

## SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) Funeral for LaVoy Finicum

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### (U) Incident Synopsis

(U//FOUO) Recent events surrounding the occupation of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge in Harney County Oregon, have culminated in the fatal confrontation of Northern Arizona rancher, LaVoy Finicum. His funeral services will be held on 05 FEB 2016, in Kanab, UT. Finicum will be buried on 06 FEB 2016, close to his Arizona ranch in Cane Beds, AZ.

(U//FOUO) While no credible threats to law enforcement are present at this time, armed extremists are expected to travel through UT; some of which may see this event as a tipping point, and potentially shift toward more violent action.

(U//FOUO) A number of individuals, several of whom were present at the Burns, OR occupation, are planning caravans from UT and NV to travel to the funeral in show of support.



(U) LaVoy Finicum

### (U) Background Information

(U) On 26 JAN 2016, the FBI and Oregon State Police initiated a probable cause arrest of individuals associated with an illegal armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Harney County, Oregon.

(U) The FBI and Oregon State Police initially arrested five individuals on 26 JAN during a traffic stop north of Burns. All individuals arrested face felony charges of conspiracy to impede officers of the United States from discharging their official duties through, force, intimidation, or threats.

This report addresses DHS HSEC codes: 8.2.1, 8.2.2

This report addresses SIAC Standing Information Requirements: UTSIAC-08-01

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**(U) Threat Analysis**

(U//FOUO) Currently, the SIAC assesses no credible threat to law enforcement or to public safety.

(U//FOUO) The Finicum family has requested a quiet, private service, however, extremists may utilize such a high profile funeral for media attention or to further ideological beliefs. In conjunction with the funeral, several social events have been planned in Kanab, UT over the weekend which could provide an environment for extremist activity.

(U//FOUO) With the amount of support on social media which some domestic extremists involved in the funeral have received, law enforcement should remain cognizant of the likelihood of the presence of domestic extremists travelling within their AOR. This may include both militia extremists and sovereign citizen extremists.

(U//FOUO) Caravans of individuals traveling to the funeral services may be comprised of one or more armed extremists. Law enforcement should remain vigilant and aware that confrontation with these potentially volatile persons, may include more than one individual. These individuals may adhere to a sovereign citizen ideology, and may not recognize law enforcement as a legitimate authority.

**(U//FOUO) Below are some visual indicators of these potential extremist and disaffected individuals: though some or parts of these symbols are representative of patriotic and American revolutionary themes; they are often associated with extremism:**



*(U) Gadsden flag, commonly displayed by sovereign citizen extremists*



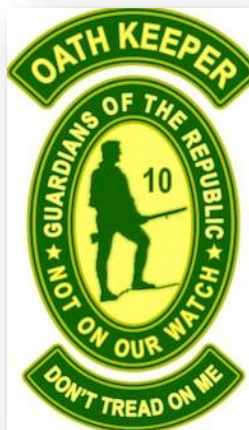
*(U) III% symbol, synonymous with militia members present at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge occupation*



*(U) Idaho III%, active participants at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge Occupation*



*(U) III% Badge being displayed via social media, honoring Finicum*



*(U) Oathkeeper Militia symbol, commonly associated with extremists*



*(U) Images commonly associated with ME and SCE*



(U) Common sovereign citizen imagery



(U) False vehicle identification card often associated with sovereign citizen extremists



(U) Self-produced license plates often used by sovereign citizen extremists

### (U) Current Actions

(U//FOUO) The Utah SIAC is currently monitoring activities surrounding these events to assess any potential threat toward LE or to the public safety of those in attendance. The SIAC is also in contact with fusion centers in surrounding states to facilitate information sharing regarding the upcoming events.

### (U) Contact Information

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