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Cops in Atlanta Arrest Rioters With Explosives; “Journalist”: Violence Against Property Isn’t Really Violence

Cops in Atlanta arrested six terror suspects on Saturday during a riot to protest the shooting on January 18 of a “non-binary” envirokook who was protesting a new police training center.

The rioting terrorists set fire to a police car and tossed rocks at Atlanta police headquarters.

But that’s not real violence, said a leftist “freelance journalist” who writes for *The New York Times* and the long-discredited *Rolling Stone* magazine.

A riot only entails “violence” if the rioters attack people, David Peisner told CNN. Peisner can only be one of two things: An activist disguised as a “journalist” who sympathizes with the communist goons, or an idiot.

His Twitter feed suggests the former.



AP Images
Police vehicle burned by rioters in Atlanta

Footage from tonight in [#Atlanta](#) when [#antifa](#) smashed out the windows of a police car and threw explosives in it.

Note how they use the "vigil" banner to block view and aggressively tell the person to stop filming pic.twitter.com/gH7IbuH8nC

— AntifaWatch (@AntifaWatch2) [January 22, 2023](#)

The Arrests

At this writing, that feed says nothing about the anti-cop demonstration that quickly went out of control. “Photos showed that the activists allegedly lit an Atlanta police vehicle on fire in addition to targeting the Atlanta Police Foundation building with rocks and fireworks,” [Fox News reported](#) of the rampaging terrorists:

Caution tape was also wrapped around several buildings, including a Wells Fargo location that suffered several broken windows, photos at the scene showed.

The city’s mayor, Andre Dickens, [said police](#) caught the rioting terror suspects with explosives.



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Arrested were the following estimable citizens, none of whom are from Atlanta. [All are charged](#) with four misdemeanors and four felonies, including first-degree arson and domestic terrorism:

- Nadja Geier, 24, Nashville, Tennessee;
- Madeleine Feola, 22, Spokane, Washington;
- Ivan Ferguson, 23, Nevada;
- Graham Evatt, 20, Decatur, Georgia;
- Emily Murphy, 37, Grosse Isle, Michigan, and
- Francis Carroll, 22, Kennebunkport, Maine



Police mug shots suggest that the motley crew of suspects thinks attacking police is an amusing endeavor.

Last month, Carroll was involved in a similar attack, the [Georgia Bureau of Investigation \(GBI\) reported](#).

“Several people threw rocks at police cars and attacked EMT’s outside the neighboring fire stations with rocks and bottles,” GBI said of the attack. “Task force members used various tactics to arrest individuals who were occupying makeshift treehouses.”

Carroll was charged with six crimes in that case, including domestic terrorism and aggravated assault. [Fox News asked](#) Democratic politicians who want to “defund the police” to comment, but received no answer. Among those contacted were leftist Brain Trusters Cori Bush (Mo.), Ilhan Omar (Minn.), Rashida Tlaib (Mich.), Ayanna Pressley (Mass.), and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (N.Y.). Mum was the word.

We're going to defund the police and refund our social services.



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Don't like this idea? Well, we don't like dead Black & Brown bodies & broken families at the hands of those sworn to protect us.

The police have failed at fixing themselves—so we're going to do it.

— Cori Bush (@CoriBush) [October 19, 2020](#)

The “Journalist”

All that anti-cop violence offered leftist CNN the chance to bring on Peisner, who riffed off the network's famous [“mostly peaceful protests” chyron](#) below footage of a burning Kenosha, Wisconsin, after the [Blake Hoax riots](#) that led to the trial of Kyle Rittenhouse, [who shot and killed](#) two dangerous criminals and wounded a third in self-defense.

EMBED: Chyron photo



“There's a real blurring of the lines in the use of the word ‘violence,’” [Peisner said](#):

Is property destruction violence? To some people it certainly is, but this idea that breaking windows or other acts of property destruction are the same as actual violence against humans, it's kind of a dangerous and slippery concept....

You keep using these words “violent, violent, violent, violent.” ... The only acts of violence against people that I saw were actually police tackling protesters.”

CNN's guest suggests we shouldn't use the word “violent” to describe the Antifa riots in Atlanta tonight.



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Antifa is currently destroying buildings and setting police cars on fire.

pic.twitter.com/2PeCOFqXEK

— Libs of TikTok (@libsoftiktok) [January 22, 2023](#)

Social media users quickly uncovered Peisner's sympathies. He retweeted a GoFundMe appeal to raise money for communist tree-hugger Manuel Esteban Paez Teran, whom cops shot to death after he shot and wounded a state trooper.

David Peisner Retweeted

Defend the Atlanta Forest @defendATLforest · Jan 21

...

Please donate to the family of Tortugita, murdered by GSP for defending the Weelaunee Forest and fighting to [#StopCopCity](#)



gofundme.com

For Family of Manuel "Tortugita" Páez Terán, organized by Daniel Paez

This is the official Fundraiser for Manuel (Manny) "Tortugita" Terán (they ... Daniel Paez needs your support for For Family of Manuel ...

Along with his "Defend the Atlanta Forest" comrades, Teran was trying to stop the construction of a new police training center on 85 acres of forested land.

"The shootings happened as the police worked to clear protesters out of the woods, according to law enforcement officials and activists who oppose the center. At least four people were also detained in the sweep," [The New York Times explained](#):

The plans ... include an area for police trainees to learn vehicle skills and even a mock village, with space for facsimiles of a nightclub, a convenience store and homes to practice different tactics in an array of settings.

But the proposal has been assailed from the outset by critics of the Atlanta Police Department who have described the \$90 million development — derisively nicknamed "Cop City" — as a dangerous investment in militarizing law enforcement. Activists have moved into the forest, and their efforts to block construction have escalated in recent months into violent confrontations with law enforcement officers.



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