

SUBJECT

Anti-U.S. Govt involvement in Iraq demonstration sponsored by Peace & Justice Works and the Iraq Affinity Group

Rohs, Melissa Wade

F/W, [REDACTED], brown/blue

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Charge: Disorderly Conduct, Interfering with a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest

Non-Connect Info:

Non-Criminal Info:

Handleman, Daniel

M/W, Leader of Iraq Affinity Group

On 12/17/98 at 1600 hours, the Portland based group Peace and Justice Works and the Iraq Affinity Group held a demonstration at the U.S. Federal Building located at SW 3rd and Main. The group called for this demonstration to protest the U.S. involvement in the bombing of Iraq that occurred that day. The Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group has held numerous protests in the Portland area concerning U.S. involvement with Iraq. This group is headed by a subject named Dan Handleman who has been very active in calling for, arranging, and sponsoring these demonstrations.

[REDACTED] attended this demonstration in an undercover capacity. Myself, Officer Famous, Officer Thompson, and Sergeant Sharp acted as cover for [REDACTED]. We monitored this group and their actions until approximately 1900. The group became increasingly militant in their dealings with the police officers who were there to keep order. The group began by moving into the street and attempting to block traffic. The above listed McKenney and Jorgensen actively participated in encouraging people to block the street. This activity continued for approximately 2 hours when the group decided to move and march up the street into the center of downtown Portland.

The group continued to march and attempt to get around the police line so they could again block traffic as they marched on 3rd toward SW Salmon Street. After approximately 45 minutes of this activity, the crowd continued to move in the direction of Pioneer Place shopping center. The group reached Pioneer Place shopping center, then entered and marched around the second floor of Pioneer Place for approximately 10 minutes. The group shouted, waved their signs, and caused a disturbance. The group then moved toward the Morrison Bridge. [REDACTED] was able to relay information to us that the group planned to block the Morrison Bridge traffic. As the group reached the Morrison Bridge, the above listed Jorgensen actively encouraged persons to get out into the traffic lane and block traffic. As one of the persons in the crowd he came to me and indicated that he wanted everyone to either walk out into traffic or sit down and block the traffic. A small group of demonstrators began to block the vehicular traffic going eastbound over the Morrison Bridge and were promptly moved aside by the Mounted Patrol Unit.

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After milling around for several minutes, the group decided to march again, this time toward Pioneer Square. The group reached Pioneer Square, marched around Pioneer Square, and then attempted to get into the Nordstrom store located at Broadway and Yamhill. Again [redacted] was able to relay the information to us. The police officers on the scene were able to prevent access to the Nordstrom store to the group. The group then went to the area of SW 6<sup>th</sup> and Yamhill Streets and was unable to make up their collective mind as to what their next action was going to be. The group then decided that they were going to block traffic again on SW 6<sup>th</sup> and Yamhill, and an order to disperse was issued by Lt. Hendricks of Central Precinct. The group refused to disperse and Central Precinct began to make arrests.

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At that time myself, [redacted], Sergeant Sharp, Officer Famous, and Officer Thompson left the scene and returned to our office. Approximately one to two hours later the group still had not dispersed and Central Precinct then decided to make additional arrests and the above persons were either arrested on the first wave of arrests or the second.

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