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Cheryl: this took me 15 minutes or so to find. I will give you a ring about my highlights in this draft. Thanks.

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. I have put together the below that I need reviewed for accuracy. I have several media inquiry responses pending and would like to get this out ASAP. I'll make sure that all partners are aware of what will be disseminated. Thank you again!

### **Five Arrested for Domestic Terrorism Charges at Site of Future Atlanta Police Department's Training Facility**

Five people have been arrested and charged with domestic terrorism and other charges after a joint operation at the site of the future Atlanta Police Department's (APD) training facility. The GBI is part of a joint task force formed to combat ongoing criminal activity at the APD site. Yesterday, December 13, 2022, our agents assisted APD and other local, state, and task force members in an operation to remove barricades blocking some of the entrances to the training center.

Prior to yesterday's operation, APD and other agencies had made several arrests over the past few months for the ongoing criminal activity at the site location. Some of those crimes include damaging and destroying construction equipment, setting vehicles on fire, vandalism on property, and throwing Molotov cocktails towards officers. Many of the people at the training site continue to occupy tree houses.

Yesterday, several people threw rocks at police cars and attacked EMT's outside the neighboring fire stations with rocks and bottles

The following people have been arrested and taken to the DeKalb County Jail: **where are these people from...would like to include that or at least make reference to them not being Georgians**

Francis Carroll, age 22  
Criminal Trespass, Domestic Terrorism, Agg Assault, Felony Obstruction, Interference with

Government Property, Possession of Tools for the Commission of the Crime

Nicholas Olsen, age 25

Domestic Terrorism, Agg Assault, Interference with Government Property, Obstruction

Serena Hertel, age 25

Criminal Trespass, Domestic Terrorism, Agg Assault, Obstruction, Inciting a Riot

Leonard Vioselle, age 20

Criminal Trespass, Domestic Terrorism, Possession for Tools of the Crime

John Doe (working to identify)

Criminal Trespass, Obstruction, Domestic Terrorism

After police cleared the tree houses, they found explosive devices, gasoline, and road flairs.

This joint task force formed to eliminate the future Atlanta Police Department's Training facility of criminal activity consists of the GBI, Atlanta Police Department, FBI, the Georgia Attorney General's Office, the DeKalb County Police Department, and the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office. **Who else?**

This joint investigation is active and ongoing. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact local law enforcement or the GBI at 1-800-597-TIPS. Anonymous tips can also be submitted online at <https://gbi.georgia.gov/submit-tips-online>, or by downloading the See Something, Send Something mobile app.

Once the investigation is complete, the case file will be given to **(DA's Office)** for prosecution.

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