

## Local LE and State Fusion Centers.

“Bob Smith” has been friending local activists in Nashville, and being in possession of intel on how Memphis PD has operated in conjunction with State Fusion Centers, we put some of this intel together with reports from Chattanooga of social media spying on activists, and we believe we have a pattern. Bob Smith is a fake FB account operated by MPD Organized Crime Unit Sgt. Tim Reynolds.

### Background.

See MemphisTruth.org <https://memphistruth.org/2018/12/28/pd-political-surveillance-in-other-tennessee-cities-tip-of-the-iceberg/>

Additional Background: The Jackson Press interviewed us at <http://thejacksonpress.org/?p=91624> and the piece covers the same area with additional details which might help non-Memphians understand our “canary in the coalmine” situation.

Who Will Watch the Watchers. Gary Moore’s blog has additional information, see <https://whowillwatchthewatchersfilm.blogspot.com/2018/12/the-year-in-pictures-you-pick-em.html> which is a review of the year summarizing many of the same events. We collaborate.



### Freedom of Information Requests / Open Records Requests

Much of our information was based on two Open Records Requests from Tennessee Dept of Homeland Security. They respond quickly, usually within a week, to ORRs.

To submit an ORR to State LE, send the request by email to **Tenn. Dept of Safety and Homeland Security Open Records Compliance Officer**. Copy to emails: [Kyle.Turner@TN.gov](mailto:Kyle.Turner@TN.gov) and [Lizabeth.Hale@TN.gov](mailto:Lizabeth.Hale@TN.gov) We found that our local PD are slow and obstructive with ORRs but have had some success there also. The trick is to submit ORRs based on actions you know about. We can help with selecting events and creating the ORR requests. Our ORRs were based on events we knew attracted police surveillance and another event where activists inserted fake intel to which state LE reacted.

### Legal Background.

Based largely on the work described above, and an existing 1978 consent decree obtained by ACLU, we took the City and MPD to Federal court and obtained a ground-breaking judgment described in the above texts. This was written specifically to provide a precedent for other jurisdictions. We feel that this is a promising legal avenue for addressing this type of police malpractice.

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We can help get Nashville through the same intel analysis steps we found by accident.