

NOTICE OF CLAIM
Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher
Law Enforcement Center
425 Grove Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

You may be contacted by telephone to discuss your claim. You may be asked to provide additional information or documents depending on your claim. Please attach copies of applicable documents to this form, for example, drawings or maps of where the incident occurred, medical bills, photographs, repair bills and receipts. Originals will not be returned.

1) Basic claimant information:

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____
Number Street Name Apartment/Lot #

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Date of Incident _____ Time _____ AM / PM (circle one)

2) Describe the events that form the basis of your claim:

I am a member of the Women Against Military Madness (WAMM) [and/or the Anti-War Committee, the "Colombia Action Network" and/or affiliated with "Troops Out Now" or "Protest RNC 2008"]. WAMM is a nonviolent feminist grassroots group based in Minneapolis, Minnesota that is also a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. In the lead-up to the RNC, I helped plan, organize and participate in various WAMM-endorsed or sponsored events including the "March on the RNC on Sept. 1, 2008.

In the year-long investigation and police planning that preceded the RNC and the police enforcement during the RNC, Sept 1-4, 2008, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office, along with other state, local and federal law enforcement agencies and private corporations and associations of private companies, including the "Department of Homeland Security's (now defunct) Highway Watch" and presumably the FBI's "InfraGard" corporate partnerships did produce faulty and defamatory "intelligence analysis" that linked my organization WAMM to "terror networks". The Ramsey County Sheriff opened an investigation approximately one year before the RNC utilizing undercover officers and other spying techniques and also relying on FBI provocateurs who attempted to entrap members of other peace and social justice groups. Police officials have also testified that hundreds of hours were spent scanning the public websites and public statements of the protest community. The false and misleading assertions that were subsequently produced from the Ramsey County, FBI, Homeland Security, St Paul Police Department and other police investigations, were thereafter disseminated to private individuals and corporations; to professional, corporate associations and to other law enforcement agencies in order to defame and hurt WAMM and to violate the privacy rights and hurt the reputation of WAMM members.

3) Where did the incident occur?

The improper spying and collection of data on WAMM, including producing a “Social Network (link) Analysis” and “Power Centrality Rankings” connecting it, in a defamatory way, to “terror networks” occurred in St. Paul but also over the internet. The dissemination of the derogatory claims appears to have been carried out on a nationwide basis.

4) Why do you feel that the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office or its employees are responsible?

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5) Were you injured? Y / N (circle one) If yes, what kind of injuries did you sustain?

Yes, although the full extent is not yet known about what lost business, work opportunities and charitable gift giving was lost, it's clear that my reputation and the reputation of my organization was damaged. I have personally experienced pain and anguish as a result of this intimidation upon the exercise of my First Amendment rights and as a result of this disparagement.

6) Have you received treatment (mental or physical)? Y / N (circle one) If no, do you plan to seek treatment in the future? Y / N (circle one) If you have sought, or plan to seek, treatment, please describe that treatment:

I have not yet sought any treatment by mental health professionals but I'm considering doing so in order to cope with the defamation and loss of privacy and lack of trust in governmental and law enforcement officials.

7) Did you miss work as a result of the incident? Y / N (circle one) If yes, how many hours?_____

8) Please indicate the \$ amount you are seeking in compensation, and/or what you would like the County to do to resolve this claim:

I am seeking \$100.00 in compensation which, if received, I will donate to WAMM or to one of the other organizations whose reputations were damaged; an apology from the Ramsey County Sheriff; and a change in their investigative, intelligence and dissemination policies to ensure greater accuracy. The reforms should prevent these kinds of wrongful profiling; data-mining; and link analysis tactics from reoccurring in the future to have the effect of disparaging various peace and social justice groups like WAMM and chilling exercise of First Amendment rights.

By signing this form, you are stating that all the information you have provided here is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. UNSIGNED FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. Submitting a claim containing intentionally false information could lead to criminal prosecution.

Print the Name of the Person Making the Claim: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Are you attaching additional sheets to this form? Y / N (circle one) How many?

Attached is a copy of the "Homeland Security Highway Watch Information Sharing and Analysis Center" document entitled "Plans to Target Transportation Infrastructure Surrounding Republican National Convention 27 March 2008" with pertinent portions highlighted that pertain to WAMM.