

NYPD SENDS VIOLENT UNDERCOVER OFFICER TO SPY ON OCCUPY AS IT HELPS SANDY VICTIMS

On Twitter yesterday, various Occupy Wall Street participants started buzzing as Wojciech Braszczok appeared in court for his role in assaulting Alexian Lien. They realized Braszczok had infiltrated Occupy Wall Street over the course of several years.

Gothamist has all the details of Braszczok's undercover presence at Occupy, including the possibility that he worked events outside of NYC, which would be sure to piss off those other jurisdictions.

But I'm particularly appalled that he continued to track the group during Occupy Sandy.

Braszczok's surveillance apparently extended beyond political demonstrations to the hurricane recovery work of Occupy Sandy. In November, the detective tweeted about an Occupy Sandy meeting in the Financial District. Participants remember him as a regular presence at Occupy Sandy's operations as well.

"He was at 520 Clinton and Sunset Park," an occupier named Casper recalls, referring to Occupy Sandy's two main distribution hubs. "I saw him there a lot."

Rather than helping Sandy victims, the NYPD was surveilling those who were.

But don't worry. NYPD hasn't gone overboard or anything.