Boston Police Department

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On January 8, 2009 at about 8:45 am, about 35 activists from local pro-Palestinian groups held a demonstration at the Israeli Consulate (20 Park Plaza) on Area A-1. Four activists (Keaney, Fuller, Hess, and Barney) were arrested (refer to CC# 09001290) after they staged a "die-in" in the lobby of 20 Park Plaza and then refused to leave the building. After being placed under arrest, the four activists were transported to Area A-1 for booking. After being booked, the four activists were interviewed separately at Area A-1 by Detective Creed (V804), Detective Kelley (V801), and Trooper Favale (V880) of the BRIC. The purpose of the interviews was to attempt to create a dialogue with these activists in the hopes that these activists may reach out to officers in the future regarding any future actions relating to the current situation in Gaza.

The first to be interviewed, Susan Barney was uncooperative with detectives. After being told to sit in a chair in the interview room, Barney turned the chair away from the detectives and refused to speak. Barney only gave a positive nod to one of the officers questions regarding a demonstration this Saturday (January 10th) related to the current situation in Gaza. Officers initially believed that this action would take place at the Park St. MBTA, but after further research it was learned that this demonstration will take place in Copley Sq. @ 12:00 pm on Saturday.

The next activist to be interviewed was Fuller. Fuller appeared to be very passionate about her cause and repeatedly began to cry during the interview. Fuller kept mentioning that she was concerned about a Palestinian exchange student who once lived with her and was now living in Gaza. Regarding future actions, Fuller only stated that she only knew about "permitted demonstrations" (ones where permits were pulled from the city). She stated that she did hear that there would be a demonstration in Boston this Saturday, but believed that the numbers would not be as big as last week because of the planned national demonstration that is taking place in Washington DC this weekend (Buses to the DC demonstration are scheduled to leave from the Boston area on Friday night).

After initially stating that she went to the consulate today "out of conscious with out any prior planning", Fuller later admitted that she had been present at a planning meeting that took place at the "Palestinian House" (41 Quin Ave in Allston) on Tuesday, January 6, 2009. The purpose of the meeting on Tuesday was to plan future actions relating to the current Gaza situation. Fuller further stated that she is / has been affiliated with the Stop The Wars Coalition (STWC).

The next to be interviewed was Patrick Keaney. Keaney has been arrested several times (Keaney was arrested with Barney on 3/19/08 at 141 Tremont St as part of a STWC anti-war demonstration) at past demonstrations and
has been observed at all of the recent pro-Palestine / anti-Israel demonstrations. Keaney did not provide officers with any intelligence regarding future demonstrations other than that he believed the demonstrations would increase in size and intensity if the current conflict in Gaza worsens or if Israel attacked Lebanon (Hezbollah).

Out of the four activists interviewed, Keaney appeared to be the most receptive about talking to officers in the future. Keaney concluded the interview by stating that he has participated in demonstrations across the country and the Boston Police were probably the fairest law enforcement agency that he has dealt with. Locally in the past, Keaney has been affiliated with the STWC, Keane has also been observed at several of past demonstrations.

The last to be interviewed was Hess. Although Hess spoke with officers and seemed receptive to their message, he did not provide the officers with any additional information. Hess merely reiterated what Keaney stated about the demonstrations increasing in intensity if the conflict worsened.

Links:

Subjects:

Patrick Keaney
Susan Barney
Richard Hess
Ridgely Fuller

Groups:

Stop The Wars Coalition

Addresses:

Meeting Location: Jan 12 2009 - 41 Quint Avenue   Allston MA

Intel/incident location: Jan 12 2009 - 20 Park Plaza   Boston MA