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How a post office worker became FBI's inside man into terrorism plot against Gov. Whitmer,

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Summary:

Men involved in a kidnapping and/or murder plot against Governor Gretchen Whitmer were arrested and faced court on Tuesday. The group named the Wolverine Watchmen who had been labeled as an anti-government militia used social media to recruit supporters of their cause. The FBI had caught wind of this group in early 2020 and had been watching them since. A veteran, now post-office worker, was approached on social media by the Wolverine Watchmen and quickly told the authorities. This man was asked to risk his life to infiltrate the organization. The man agreed, and started wearing wires and other listening devices when going to the group's camp entrenchment. The camp was set with trap for police incase it was ever raided. The veteran postal worker successfully brought the militia group down by securing enough evidence of kidnapping and killing plans aimed at the Governor to take the men to court. One of the men who was considered a leader of the of the Wolverine Watchmen plead guilty, and has agreed to testify against the other Watchmen information.

Analysis:

This story was impactful for me as terrorist acts seem to be at an incline domestically. I think this is partly to blame on the recent government war that has been going on as the political climate has been at an all time high. It is especially scary to know that there are groups such as the Wolverine Watchmen that are targeting higher up officials. Assassinations and kidnappings will only lead to a fearful country of people who are scared to stand up against injustice. The FBI did a great job when it comes to infiltrating the group as they got lucky to get an ex-military man to take on these evil people. This article relates to class as the Wolverine Watchmen were recruiting for their cause through social media, which we just mentioned in class today. Seeing that

terrorists are using social media calls for new techniques used by the FBI to deal with possible domestic attacks.

Work Cited

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