

YET ANOTHER WARNING FROM MICHIGAN: FBI BUSTED PLOT TO KIDNAP “THAT WOMAN”

As you've probably heard by now, the FBI foiled a plot to kidnap Michigan's Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. The conspirators intended to move her across state lines to Wisconsin where she would be tried by a kangaroo court for “treason.”

Timing of the plot and events which may have *inspired* this idiocy:

10-MAR-2020 – Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-4, declaring a state of emergency in Michigan to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

13-MAR-2020 – Gov. Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-5 canceling all events and assemblies over 250 people, ending on Sunday, April 5 at 5 p.m. Michigan's public schools and churches were closed with this order.

16-MAR-2020 – Gov. Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-9, closing places of public accommodation including restaurants, bars, gymnasiums, theaters through March 30.

20-MAR-2020 – Militia group in Michigan brought to attention of FBI when group sought addresses of local law enforcement. A Confidential Human Sources (CHS) was identified during FBI interview with a concerned militia member.

23-MAR-2020 – Gov. Whitmer issued “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Executive Order 2020-21, directing all Michigan businesses and operations to temporarily suspend in-person operations that are not necessary to sustain or protect life, effective immediately.

27-MAR-2020 – During a press conference discussing Pence’s work as head of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, Trump tells VP Pence, “Don’t call the woman in Michigan.”

01-APR-2020 – Gov. Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-33 expanding Executive Order 2020-4, declaring both a state of emergency and a state of disaster across the state of Michigan.

07-APR-2020 – Michigan legislature adopted a concurrent resolution to extend the states of emergency and disaster declared under the Emergency Management Act until April 30, 2020.

09-APR-2020 – First extension of Stay-Home order until May 1 due to rising COVID cases.

15-APR-2020 – Drive-in “Operation Gridlock” Protest in capital city Lansing, violating Stay-Home order; organizer received financial assistance from DeVos family.

17-APR-2020 – Trump tweeted, “LIBERATE MICHIGAN!”

24-APR-2020 – Second extension of Stay-Home order until May 15 due to increased COVID cases. Some restrictions were lifted on outdoor businesses. Masks ordered for all residents in public spaces.

30-APR-2020 – Armed protest in state capitol building

06-MAY-2020 – GOP-majority state house and state senate file suit against Gov. Whitmer (*Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate v. Whitmer*)

08-MAY-2020 – Third extension of Stay-Home order until May 28. Some restrictions lifted on manufacturing as of 11-MAY-2020 as part of a phased re-opening.

21-MAY-2020 – Michigan Court of Claims

ruled in favor of Gov. Whitmer in *Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate v. Whitmer*; the state of emergency would continue without legislative approval.

22-MAY-2020 – Fourth extension of Stay-Home order until June 12. State of emergency also extended to June 19. Two northern Michigan regions were able to reopen, allowing restaurants and bars to operate at 50% capacity. Groups of 10 were permitted across the state.

01-JUN-2020 – Stay-Home order lifted with restrictions, ex. groups of 100 outdoors, outdoor fitness classes, etc.

06-JUN-2020 – Meeting of ~15 co-conspirators in Dublin, Ohio.

08-JUN-2020 – Restaurants allowed to reopen and operate across the state at 50% capacity with other mandatory changes like masks and social distancing.

08-JUN-2020 – On reopening, Harper's brewpub restaurant in East Lansing, Michigan, violated several of the remaining emergency restrictions. Over the next month at least 185 cases of COVID will have been traced back to this facility's reopening.

14-JUN-2020 – A key co-conspirator and a militia group member meet at a militia field training exercise.

15-JUN-2020 – Stay-Home order ends. Some restrictions remain on events and assemblies as well as public accommodation facilities.

18-JUN-2020 – Gov. Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-127, again finding that the COVID-19 pandemic constitutes a disaster and emergency throughout the State of Michigan.

18-JUN-2020 – Co-conspirators met with militia group leadership at the Second

Amendment rally at the state capitol in Lansing, Michigan.

20-JUN-2020 – Several co-conspirators met at a co-conspirator's business in Grand Rapids for planning.

25-JUN-2020 – Key co-conspirator streams a rant about Gov. Whitmer to a private Facebook group.

28-JUN-2020 – Several co-conspirators met in Munith, Michigan for a tactical training exercise.

04-06-JUL-2020 – Holiday weekend partying results in uptick of COVID cases.

10-12-JUL-2020 – Co-conspirators attended a field training exercise in Cambria, Wisconsin which included attempting to make IEDs with balloons, BBs, and black powder.

13-JUL-2020 – Gov. Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-147, mandating the wearing of masks to contain spread of COVID-19.

18-JUL-2020 – Co-conspirators met in Ohio, discussed attacking Michigan State Police and shooting up Gov. Whitmer's vacation home in western lower Michigan.

27-JUL-2020 – Co-conspirators discussed plan to kidnap Gov. Whitmer at vacation home, transport her to Wisconsin, and prosecute her.

09-AUG-2020 – Co-conspirators discussed obtaining intelligence about Gov. Whitmer's Lansing home as well as attacking her at that site.

18-AUG-2020 – Co-conspirators discussed surveillance of Gov. Whitmer's vacation home and getaway plans.

23-AUG-2020 – Co-conspirators discussed surveillance while meeting in Lake Orion, Michigan.

29-AUG-2020 – Co-conspirator and CH-2

surveil Gov. Whitmer's vacation home.

30-AUG-2020 – Co-conspirators discuss findings of surveillance.

12-13-SEP-2020 – Co-conspirators meet in Luther, Michigan for field training exercise and practice making and using IEDs as well as tighten planning and coordination.

14-SEP-2020 – Co-conspirators discuss executing plan in late October, well before Election Day.

30-SEP-2020 – Co-conspirators discuss acquiring taser for plan.

02-OCT-2020 – Key co-conspirator confirms acquisition of taser.

06-OCT-2020 – In a 4-3 ruling along partisan lines, Michigan Supreme Court determined Gov. Whitmer did not have the authority to issue COVID-related executive orders after April 30, 2020.

07-OCT-2020 – Co-conspirators planned to meet to make payments on equipment.

07-OCT-2020 – Co-conspirator Garbin's house was raided.

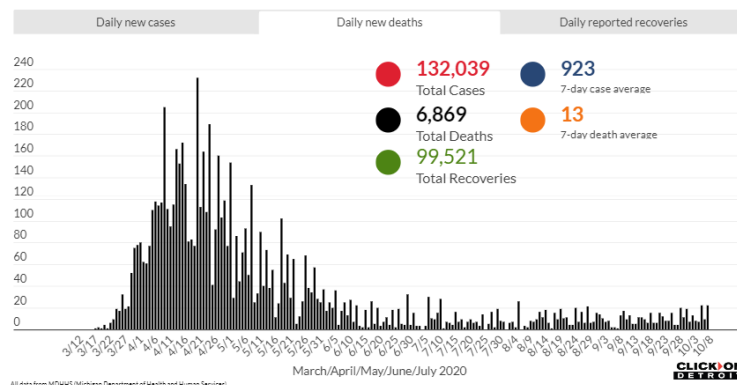
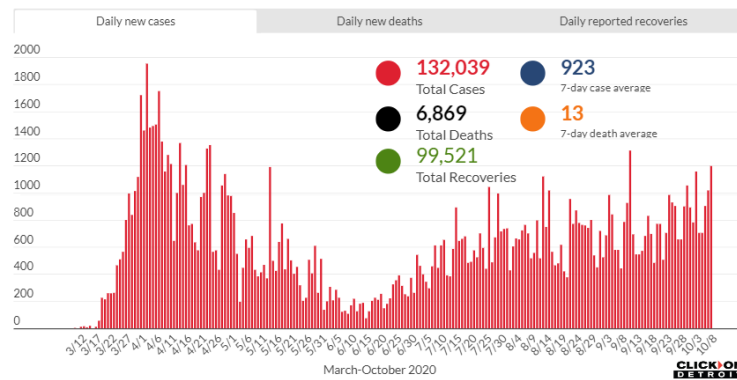
09-OCT-2020 – Arrest of 'Wolverine Watchmen' conspirators announced, complaint published.

I use word *inspired* loosely, because there doesn't seem to be a direct link between the most aggressive emergency action and the inception and progress of this seditious terror plot. The emergency Stay-Home order was lifted the week the conspirators began planning; what restrictions remained clearly did not stop these men from traveling, meeting, organizing, and planning.

They also didn't have a legitimate beef about the effectiveness of the governor's actions, any more so than the polarized and irrational MIGOP-controlled state legislature. Eleventh largest

by population, Michigan was hit hard early in the pandemic, now ranking 10th in overall COVID-19 deaths. But since Whitmer declared the state of emergency and enacted the Stay-Home order along with a phased reopening process, the state's daily death toll has plummeted and its cases per million is now 40th in the country.

Michigan COVID-19 data



You'll recall from posts I wrote about the protests opposing Whitmer's orders back in April that the protests cause spikes in active confirmed cases beginning 5-10 days after the protests. They're visible here in these charts.

The plot wasn't about Whitmer's handling of COVID-19.

One only needs to look and listen to the language the conspirators used about Gov. Whitmer to know that this was about hate for a woman with the authority to give orders with regard to a deadly pandemic.

Tyranny to this baker's dozen of white men was about a democratically-elected woman in a position of legitimate authority telling them

what to do.

Trump set the tone for this by refusing to help Whitmer when she asked for federal assistance, by refusing to allow Pence as COVID-19 Task Force chair to listen to Whitmer, and by tweeting, "LIBERATE MICHIGAN" after the first protest against Whitmer's orders.

His tweets yesterday attacking Whitmer again even after the arrests of kidnapping conspirators only reinforce the real intent of Trump and seditious domestic terrorists alike.

What will Trump's tweets spawn next as we head into a second wave of COVID-19, this time with Michigan's governor disempowered by Republicans on the state supreme court?