

Deborah Sangetti just in case you didnt see this below. We have video and recordings of you lying about what trevor has said. We are in the process of getting lawyer to sue you for liable and defamation.

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Like · Reply · 3w



Deborah Sangetti

Samantha Loraine what ever you're just as bad for enabling him and co abusing

Like · Reply · 3w



Deborah Sangetti

Samantha Loraine I have never lied about him. Quit creating new accounts to talk to me. I blocked the both of you for a reason

Like · Reply · 3w



Jennifer Pippin

Thank you for all you do **Gert**!

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Trudi Posey

Be safe. Cool heads. Carry on. 🙏

Like · Reply · 3w



Erica Najera

Kelly Grider

Like · Reply · 3w



Stan Richardson II
Jack Sheridan heads up

Like Reply · 3w



Cherisse Scott
I appreciate your solidarity and concern

Like · Reply · 3w



Raptor Riot
Thank you ❤️ 🏳️‍🌈 🙌 1

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Ann Gillespie
Marcela Gomez and Rebecca Zanolini my questions have been addressed

Like · Reply · 3w



Andrea Hewitt
Amanda Calvo

Like · Reply · 3w



Alyx Kim-Yohn
Thank you for doing this work, Gert. ❤️ ❤️

Like · Reply · 3w



Marcela Gomez
Juliana Ospina Cano FYI

Like · Reply · 3w



Lj Ratliff
Thanks, Gert.

Like · Reply · 3w



Joshua Haynes
This entire thread is just sad in all honesty.
I got excited for this event because I thought it was hosted by organizations in Nashville to support the black community but found out that the entire thing is being pushed by some sketchy people who are aggressive to any comments against them. We get enough of that from Trump and his cronies.

This is sad.

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Michael Sangetti
Joshua Haynes the leader of equality alliance confirmed this is a black led event

Like Reply · 3w





Joshua Haynes

Michael Sangetti But the Nashville chapter of BLM is not involved?

Like · Reply · 3w



Samantha Loraine

Joshua Haynes so are you also calling the organizers from the black community sketchy too? Because TAC merely was a funnel of information from them to the populus. There has been some miscommunication in the very little time this event has come together but other than that, the overall reason for the event is at the forefront of everyone's minds. Please come tomorrow and support the black community.

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Michael Sangetti

Joshua Haynes unfortunately not

Like · Reply · 3w



Deborah Sangetti

Joshua Haynes no they are not

Like · Reply · 3w



Deborah Sangetti

Joshua Haynes the TAC activist guy is sketchy and a bad seed but he's not leading it or organizing it

Like · Reply · 3w



Lauren Strange

Deborah Sangetti Do you know who is?

Like · Reply · 3w



Joshua Haynes

In all honesty there is so much confusion involving this event. All I want to do is support the movement and I keep hearing conflicting views.

Like · Reply · 3w



Andrea Hewitt

Joshua Haynes: follow Black Lives Matter.

Like · Reply · 3w



Joshua Haynes

I am now.



Like · Reply · 3w



Samantha Loraine

Hello Am I invisible? All questions and concerns have been answered, just read through the comments. Come tomorrow to support the black community and the movement as a whole.

Like · Reply · 3w



Joshua Haynes

Samantha Loraine dude you seriously need to not come off as so aggressive when talking to other people. I don't even know you, but the way you have interacted with others on here makes me want to immediately not support you because of how aggressive and confrontational you're being. This movement is important and we need unity now more ever.

Obviously many people have an issue with how you are handling this so maybe trying to reach them in a different way may be more beneficial. Unity doesn't come from the way you're presenting yourself. Division does.

Just my thoughts. Take them as you will.

Like Reply 3w



Samantha Loraine

Joshua Haynes its not about supporting me, its about supporting the black community and the people that you and every other person on this post have been putting down. If I'm aggressive AT ALL its in reaction to all of this BS. Because another black man is dead and all yall wanna complain about is which group is putting on the protest based on a bunch of assumptions and lies. I'm done with the gaslighting.

Again, come out tomorrow or dont thats on you.

Like Reply 3w



Joshua Haynes

Samantha Loraine I agree that this movement isn't about you, but your actions and words still affect the minds of people who may or may not decide to get involved.

Do you want others to be involved? Don't chastise them during confusion and be open to criticism even if it is unfounded.

Be patient and understanding instead of harsh and aggressive.

I'm not an expert but the type of anger you are proposing at "the BS" is not helpful in the slightest.

Obviously there was a lot of miscommunication about this entire thing but the way you reacted was not helpful. It probably turned more people away than anything else.

You must understand this if you want people to really take the necessary steps.

Like Reply 3w



John Smith

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Deborah Sangetti
Lauren Strange yes

Like Reply 3w



John Smith
I organized the Trayvon Martin rally this event will be awesome



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Like Reply 3w



Write a reply...



Trevor Adamson
It was just brought to my attention that Tequila replied to you about your concerns on Thursday. Why did you not voice your concerns then or speak with her and **Andrea Hewitt** even liked the comment. So it is clear you have a personal vendetta of some sort. I am sorry for misgendering you, I did not know your pronouns and it is a little hard to focus when people are merely reaching to your lies. Why was Tequilas response not good enough for you and why did you continue to disparage the event?



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Elizabeth Young

Can you actually just back out of this post and take up your issues somewhere else? Your defensiveness is a distraction and now you're just jumping over the voices of other POC for your own vendetta, also did literally anyone consent to this context less screen cap being dropped here.

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Trevor Adamson

Elizabeth Young there is no vendetta. What Gert was saying has not been addressed was already addressed by Tequila. That's proof of her lie.

Like · Reply · 3w



Andrea Hewitt

Trevor Adamson: you have still not given us a safety plan. So your info is still lacking. There is no lie.

But you did lie. You put names of orgs on a flyer that did not give you permission. Whether you did it directly or not, you need to own that as an organizer.

Please let this go. Listen. Lots of good education here for you.

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Trevor Adamson

Andrea Hewitt you know who you should be asking about the safety plan. Tequila. You keep saying that i was leader, which I'm not, but then chastising me for not knowing every facet of the event. Like this is completely illogical. Message Tequila.

Like · Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

I helped use the page to try and get people there, bringing equipment and trash bags to clean up. What are you doing lol?

Like · Reply · 3w



Andrea Hewitt

Trevor Adamson: I'm no longer engaging with you. Good luck on your event.

Like · Reply · 3w



Trevor Adamson

Andrea Hewitt I wouldn't imagine you would, because there is no excuse for what you are doing.

Like · Reply · 3w



Andrea Hewitt

Trevor Adamson: please leave me alone. Thank you.

Like · Reply · 3w



Write a reply...





Alaina Kailyn Cobb
Thank you Gert

Like Reply 3w



Niki Albertson
Jennifer Klackle  1

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Niki Albertson
Vanessa Dopson

Like Reply 3w  1



Daniel Elliott
Kerry Rose

Like Reply 3w



Zoey Bryant
Erica Caldwell Colmenares Saw you on the SURJ call. This is good info to have if you're thinking of going to the event tomorrow

Like Reply 3w



 **Erica Caldwell Colmenares**
Zoey Bryant thx!

Like Reply 3w



Justin Emler
Thank you **Gert Comfrey** i am reasy for anything just need a mask

Like Reply 3w



Mel Alfaiate
Tyler Price have you read about this?

Like Reply 3w



Mel Alfaiate
James Douglas Peery have you seen this?

Like Reply 3w



Zen Baltes
Appreciate the clarification!

Like Reply 3w



Bri Eden
Kimmy Garris  1

Like Reply 3w



Tsadik Ngash
Hi Gert, I had a different conversation yesterday with someone that I highly respect. I am older and will come out.

Like Reply 3w Edited





Niki Albertson
Jane Dupree

Like Reply · 3w



Jane Dupree

Niki Albertson thanks. I was about to call one of the people they listed

Like Reply · 3w



Niki Albertson
Lou Wilbanks

Like Reply · 3w



Renai Fleming Soto

Hamid Abdullah are you aware of the others groups track record and do you have a safety plan

Like Reply · 3w



John Smith

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Ty Brown

John Smith There seems to be a lot of confusion about who exactly organized this event. Could you say more about that and about Brothers' Roundtable?

Like Reply · 3w



John Smith

Ty Brown i am one of the organizers. **Hamid Abdullah** is with brothers of the round table

Like Reply · 3w



Tsadik Ngash

Thank you, John.

Like Reply · 3w



Niki Albertson

John Smith thank you. So much confusion....

Like Reply · 3w



John Smith

Niki Albertson supercalifrigilisticspialidosous

Like Reply · 3w



John Smith

Niki Albertson yes we good.. it will be a awesome day

Like Reply · 3w



Hamid Abdullah

John Smith the Brothers Roundtable is a group that have been do the work of community upliftment for the past 2 years. We have hosted community education projects, community clean-ups as well as other things. We have partnered with other organizations to do this rally and it is our hope that we are successful today. If you have a specific question we will be happy to answer them.

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Han Service-Rodriguez

So, I just want to be clear about a few things:

1.) I have been in no way apart of organizing this event and have no stakes of my own in whether or not people show up to it.

2.) I respect people's safety concerns and it seems that there are some really valid problems being raised with this event, and I think that no one should ever be apart of something if they feel like it will be a danger to them in a way they are not ready or willing to deal with.

- those things being said, I have now seen multiple people crediting one yt man from one org with being the leader/organizer of this event, when he has repeatedly said that he isn't (albeit, in very tactless and doubt-sewing ways) and multiple black persons have said they ARE apart of the organizing of this event and are actively promoting it.

Hamid Abdullah is one of those folks and was tagged above

(<https://www.facebook.com/100003376637128/posts/2788669594588901/?d=n>), Tequila Johnson (I wasn't able to tag her bc I am not her fb friend & she hasn't commented here yet) has also posted on multiple threads that she is one of the organizers AND that this yt man in question is not one of the organizers, AND also that their are other black folks organizing.

I know the above information bc I was sent a screenshot of Tequila saying said things on the comments thread of a post by Molly Meinbresse. I would share the screenshot, but since the issue of consent when posting screenshots has already been raised, I will not post this unless I'm told I can/ should.

I do believe her post is public though and that anyone here can view the comments there/ what the screenshot contains.

From everything I've read, I think this event is legitimately organized by black folks who are members of organizations and community groups other than **Gideon's Army** and **Black Lives Matter Nashville**. And while those are the two community groups that I most often align with/ place trust in, their lack of involvement does not delegitimize the folks who did organize this event.

The history of Movement work is deeply seated in the black communities of Nashville, and has primarily/ historically been rooted in religious institutions, which (unlike BLM) do not regularly center queer, consent politics, nor do they often use the most current rhetoric around safety and anti-ableism. It seems that the folks

organizing this are newer to this type and scale of organizing, but that shouldn't invalidate the event nor keep their work from being engaged with. They tried something different and got a lot of traction and that is excellent. I am personally challenging myself to applaud unfamiliarity in the work and to not only uphold the more established groups that I've become most comfortable with over the years. I feel this challenge is especially important in a time like this, when amateur organizers are making shit pop off in astounding & transformative ways.

Gert Comfrey- I appreciate you sharing your concerns and wanting to make sure that folks attending know what they need to be safe, but I also think that you have now unintentionally been postured as some form of gatekeeper for this event, and likely other events to come.

I would like to remind everyone that the people that show up to any event ultimately determine what the event becomes. So for instance, if people who are trained in safety work refrain from showing up to an event bc they hear there is no safety plan in place, then the event is likely to be further lacking in safety and under resourced. We have to honor and hold space for sporadic/anarchist/gut/emergent decision making, and recognize that Movement work is inherently messy.

In fact, we depend on this messiness because bureaucracy is a tool of institutions that limit creativity and perfectionism is a tenet of white supremacy.

Please remember this everyone as you go forward into the world and into the work. The more we decentralize (which is a staple goal of Movement work today) the messier things will get and the more difficult it will be to discern who the organizers/ leaders/ responsible parties are; this is kinda the whole point. The individual is responsible & the individual is autonomous.

I wish everyone wellness, safety and care, whatever that means for you & yours ❤️

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Gert Comfrey

Han Service-Rodriguez Thank you. I too have been in no way apart of organizing the rally and have no stakes of my own in whether or not people show up to it.

Organizing patterns with the yt man in question have definitely been my concern. In the past he has engaged with greener organizers in a way that makes them vulnerable to their own inexperience. He has a platform that reaches thousands of people but then does little to nothing to support inexperienced organizers once the Facebook event has been created. He effectively hides behind marginalized folx and leverages urgency (which is also a tactic of white supremacy). To me, all of this is an abuse of power and predatory tactics.

That is my main fear when it comes to this action — that Black folks trying to make an action happen in a desperately vulnerable time got launched into something bigger and faster than they wanted, needed, or could handle by someone with a lot of power (read: a large platform) who wasn't able to offer accompliceship. Action planning is a huge responsibility (especially to the most marginalized), and I've seen over and over that he doesn't take that seriously. It is harm-causing and traumatizing. I'm okay with messy, for sure, but not that.

I definitely see how folx could interpret my post as gatekeeping. My intent was in the spirit of harm reduction and informed consent. However I do know intent doesn't equal impact. And I accept accountability for any harm I may have caused. I'm down to hear and talk more about it.

I do know that safety-oriented folx will be in attendance today, and I also hope that the information in my post was also an invitation to yt people to show up ready to put their bodies between POC and the police/state/white supremacy.

I appreciate you so much, Han. With you and grateful for your words, reflections, and invitations.

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Deborah Sangetti

Han Service-Rodriguez well said I have to just disagree with one comment.

They are not perceived in any type of way but as fellow organizer that had legit concerns about white dude (with a history of concerning interactions) posturing as if he was in charge. He is concerning. I can attest from my own personal interactions.

I think it's especially important to share concerns about organizers with a bad record and to see doing that as positive movement work. It's not gate keeping - that was a bit gaslighty, quite honestly. It's better than stay silent and potentially endanger folks.

We have to hold each other accountable in the movement and when calling in doesn't work - as it has not worked with the particular organizer (with a pattern of problems) then it's time to call out. It's not comfortable to do so, and invited criticism and potentially retaliation- so to me it shows commitment to the cause and again when calling in doesn't work - calling out is necessary.

Even Tequila thanked them for their concern and raising important questions.

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Tsadik Ngash

Thank you all. I, for one, follow my heart, reason, and experience. There are new organizers here, experienced organizers in the trenches, academic scholarly activists, and other people who know how to get stuff done. We need all the combination. Organizing concerns in the midst of others plans to make us fear gathering to address grievances is a typical tactic I have seen everywhere. I hope old organizations step up and come out. I am also seeing one upmanship over the past few years as I've learned to recognize organizations. We're human and imperfect, even while working together.

This is organic in a moment organic responses is the right tool, and I am responding to it as such. Sitting still means business as usual.

If we can, let's come together. Let's not fear together.

I am coming out but keeping distance due to my age and underlying conditions.

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Han Service-Rodriguez

Deborah Sangetti - I agree with you wholeheartedly & I definitely don't think Gert was attempting to be a gate keeper. I just saw like at least 5 posts from people who organize other groups (primarily made up of white ppl) telling their members not to attend specifically referencing their trust of Gert and perceiving that they were trying to tell others not to go, when I didn't interpret that as their intention.

I don't actually know this dude Trevor, but I have no doubt that he is whack af. He made that clear in his comments all on his own, to a point that is almost ridiculous.

Lastly, I apologize to you and to **Gert** if what I said was gaslighting them. I am hoping that you are willing to explain to me how what I said was gaslighty, because reading thru it a couple times I can't identify it for myself, and I would like to correct the problem if I can 🙏

Like Reply · 3w



John Smith

I was one of the organizers for the Trayvon Martin rally. This event will be safe and organized.



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Gert Comfrey

Han Service-Rodriguez as far as I'm concerned, you and I are good 🍷 could you tag me in any of those 5 posts you saw so I can clarify?

Like · Reply · 3w



Han Service-Rodriguez

Also, I just want to add that while I believe that we are all trying our best to be helpful to one another, and operating (as **Gert** said in their reply to me) out of a "spirit of harm reduction and informed consent," I think that we all need to be checking ourselves for paternalistic behaviors.

The majority of the black folx I see cited as being involved in this event are experienced elders. They may not be capital o Organizers, but they weren't born yesterday either.

I know that I personally owe my knowledge of organizing to them.

To be frank about it, I don't think they are bout to have their spot blown up by this yt man who (from what is described above) is doing categorically yt man things. These patterns of behavior are things they've dealt with longer than I've been alive, and while I don't believe anyone should or must be subjected to this bullshit, I trust that they can handle it and will ask for help from others (like us)if they need it.

I want us to express faith in those who show up differently than we expected & to be adaptive to their leadership.

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Gert Comfrey

Han Service-Rodriguez heard. I did check in with Tequila early on who said she had it handled regarding Trevor and I left it at that with deep trust in her. I appreciate this insight too. I really agonized over making this post, but after conversations with multiple folx including my closest POC comrades, I felt compelled to speak. I really am trying to stay in my lane, and am open to more dialogue about all of this as people have energy.

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Han Service-Rodriguez

Gert- I believe in you, friend. And I think you're doing some great lane-stayery 🙌

Trust- I was saying it as much as a reminder to me as to anyone else. I feel myself getting protective of people and this action in ways that nobody asked me to, and as I notice something in myself I can imagine it manifesting in others as well. It's a delicate balance to be an inside outsider.

I appreciate & thank you for regularly challenging and growing me. Hope to be in spaces with you again soon ❤️

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Melissa Cherry

Han Service-Rodriguez and **Gert Comfrey** this thread warms my heart. Thank you both for showing Accountability in public and how to love and protect one another in trying times 🙌🙌🙌

All love to everyone involved, but y'all showing us how it's done right here.

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Lou Wilbanks

Thank you for this information as I have heard the same. I have posted something similar to my group. A lot of people are thankfully staying away. I'm assuming you are referring to Corey Lemley. I just got a picture from Louisville where they were throwing Molotov cocktails at police last night and they are definitely in route to Nashville.

Like Reply 3w Edited



John Smith

Lou Wilbanks I was one of the organizers for the Trayvon Martin rally. This event will be safe and organized. 615.573.5536



Like · Reply · 3w



Lou Wilbanks

John Smith I hope it stays safe and peaceful! People need to be able to come together and comfort eachother!!!! ❤️🙏

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John Smith

Lou Wilbanks yes i agree...

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Write a reply...



Tequila Johnson

With all due respect you caused a great huge deal of confusion last night. I'm not sure what your issue is with Trevor but he had nothing to do with planning this rally. Black lives matter Nashville only has 2 members and didn't have capacity to participate, other groups were added in error and related. Johns smith and the brothers round table planned this event- 2 black male groups. I would appreciate if you would clear this up.

Like · Reply · 3w





Gert Comfrey

Tequila Johnson I'm glad we are chatting via messenger, and for transparency, I'm going to paste what I said to you there here: "I never discredited the work that black organizers were doing on this rally. I did want folx to know about TAC and I apologize if I distracted from the goal of the rally. I want everyone at the rally to be safe and to know what they are getting into. For me, that's a crucial part of organizing and creating powerful spaces. I understand if this means we have a fracture between us. I hope we can repair if you are ever wanting that. Again, I apologize."

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Tequila Johnson

Gert Comfrey it's okay Gert. I just want to let it go and enjoy standing in solidarity with my people. I need that more than ever now. We're all triggered, confused, pissed and hurt. I'm not sure what beef you and Trevor have, but I pray you all can resolve it. When standing up to white supremacy and hate we need everyone on one accord including our allies. It's dangerous for us to be at odds. This system will use that to drive a wedge and destroy whatever process we think we've made. I hope that whatever harm was caused to you, you can heal and move forward. I hope whatever Trevor has done can be rectified and that he never repeats it.

Like Reply · 3w



Deborah Sangetti

Trevor caused the confusion and conflict as he usually does.

Multiple activists can attest to his pattern of behavior.

Like · Reply · 3w



Tequila Johnson

Deborah Sangetti I hate that- he has not had room to do that. The brothers roundtable wouldn't allow it if he tried. But hey- I guess there are needs that I'm unaware of. I know you all wouldn't lead me astray but he's not in this doing that

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Samantha Loraine

Tequila Johnson just to shed some light, I caught Deborah on camera lying about trevor and confronted her about it and ever since she has tried to defamate him and everything he has tried to helped with in progressive communities. She is lying and we have video evidence to prove it. We will be getting a lawyer to sue her in the very near future. From one woman to another, these ladies are jealous and have no grounds to say anything about trevor.

Like Reply · 3w



Tequila Johnson

Samantha Loraine Deborah Sangetti Gert Comfrey whipipo and Bernie campaigners get it together 😊 black folks are suffering and I can't watch our shit be watered down by y'all beef. I don't care what y'all got going on- but all the black folks working their asses off don't deserve to have our work over shadowed by this woke white beef. Come on y'all- come the fuck on.

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Denzel Caldwell

Tequila Johnson Good morning,

For clarity about our membership:

We at BLM Nashville do have more than two members, but it is definitely true that we dont have the capacity to attend as an organization today.

However, we have provided clarity on the event and safety tips for those who will be attending.



Like · Reply · 3w



Tequila Johnson

Denzel Caldwell thanks brother



Like · Reply · 3w



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Camille Mayes
April Smith

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Thais Carr

I've been wondering if the AmRen gathering, scheduled for this weekend, hadn't been cancelled, would some of them come to harass protestors? I realize they are more the ones who gets someone else to do the dirty hands-on work, like they did with Charlottesville. I'm sure their website must be overflowing with extra racial hate now.

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Gert Comfrey

28 mutual friends including Craig Fitzhugh and Ramon J. Ryan

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) at Comfrey Counseling

Studied Pastoral Theology at Vanderbilt University Divinity School

Lives in Nashville, Tennessee

FEB 15 AT 3:36 PM

Hey, I'm really excited to help y'all plan a rally. You were something else. What do you th



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I don't want to hear from Gert



← **Gert**

FEB 15 AT 3 36 PM

Hey, I'm really excited to help y'all plan a rally. You were something else. What do you think?

Also, could you leave a review on Tennessee Activist Coalition. It will help us drive further action in the future.

FEB 15 AT 11.46 PM

hey trevor, i'm glad we are connected. i'd love to learn more about the tn activist coalition and see if we can dream up what a helpful de-escalation training (via neon guard) could look like to support your folx and inform what future ac ↓ s might look like for y'all. would it be

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Gert

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FEB 17 AT 6.04 AM

Hey Gert, know this, sometimes I mentally respond to messages and don't and

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←  Gert ⓘ

FEB 17 AT 6 04 AM

Hey Gert, know this, sometimes I mentally respond to messages and don't hit send 🤔

Yes we can do coffee or tea, where would you reccomend? Are mornings good for you?

FEB 17 AT 9 31 AM

all good! I'm usually slow on fb messenger for some reason. yeah, mornings are good for me. i work in north nashville but live in south, so i'm fine with meeting anywhere. would meeting up this friday morning 2/21 be an option?



That is perfect actually, I'm

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Gert



That is perfect actually. I'm in goodlettsville, so place in north Nashville will be good for me.

cool, how does sip cafe in inglewood sound? also what time works best for you? i have the whole morning free



Oh yeah that's place is great. Is 10 ok?

that works for me! see you at sip cafe at 10am on friday!



Awesome see you then!

FEB 21 AT 8:42 AM



See you at 10!

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←  **Gert** ⓘ

FEB 21 AT 9 01 AM

 **Ya!**

FEB 21 AT 11 33 AM

➔ You forwarded an image

← **Jason's Post** ⋮



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Jason Lester

Republican Justice

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Birmingham, TN
4 971

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2228 Northwood Drive
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Mark Webb IV
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Michael Bean

It was probably self defense



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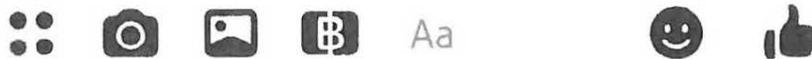
FEB 5 AT 7:41 AM

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FEB 5 AT 10:15 AM

Her doing the right thing is completely subjective. Calling a black person "African American" isn't the right thing. She has also deleted her comments. She will be banned. See you don't get to attack other people and then when the going gets tough



completely subjective. Calling a black person "African American" isn't the right thing. She has also deleted her comments. She will be banned. See you don't get to attack other people and then when the going gets tough bow out. We are grassroots people, you are put of line thinking you have any say in what you don't help with. Please take your sanctimonious attitude and go put somewhere else. P.S. use this time to call the democratic party to lambast them over the Iowa Caucus. This page will no longer be time policed.

I know how to be an ally Trevor - you however have an absolute pattern of abuse of women

You care more about yourself than growing support for Bernie in Tennessee



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Deborah

10 50 AM

Hey for the record I posted that meme on tennessee for bernie sanders with childish Gambino and the gun in it. For someone (man or woman) to comment telling us to take it down is pretty self righteous and demanding when she isn't even volunteering on the page so yes we took defense... as did another WOMAN, by the way. I saw your message saying that trevor has a "pattern of abuse towards women" and that is false. He is honest and brass tax about what he says no matter what your gender is. I dont see you getting up and arms when he puts a man in his place? I would describe myself as a



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Deborah

getting up and arms when he puts a man in his place? I would describe myself as a feminist but that doesn't mean (in our search for equality) that we pull the gender card out and bash a man's character and integrity for no fuckin reason. As a fellow woman and as Trevor's fiancée, I don't appreciate or respect you describing Trevor like that and making him out to be an evil person. Especially when I was the one who caught you and your friend talking shit on our ring cameras right in front of our door. Your commentary is unnecessary. Please take a huge helping of truth pie....not every man is out to get women. That mentality is only self-defeating.



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Deborah

Active Now



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I don't have a problem with the meme

[Faded text, likely a screenshot of a meme or message]

I like it and see nothing inappropriate with the meme

My problem is with the way the page interacts with followers it's bad form

I have had a terrible abusive experience with Trevor personally

I would never recommend anyone to go to his home or work with him especially a woman or a candidate

Here's what I sent the page



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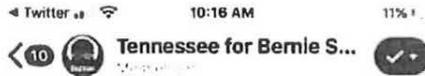
Deborah

Active 2 minutes ago



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Deborah

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This isn't about the meme. Ok and you can disagree with how WE interact with people, but claiming he has a pattern of abuse of women is not true and could destroy his integrity and reputation.

What did trevor do to you that was abusive

I have seen ALL the messages, no need to screenshot.

I was the person that responded

Little did you know I'm one of the admins on that page....so are you saying that I as a woman have a pattern of abuse towards women?



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Deborah
Active Now



Little did you know I'm one of the admins on that page....so are you saying that I as a woman have a pattern of abuse towards women?

We invited you into our home and accommodated to all of you ladies and promoted your event and you turned around and talked shit and argued with trevor about how he ran HIS podcast.

All of that we did for free and you turn around and bash Trevor's character when we were doing yall a favor.



Your response to me was



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favor.
Your response to me was
ridiculously disrespectful and
completely immature at best -
it sounded just like Trevor -
and Trevor can tell you about
it.

Just ask him

Look Your representing Bernie

I have been admin on pages
and people so piss me off



That's when you click off the
page and comment as
yourself

No I would like to know why
the FUCK you want to claim
trevor is abusive towards
women? You have the balls
to say it in the first place



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Deborah

Active Now



trevor is abusive towards women? You have the balls to say it in the first place then you should have the balls to tell me what you're talking about.

Because he was to me -

And let me tell you something - don't curse me. Clearly he surrounds himself with the same caliber of people- I also can't wait to lift this interaction up to the campaign. This is insane. Good day.



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I want to know what he did to you that was abusive. Please tell me.



I am itching to know ehy you would call my fiance such hideous things.



You yourself seem to be so brass tax and so opinionated but you cant handle it when someone is that way with you? That sounds like a double standard to me



So what did he do?





Deborah
Active Now



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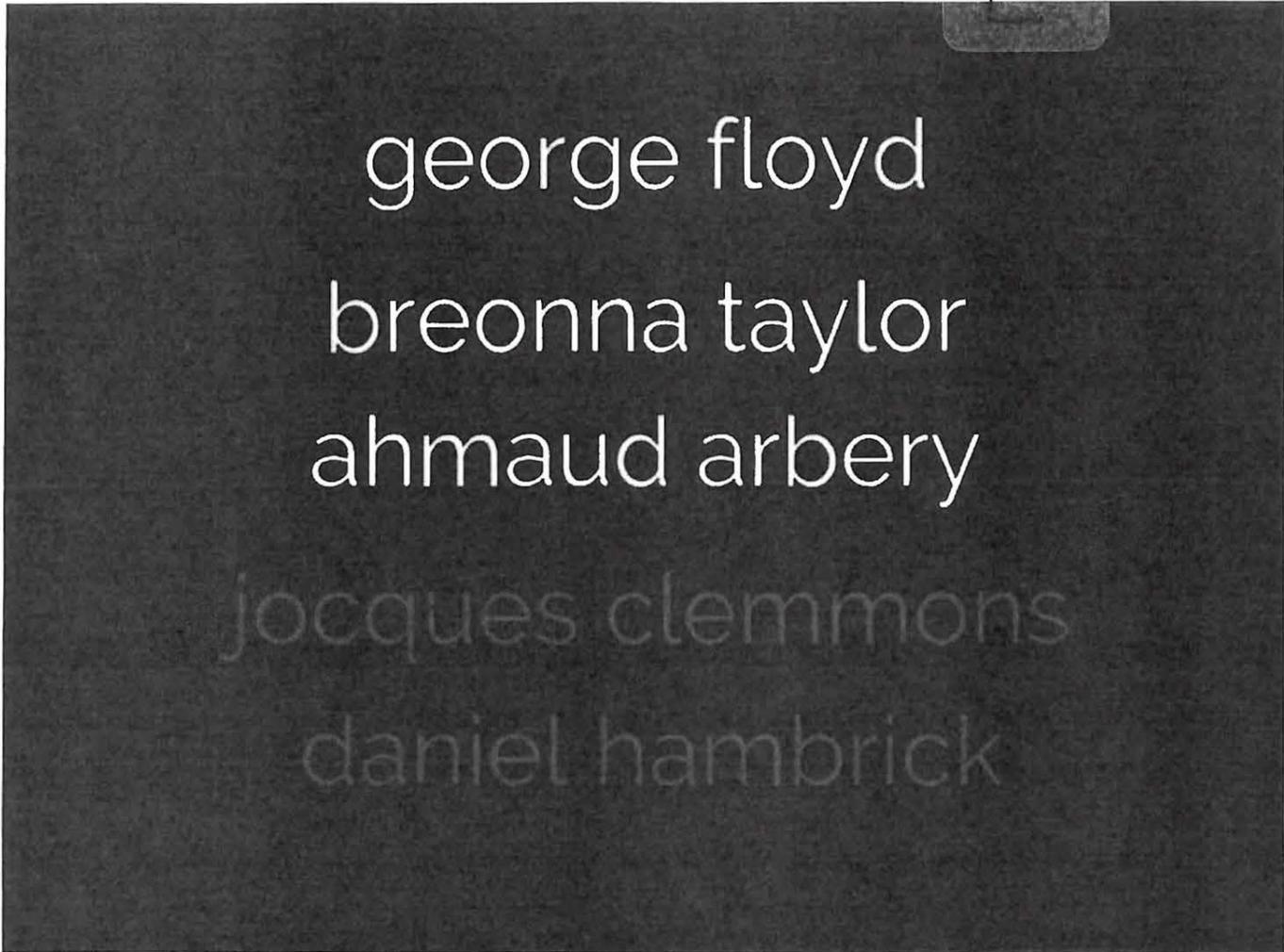
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Karl Bolton

May 30 at 11:57 AM · 🌐



Gideon's Army

May 30 at 9:48 AM · 🌐

We've received a lot of messages about today's rally. Our founder Rasheedat went live yesterday to answer some of your questions - but we are still getting many... [See More](#)

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Karl Bolton



May 29 at 6:33 PM · 🌐

Edit: It seems that some collaboration with BLM and Gideon's army has happened since yesterday. I would assume because the organizer was pressured to but I don't know. Use your best judgment and be safe today!

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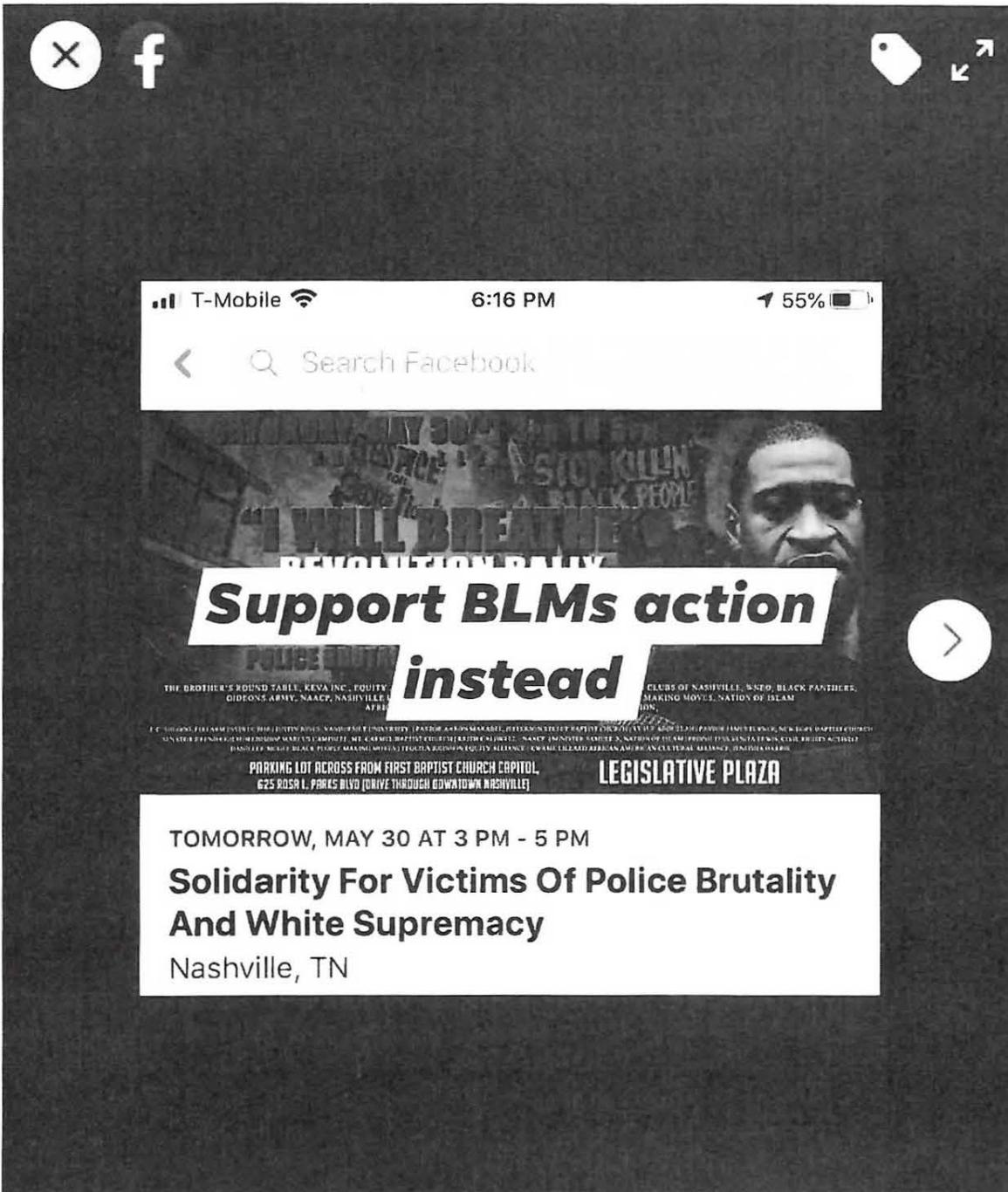
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Solidarity For Victims Of Police Brutality And White Supremacy

Nashville, TN

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So I heard that BLM is not doing an action?

Like Reply 3w



Karl Bolton

apparently. **רבקה בת שינה** thought they were but either I was wrong or BLM didn't want to be affiliated

Like Reply 3w



רבקה בת שינה

Karl Bolton ok. What is this dudes damage, as we used to say?? Why is this wye dude being a wye dude?

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Karl Bolton

I don't know. **רבקה בת שינה** He needs to be shouted the fuck down

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Karl Bolton SERIOUSLY

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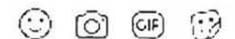


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