

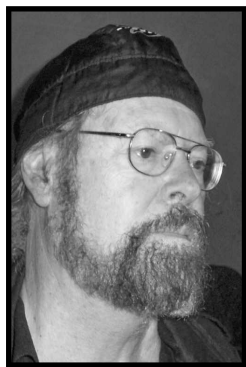
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## The White House for Bernie- and Trump on a gurney!

## Updated court appearances set for The Base Members

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Yes, I was a Sanders guy--but we've all got to unite behind President Biden now. The pathologically narcissistic and buffoonish EX-president who insisted that Covid-19 was a hoax still persists in claiming falsely that the 2020

election was stolen from him. Among his many other crimes, Trump is responsible for 400,000 American deaths and indirectly responsible for 200,000 more:

Don't be a dummy who hesitated:  
Hasten to get yourself vaccinated!  
We need immunity  
In our community!

Instead of achieving herd immunity, right now we've got far too much herd STUPIDITY--particularly among millions of blind, cultish ReTRUMPlicans, and thousands of them are dying. Within this perilous scenario, clear-headed Americans -- Democrats, anti-Trump Republicans, and Independents alike must mobilize behind Biden and those members of Congress and state governments who remain truly patriotic in our vital fight for universal health care, for ending the gun-violence epidemic, for police reform, for accelerated action toward economic and racial equality, for a cleaner and cooler planet, and for the preservation of our precious constitutional democracy.

Meanwhile, Donald Trump must be arrested immediately. While he was president, he had legal immunity, but there were more than a dozen investigations running against him before he spear-headed his fascistic attempted coup that endangered congressional lives and killed some people--and had it not been for the heroic efforts of vastly outnumbered police, that misled mob would have killed many, many more. Special Counsel Mueller clearly spelled out the case for Trump's obstruction of justice early-on during Trump's first impeachment hearing in an investigation inspecting his many well-documented crimes. Both federal and state officials need to arrest him now for obstruction of justice, murder, treasonous sedition, and fraud. On the infamously dark and tragically violent day of January 6, 2021, I composed an intensely heartfelt quatrain:

On this evil and fatal occasion  
Of the Capitol Building's invasion,  
The traitor Trump's collusion  
Demands his execution.

...and if you see consigning Trump to the gas chamber as a 'bridge too far,' let's at least put him in federal prison for the remainder of his mendacious, thieving, malignant existence.

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LANSING - New court dates have been set in one of the cases currently pending against members of The Base, a national white supremacist group with violent inclinations.

Last month, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced charges against Justen Watkins, Thomas Denton, and Tristan Webb after the men allegedly entered two former and vacant Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) sites in the city of Caro on Oct. 3, 2020 and assessed them as potential future training grounds for "hate camps", which is what the group named their paramilitary firearms training exercises.

The case is being co-prosecuted with Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene. The charges are a result of a joint investigation assisted by the Michigan State Police (MSP) Caro Post and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF).

Last October, Watkins was one of two men charged in connection to a December 2019 incident in Dexter, in which a family was terrorized at their home after the men allegedly used intimidation tactics on the premises and posted messages to other The Base members that targeted the home.

The men face the following charges:

- one count of larceny in a building, a four-year felony;
- one count of gang membership, a 20-year felony;
- one count of conspiracy to commit teaching use of firearms for a civil disorder, four-year felony; and
- one count of felony firearm, two-year felony.

Webb waived his preliminary examination, meaning the charges against him are automatically bound over for trial.

A recently scheduled preliminary examination for Denton and Watkins was ad-

journeyed by Judge Jason E. Bitzer until Oct. 15 at 8:30 a.m. in Caro 71B District Court.

Webb is currently out on bond, which includes a GPS tether and remaining under house arrest except for traveling to and



Thomas Denton, Tristan Webb and Justen Watkins stand by with firearms during a social injustice rally.

from work and court appearances.

Denton remains incarcerated. Watkins has been in custody in the Washtenaw County Jail since his bond - related to another case - was revoked in May.

Watkins and his co-defendant in the Dexter case, Alfred Gorman, are due for a preliminary examination on Oct. 5 in Washtenaw County's 14A-4 District Court.

In addition to the state and Tuscola County charges, Watkins faces charges in Huron County for possession of steroids and breaking and entering. Questions related to the breaking and entering should be directed to the Huron County Prosecutor.

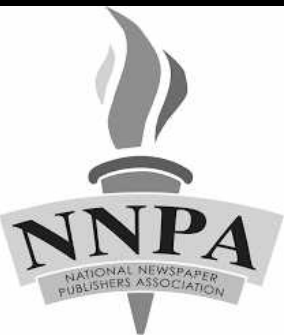
Founded in 2018, The Base is a white supremacy organization that openly advocates for violence and criminal acts against the U.S., and purports to be training for a race war to establish white ethnonationalist rule in areas of the U.S., including Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The group also traffics in Nazi ideology and extreme anti-Semitism.

Watkins claims to be the leader of The Base, and reportedly ran a "hate camp" for members of the group, where he led tactical and firearms training for participants with the goal of being prepared for the violent overthrow of the government.

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