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STATE OF TEXAS	)	
	)	IN THE CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT
VS.	)	#5 OF DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
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JOHN RIVELLO	)	
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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF

Kurt Eichenwald, acting as *amicus* to this Court, moves for leave to file the attached *amicus curiae* brief in support of the Plaintiff in this case.

Kurt Eichenwald, as the victim in this case, and as a representative of the estimated 3.5 million people in the United States with epilepsy, has a particular interest that the attack on him by the Defendant in this case be recognized as an action that occurred outside of the protections of the First Amendment.

As such, Kurt Eichenwald respectfully requests that his motion for leave to file the attached *amicus curiae* brief be granted by this Court.

Certificate of Conferral: Undersigned counsel has conferred with counsel for the State of Texas and John Rivello. Counsel for the State of Texas does not object to this motion, and counsel for John Rivello opposes this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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Factual Background

Mr. Eichenwald is an award-winning journalist who suffers from epilepsy, a fact that Mr. Eichenwald has written about and is public knowledge. For example, Mr. Eichenwald discussed his epilepsy in two separate articles published in Newsweek just months before the actions underlying this case took place. *See* Declaration of Jennifer Maisel (“Maisel Decl.”), Exhibits (“Exs.”) A, B. The latter of these articles, published in Newsweek on October 7, 2016, described how someone on Twitter had attempted to send him a strobe, and it further described the strobe as “epileptogenic—something that triggers seizures.” *Id.*, Ex. B. Approximately two months later, on December 15, 2016, John Rivello sent Mr. Eichenwald an electronic message over Twitter that contained: 1) an animated image strobing at a rapid speed and 2) the statement “YOU DESERVE A SEIZURE FOR YOUR POSTS.”

Such strobing images can be epileptogenic, and in Mr. Eichenwald’s case, this particular strobing image actually was successful in triggering a seizure. As a proximate result of Mr. Rivello’s actions, Mr. Eichenwald did in fact suffer a seizure and other substantial harm upon receipt of the Twitter message at his home in Dallas, Texas. Based on the public record and on messages sent around the time of the attack by Mr. Rivello, it is apparent Mr. Rivello knew two things: 1) he knew that Mr. Eichenwald had epilepsy, and 2) he knew that a strobe image flashing at rapid speed was likely to cause Mr. Eichenwald to have a severe seizure. Mr. Rivello’s messages to others online indicate that he intended to cause precisely that result. Just like a terrorist who mails a bomb, or an envelope filled with anthrax, Mr. Rivello knew and intended his Twitter message with a strobing image sent from a distance would cause serious harm—and perhaps even death—to Mr. Eichenwald.

Interest of Amicus Curiae

Kurt Eichenwald is the victim in this case. Kurt Eichenwald is a journalist, and he is also a member of a community of the approximately 3.5 million individuals in this country with active epilepsy. Mr. Eichenwald specifically represents the interest that the many people in this country with epilepsy have in not living in fear of attacks on their person being permitted with relative impunity. Individuals with epilepsy already live with a stigma associated with their condition in addition to their difficulties with coping with epilepsy itself. These difficulties would only be heightened by a determination that the deliberate exposure of an individual with epilepsy to a strobe is protected speech that does not require significant punishment. Such a finding would be a determination that malefactors may deliberately or recklessly attempt to cause a seizure in a person which may lead to immediate physical injury, lasting or permanent effects, or even death.

Such attacks are not hypothetical, as demonstrated not only by the actions of Mr. Rivello, but also by widespread mimicking of his actions by others on the Internet who fear neither detection nor significant punishment. Within 48 hours of Mr. Rivello's attack becoming public knowledge, a similar attempted GIF attack was launched against scores of people with epilepsy their family members, all of whom were followers of the twitter feed of the Epilepsy Foundation of America (EFA). Most recently in November 2019—National Epilepsy Awareness Month—unscrupulous individuals attacked the EFA's Twitter feed by attaching strobing images in an attempt to harass and injure Twitter followers of the EFA, many of whom are epileptic. *See Maisel Decl., Ex. C.* The first known national GIF attack on people with epilepsy was reported in March 2008, in that case on an epilepsy support message board run by EFA. *See Id., Ex. D.* This attack resulted in injuries among users of the support message board, including migraines

and at least one seizure where the victim reported that she “locked up” and “couldn’t move and couldn’t speak.” *Id.* All of these attacks were conducted by people who hid their identities behind anonymous screen names.

Since Mr. Rivello’s attack and the initiation of this proceeding, Mr. Eichenwald has received scores of attempted gif attacks from unknown perpetrators, many of which have been reported to the FBI. The frequency of such attacks are to the point where Mr. Eichenwald has frequently been forced to rely on his family to open and view images or videos sent to him to determine whether they are potentially epileptogenic. In October 2018, a tweet by Mr. Eichenwald showed that he was attending a gala sponsored by Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy, an organization that finances medical research in hopes of finding a cure for the disease. Mr. Eichenwald was sitting with the former Mayor of Chicago and numerous prominent politicians and entertainers. Despite being surrounded by such a powerful crowd, an anonymous individual responded to Mr. Eichenwald’s tweet by attacking with a strobing GIF. The individual made comments on the tweet indicating he/she had hoped to trigger seizures among attendees of the gala.

Moreover, several proponents of Mr. Rivello’s conduct—many of whom self-identify as “alt-right” and/or Nazis that hold extreme prejudices against certain demographics—contend that they have a right to anonymously “troll online” and have contributed financially to a “Rivello Legal Defense Fund” to protect that right. *See* Maisel Decl., Ex. E (Rivello Legal Defense Fund); *see also id.*, Ex. F (“Nazis Rally Around Man Accused of Giving Journalist Kurt Eichenwald a Seizure”). But as numerous commentators from these groups made clear after the authorities revealed how Mr. Rivello’s identity was obtained through information from Twitter, AT&T, and Apple, the purported right to anonymously send epileptogenic agents to epileptic

individuals is nothing more than a shield to allow individuals to continue to purposefully and unlawfully harm individuals without getting caught. *See id.*, Ex. G (“If you want to make Eichenwald [expletive] his pants again, then buy some google voice accounts off blackhatworld using bitcoins, and get a paid VPN service that doesn’t keep logs,” “What if we all send [Kurt Eichenwald] the same tweet,” “I can’t help wondering if they would have been so helpful if Eichenwald wasn’t a Jew,” “So question is, how best to remain anonymous,” “Rivello would have to be clean from end to end; a VPN to conceal his IP address...,” “We need to contribute to John Rivello’s legal defend fund on We Searchr and defeat this disgusting Jew toad Kurt Eichenwald in court”).

Accordingly, targeted attacks on epileptic individuals will continue absent meaningful consequences for the assailants.

The Sending of the Strobe is Not Protected First Amendment Speech

“The general proposition that freedom of expression upon public questions is secured by the First Amendment has long been settled by our decisions.” *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*, 376 U.S. 254, 269 (1964). “The constitutional safeguard, we have said, ‘was fashioned to assure **unfettered interchange of ideas** for the bringing about of political and social changes desired by the people.’” *Id.* (quoting *Roth v. United States*, 354 U.S. 476, 484 (1957))¹. This fundamental principle does not extend to the conduct at issue: the sending of an animated strobing image (a “gif”) to a known epileptic.

The first step in a First Amendment analysis turns on whether the conduct at issue is speech protected by the First Amendment, and if it is not, then the analysis ends. *Cornelius v.*

¹ Emphasis added unless otherwise indicated.

NAACP Legal Def. and Educ. Fund Inc., 473 U.S. 788, 797 (1985). The second step turns on whether the speech is protected, or whether it falls into one of the historic “categories” of unprotected speech. *United States v. Alvarez*, 567 U.S. 709, 717 (2012). In this instance, the conduct at issue does **not** qualify as speech, but even assuming *arguendo* that it does, it would fall into at least one of the historic categories of unprotected speech.

I. The Conduct at Issue—Sending an Animated Strobe GIF to a Known Epileptic—Does Not Constitute “Speech” Within the Meaning of the First Amendment

The Supreme Court has long-held that certain actions which do not involve words may constitute “speech” and be eligible for Constitutional protection, so long as the actions contain “expressive conduct.” *See, e.g., R.A.V. v. City of St. Paul*, 505 U.S. 377, 382 (1992) (“The First Amendment generally prevents government from proscribing speech . . . or even **expressive conduct.**”); *see also Rumsfeld v. Forum for Acad. and Institutional Rights, Inc.*, 547 U.S. 47, 66 (2006) (“[W]e have extended First Amendment protection only to conduct that is **inherently expressive.**”). The transmission of a strobing gif, however, contains no expressive conduct whatsoever. To qualify as expressive conduct, the speaker must have 1) “[a]n intent to convey a particularized message” that 2) “in the surrounding circumstances the likelihood was great that the message would be understood by those who viewed it.” *Spence v. Wash.*, 418 U.S. 405, 410-11 (1974); *see also Dennison v. County of Frederick*, 921 F.2d 50, 54 (4th Cir. 1990) (“At most, the present case involves a dispute over a general course of conduct, **not the expression of any idea or opinion.**”).

Burning the American flag, as in *Texas v. Johnson*, 491 U.S. 397, 406 (1989), holding an anti-segregation sit-in, as in *Brown v. Louisiana*, 383 U.S. 131, 141-42 (1966), and wearing black armbands to protest the Vietnam War, as in *Tinker v. Des Moines Indep. Cmty. Sch. Dist.*,

393 U.S. 503, 508 (1969), are all instances where the Supreme Court has found conduct to constitute speech under the First Amendment. However, conduct which cannot be understood without any explanation has not been found to qualify as speech. *See Rumsfeld*, 547 U.S. at 66; *see also Dennison*, 921 F.2d at 54.

Regarding the first prong of *Spence* as applied to the conduct at issue, there is no “intent to convey a particularized message” in the sending of a strobe gif to an epileptic. 418 U.S. at 410-11. Its only effect is to induce a seizure. Furthermore, the fact that the communication includes the words “YOU DESERVE A SEIZURE FOR YOUR POSTS” only emphasizes that the gif itself does not warrant protection. *See Rumsfeld*, 547 U.S. at 66 (“[t]he fact that such explanatory speech is necessary is strong evidence that the conduct . . . is not so inherently expressive that it warrants protection.”). Regarding the second prong of *Spence*, the strobe gif was sent to an individual with epilepsy. The “surrounding circumstances” do not create a likelihood that any particularized message would be understood by the strobing of the image itself. The only thing to be understood was that the inclusion of a strobe into the gif created a risk of inducing, and in fact did induce, a seizure.

II. The Strobing Image is a Fact a Physical Force Which Caused a Physical Harm

Certain strong visual stimuli, such as flashing or strobing lights, can trigger seizures in certain individuals with epilepsy, particularly when they are tired or under stress. This is sometimes referred to as photosensitive epilepsy.

Photosensitive epilepsy is triggered when a light source reflects or transmits light towards a person’s eye. The light strikes the eye and is focused onto the retina, where it triggers light sensitive cells on the surface of the retina. These cells then generate electrical impulses

which are transmitted by the optic nerve to the visual cortex of the brain, where in people with photosensitive epilepsy, the impulses caused by a strobe can trigger a seizure.

In this case, Mr. Rivello deliberately set into motion a series of events beginning with his strobing image sent over Twitter. This ultimately resulted in light hitting Mr. Eichenwald's eyes in a manner which resulted in a seizure. In other words, Mr. Rivello took an action which ultimately caused a direct physical reaction in Mr. Eichenwald—a reaction which occurred due to Mr. Eichenwald's medical condition, not simply an emotional harm or injury to his state of mind.

Indeed, another court hearing civil claims regarding the same actions underlying this case has recognized that, as alleged, the actions of Mr. Rivello caused Mr. Eichenwald “to come into contact with a harmful physical element (*i.e.* the strobe GIF)” and was thus a physical contact which supported a claim for battery under Texas law. *See Eichenwald v. Rivello*, 318 F. Supp.3d 766, 774 (D. Md. 2018). The court there, beyond stating that Mr. Rivello's actions could be considered physical contact, characterized the actions as Mr. Rivello sending “Plaintiff an image with the intent to cause Plaintiff to have a seizure. Whatever exact name a legal scholar may put to it, that is a tort; it is conduct outside the bounds of a civil society, conduct that should be punished so as to deter its repetition, and conduct that causes a compensable harm.” *Id.* at 772-73 (citing *Macmillan v. Redman Homes, Inc.*, 818 S.W.2d 87, 95 (Tex. App. 1991)).

That Mr. Rivello's actions included sending an image which happened to contain text does not either convert the physical force of the strobing image into merely a message, nor does the accompanying text somehow shield the application of force from being punishable by law. Delivering a physical blow to a political opponent does not become protected from legal consequence by simultaneously stating “I disagree with your positions.” Here, the use of light as

a physical force is not transformed by that light coming from an image which may have also contained a message in text.

Just as Mr. Rivello's use of light was the use of a physical force, courts have similarly found that the use of sound may be a use of force. Stating that the use of extreme sound which resulted in "incapacitating and painful effects when used on a person" is considered a use of force, the United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit was careful to note that it is the physical effect of a force that matters rather than its mode of delivery. *Edrei v. Maguire*, 892 F.3d 525, 543 (2d Cir. 2018), *cert. denied*, 139 S. Ct. 2614 (2019). That light may be used to transmit a message, just as how sound may be used to transmit a message, does not negate or remove the potential for harm that each of those mediums contains when used as a physical force.

III. Even if the Conduct at Issue Were Considered Speech, it Would Still Fall Within the "Historic Categories of Speech" Excluded from First Amendment Protection

Even if conduct does qualify as "speech," the Supreme Court has recognized several "historic categories of speech" which do not warrant First Amendment protection, including "true threats," "speech integral to criminal conduct," and "'fighting words'." *Alvarez*, 567 U.S. 709, 717 (2012). The sending of a strobe gif to a known epileptic falls into any one of these categories, and falling into any of these categories excludes the conduct from First Amendment protections.

A. The Conduct at Issue Falls into the Category of "True Threats"

"True threats" are "those statements where the speaker means to communicate a serious expression of an intent to commit an act of unlawful violence to a particular individual or group of individuals." *Virginia v. Black*, 538 U.S. 343, 359 (2003) (citing *Watts v. United States*, 394

U.S. 705, 708 (1969) (per curiam)). “Intimidation in the constitutionally proscribable sense of the word is a type of true threat, where a speaker directs a threat to a person or group of persons with the intent of placing the victim in fear of bodily harm or death.” *Black*, 538 U.S. at 360; *see also United States v. Maxton*, 940 F.2d 103, 105-06 (4th Cir. 1991) (“Threats to kidnap or injure persons are legislatively proscribable, falling within that group of expressions, such as fighting words, which are not constitutionally protected ‘pure speech.’”). The statement “[y]ou deserve a seizure for your posts,” with the implied meaning of “I will send you a strobing gif if you post again” is a threat to injure, and an individual with epilepsy would readily understand such a statement as an intent to harm. Therefore, actually sending the strobing gif does not fall within the protection offered by the First Amendment.

B. The Conduct at Issue also Falls into the Category of “Speech or Writing Used as an Integral Part of Conduct in Violation of a Valid Criminal Statute”

“‘[I]t has never been deemed an abridgement of speech or press to make a course of conduct illegal merely because the conduct was in part initiated, evidenced, or carried out by means of language, either spoken, written, or printed.’” *Rumsfeld*, 547 U.S. at 62 (quoting *Giboney v. Empire Storage & Ice Co.*, 336 U.S. 490, 502 (1949)). If the strobe portion of the strobe gif sent to Mr. Eichenwald is speech, then that speech is “integral” to criminal conduct because the seizure was a direct result of the strobe. There is no Supreme Court ruling that a criminal statute or tort which is otherwise constitutional should be overturned on First Amendment grounds on the basis that the conduct was in part initiated, evidenced, or carried out by means of language. *Rumsfeld*, 547 U.S. at 62.

C. The Conduct at Issue also Falls into the Category of “Fighting Words”

“Fighting words” have been described as words “which by their very utterance inflict injury or tend to incite an immediate breach of the peace.” *Chaplinsky v. New Hampshire*, 315 U.S. 568, 572 (1942). “It has been well observed that such utterances are no essential part of any exposition of ideas, and are of such slight social value as a step to truth that any benefit that may be derived from them is clearly outweighed by the social interest in order and morality.” *Id.* Fighting words are “personally abusive” and “as a matter of common knowledge, inherently likely to provoke violent reaction.” *Cohen v. California*, 403 U.S. 15, 20 (1971). Although the strobe gif did not invite a fight with the person it was sent to, the fact that it was directed to a known epileptic and induced a violent seizure indicates that its transmission inflicted an injury. Therefore, the sending of the animated strobe gif is not protected by the First Amendment. *See R.A.V.*, 505 U.S. at 386.

Conclusion

The Court should find the conduct at issue is not speech but merely conduct without expression and therefore it does not warrant First Amendment protection. However, if the Court does find the conduct to be speech, then it would still be fall into one of the categories laid out by the Supreme Court as exceptions to free speech protection.

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**DECLARATION OF JENNIFER B. MAISEL IN SUPPORT OF KURT
EICHENWALD’S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE *AMICUS CURAIE* BRIEF
IN SUPPORT OF THE PLAINTIFF IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED CASE**

I, Jennifer B. Maisel, affirm and declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney at Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck, P.C., 607 14th Street N.W., Washington, DC 20005, counsel for Kurt Eichenwald in a related action pending in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, titled *Eichenwald v. Rivello*, C.A. No. 17-cv-01124-JKB (D. Md.). I am a member in good standing of the bars for the District of Columbia and New York. I submit this declaration in support of Kurt Eichenwald’s Motion for Leave to File *Amicus Curaie* Brief in support of the Plaintiff in the above-captioned case.

2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct printout of a Newsweek article by Kurt Eichenwald titled “Sean Hannity: Apologize to Those With Epilepsy, or Burn in Hell,” published August 15, 2016, available at <https://www.newsweek.com/sean-hannity-lies-hillary-clinton-health-490469>.

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct printout of a Newsweek article by Kurt Eichenwald titled “How Donald Trump Supporters Attack Journalist,” published October 7, 2016, available at <https://www.newsweek.com/epileptogenic-pepe-video-507417>.

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct printout of a Tweet posted by the Epilepsy Foundation on its Twitter feed, dated November 7, 2019, available at

<https://twitter.com/EpilepsyFdn/status/1192496227822309376>.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct printout of a Wired article by Kevin Poulsen titled “Hackers Assault Epilepsy Patients via Computer,” published March 28, 2008, available at <https://www.wired.com/2008/03/hackers-assault-epilepsy-patients-via-computer/>.

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true and correct printout of an archived version of a WeSearchr.com website dated November 4, 2017, titled “U.S. Marine John Rivello Legal Defense Fund,” available at <https://web.archive.org/web/20171104022057/www.wesearchr.com/bounties/jew-goldstein-the-legal-funding>.

7. Attached hereto as Exhibit F is a true and correct printout of an article titled “Nazis Rally Around Man Accused of Giving Journalist Kurt Eichenwald a Seizure,” dated March 18, 2017, available at <https://angrywhitemen.org/2017/03/18/nazis-rally-around-man-accused-of-giving-journalist-kurt-eichenwald-a-seizure/>.

8. Attached hereto as Exhibit G is a true and correct printout of an article titled “Twitter, AT&T, And Apple Helped Hunt Down John Rivello AKA Jew Goldstein,” dated March 21, 2017, available at <https://altright.com/2017/03/21/twitter-att-and-apple-helped-track-down-john-rivello-aka-jew-goldstein/>

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 19th day of December, 2019.

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EXHIBIT A

Sean Hannity should apologize to those with epilepsy

Kurt Eichenwald , Senior Writer On 8/15/16 at 11:56 AM EDT

For more than two decades, the lunatic fringe has gradually taken control of the Republican Party, thanks to craven media figures like Fox News's Sean Hannity.

A man who purports to be a dutiful Catholic, Hannity has made a career out of violating the ninth commandment (or eighth in his faith) against lying about others. If Hannity stopped vomiting up falsehoods, his program would be nothing but a test pattern. From him and the others in the "Who cares if it's false?" conservative media camp, we have heard over the decades that Hillary and Bill Clinton murdered many people, that the Bush administration found weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, that Obama could be on the verge of declaring martial law, and on and on.

They are pretend journalists pumping out propaganda to scared, foolish people.

But now, Hannity and his ilk have gone too far with their recent lies about Hillary Clinton's health, a conspiracy theory conservative media groups have seized upon with no regard for truth. They have used misrepresented photos, theories from quacks and other nonsense to back up their story line.

And then came a video of Clinton making goofy movements with her head when a reporter held a tape recorder very close to her face. Being pulled in different directions by multiple speakers at once, Clinton playfully acted like a bobblehead doll, smiling and then speaking after the joke was over.

Hannity and his lying pals shrieked: Clinton had a seizure! Right in front of the cameras! "Are there many seizures like that?" Hannity said. "This looks like violent, out of control movements on her part."

I know this response to Sean Hannity is a little raw, but as someone with epilepsy, I hope my editors will let this slip through: *Fuck you, Sean*. Your willingness to deceive your viewers—to degrade those of us with epilepsy, to suggest something is a seizure when it looks nothing like one, to leave people dumber about this condition—is unforgivable.

What kind of seizure do you think it was, Sean? Jacksonian? Tonic-clonic? Atonic? Complex-partial? You have no idea, do you Sean? You don't even know what any of that means. You just spat it out, and in the process made the lives of tens of millions of people who deal with this condition on a daily basis just a little more dangerous and a little more unpleasant.

Despite having taken anticonvulsants for almost four decades, I—like many, many others—have seizures that are not fully controlled. (Those are called refractory seizures, if you care, Sean.) I have woken up, battered and bruised, when people who thought they were helping did things to me they had learned from the movies or television, things that were totally wrong. I lost a job and was tossed out of college

because people were terrified of my seizures. (I only was able to complete my education thanks to the government you hate so much Sean, because the school broke the law when it booted me.)

Some Catholics still view epilepsy as religious punishment, which is why for centuries those with seizures have not been allowed to become priests. Is Sean Hannity now saying we should be blocked from holding public office as well?

Many people have heard that Chief Justice John Roberts of the Supreme Court has experienced seizures. Unfortunately, Roberts doesn't talk about it, robbing the many, many children who suffer with this condition of a possible role model, someone who could show them that they can accomplish anything, even if they have epilepsy. And perhaps he won't talk about it because of people like Hannity who are sending the clear message that people with seizures are somehow *the other*, something to fear.

What makes it worse, other than Hannity's willingness to convey the message to millions of children that their place in society should be limited because of their seizures, is that he has painted a false image of what seizures look like and what to do about them. People do not smile during a seizure while standing upright and then immediately launch into a coherent sentence. There's no smiling because, if for some reason the person experiencing the seizure has not collapsed to the ground in unconsciousness, the moment the body begins to move uncontrollably is terrifying. After a seizure, someone does not instantly jump back into a conversation, making jokes. Instead there is a period of at least 5 minutes (and often much longer) when the person is unable to think clearly, is very confused, can have trouble speaking and other problems.

Worse yet, will epilepsy now become the next area of relentless condemnation for Hannity's gullible *Fox News* viewers who believe they have found a new political talking point? Will people with epilepsy be more reluctant to be open about revealing their condition because of Hannity's deceitful, ignorant attack?

The answer, Sean, is yes. While I know you almost never apologize for anything you do on the air, this sin requires some penance. It can be done in secret if you don't have the character to make a public pronouncement of regret. Write a check. Make a donation to help those you demeaned and damaged.

Here is the address for the Epilepsy Foundation:

*Epilepsy Foundation
8301 Professional Place, Suite 200
Landover, Maryland 20785*

As for anyone else reading this article, if Sean Hannity doesn't bother to take any public action, please let him learn of your outrage by making a contribution. And make sure to call it just that: A contribution in honor of those harmed by Sean Hannity.

And as for you Sean, if you are unable to show the backbone to undo the damage you have done, you can understand why I say you "purport" to be a Catholic. If you really were one, you'd be worried about burning in hell for what you've done.

EXHIBIT B

How Donald Trump supporters attack journalists

By Kurt Eichenwald On 10/7/16 at 11:25 AM EDT

Shortly after I wrote an article for *Newsweek* about how Donald Trump's business interests could undermine national security should he be elected president, one of his supporters assaulted me. He used the internet to do it.

Throughout my adulthood, I have never made a secret of the fact that I have epilepsy. It's better controlled now than it has been during other parts of my life, but not completely—my neurologist tells me I have intractable epilepsy, meaning treatment will never bring the condition fully under control. I know how people—particularly children—with seizures suffer when uninformed idiots suggest they should impose limits of their lives or quell their aspirations. So when Fox News blowhard and college dropout Sean Hannity practically drooled in delight this election season as he falsely proclaimed that Hillary Clinton suffered from seizures based on her acting goofy in a short video clip, it infuriated me. I knew how his message would be heard—people with seizures look ridiculous, they should be afraid of others laughing at them, they should listen to the voices telling them they can't do what they want (even be president). And so I raged at Hannity in the pages of *Newsweek*, on cable television news shows and on Twitter.

A couple of weeks later, after my article about how Trump's business interests would create a conflict of unprecedented proportions, I received a tweet from someone with the twitter handle "Mike's Deplorable AF." Like many Trump supporters, he has chosen to identify himself as deplorable to mock the label once used by Clinton to describe the racists, neo-Nazis, homophobes and like who have crawled out of the sewer to cheer for the Republican nominee. Mike, however, is indeed deplorable.

In his tweet, which has since been deleted, Mike made mention of my seizures and included a small video. It contained images of Pepe the Frog, a cartoon character that has been identified by the Anti-Defamation League as a hate symbol. I was carrying my iPad, looking at the still image on the video and, without thinking, touched the PLAY button.

The video was some sort of strobe light, with flashing circles and images of Pepe flying toward the screen. It's what's called epileptogenic—something that triggers seizures. Fortunately, since I was standing, I simply dropped my iPad to the ground the second I realized what Mike had done. It landed face down on the bathroom floor.

The deplorables are real. The deplorables are dangerous.

Because I have written critically about Trump, I have received innumerable death threats, sometimes just general invocations that I should die, sometimes more specific threats that I should be shot or "lynched," as one Trump fan wrote. I have been called "kike," "Jew" and "anti-American Zionist," even though I'm Episcopalian with a Jewish father (as if that makes a difference). I have received video cartoons that look like they are from Nazi Germany of hook-nosed men dressed in Jewish garb

rubbing their hands greedily over piles of money. I have been told to go back where I came from, whatever that means. I have been called "fag," "pedo," and once—in an email that made no sense—"nigger-lover." One Trump fan mentioned he knew which schools my children attended, and correctly named them. Topping it off, some Trump fans have even gone after one of my sons online, although he knew enough to immediately block them.

My family has been through this before—it is sometimes a consequence of writing about controversial topics—but this is the first time we have discussed whether I should continue investigating an issue. All of them agreed I should stay on this story—since Trump won't release much information about himself, digging up everything that can be found before the election is important for the country. But why is this even a discussion? We do not live in a third-world nation where journalists who report unpleasant realities are in danger. While I believe that most of these threats—except for Mike's—are from internet blowhards, why does my family even have to wonder about this? And why am I convinced that, just by writing this article, Mike will get lots of new Twitter followers and praise from profoundly evil people?

I am far from the only journalist exposed to the bottom-feeders among Trump supporters who traffic in violence, threats, racism and anti-Semitism. In a tweet, Charles Blow, an African-American columnist for *The New York Times* who has been harshly critical of Trump both in the newspaper and on television, told me he is bombarded with racist fury through email. Katy Tur of NBC reported in an article in *Marie Claire* that she had to be escorted out of a Trump rally in December by Secret Service to protect her from raging Trump supporters who had sicced on her by their candidate. She was also the primary subject of a death threat two weeks later on Twitter.

"MAYBE A FEW JOURNALISTS DO NEED TO BE WHACKED," the tweet from someone with the handle GuyScott33 read. "MAYBE THEN THEYD STOP BEI[N]G BIASED HACKS. KILL EM ALL STARTING W/ KATY TUR."

There are more. According to The Daily Beast, Bethany Mandel, a conservative essayist who has written about her opposition to Trump, had been so violently attacked on social media that she felt compelled to purchase a gun for protection. Jeffrey Goldberg, national correspondent for *The Atlantic*, received an email telling him he would be sent to "a camp" when Trump wins. After she published an article in GQ about Melania Trump, Julia Ioffe, a Jewish journalist, received death threats by phone and email, and tweets showing vile images such as an anti-Semitic caricature of a Jewish man on his knees being shot in the back of the head; she filed a police report. Jonathan Weisman, deputy Washington editor of *The New York Times*, tweeted a link to a *Washington Post* opinion piece that was harshly critical of the Trump phenomenon. The vicious attacks on Weisman, who is Jewish, came quickly.

"Get used to it you fucking kike," tweeted one of the deplorables who goes by the handle "deplorable basket weave." "You people will be made to pay for the violence and fraud you've committed against us."

This is not an unavoidable consequence of a contentious political campaign. This is exceptional, a circumstance brought about by the gutter rants of Donald Trump and his refusal to condemn the racists, neo-Nazis and other deplorables who support him. That our country has reached this point, where the line between modern American political supporters and Hitler's brownshirts is becoming thinner by the day, is unacceptable. That GOP candidates have stood by and allowed this ugliness to

flourish without aggressively condemning their candidate for what he has set loose, simply because they are seeking re-election or fear losing their jobs at the mid-terms, will stain the Republican Party for decades.

I write this knowing that it will spur more vile and violent online attacks on me. I have warned my children and my wife to be extra careful. And now that I have revealed how easy it is to inflict an injury on me, until this election is over, I will not be pushing PLAY on any unsolicited video I receive. It's simply too dangerous.

EXHIBIT C

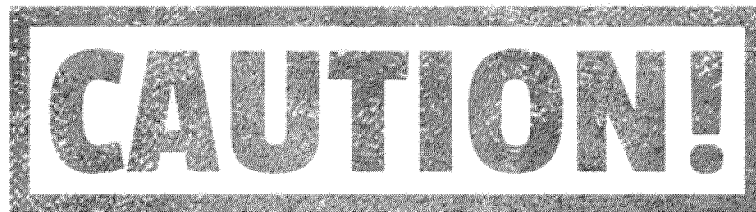
**Epilepsy Foundation**

@EpilepsyFdn

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We are aware that some social media users are using epilepsy awareness month hashtags and sharing potentially triggering content in an attempt to cause members of our community to have a seizure. We are working to address this issue. [1/2]



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EXHIBIT D

Hackers Assault Epilepsy Patients via Computer

Author: Kevin PoulsenKevin Poulsen



Photo courtesy RyAnne Fultz

Internet griefers descended on an epilepsy support message board last weekend and used JavaScript code and flashing computer animation to trigger migraine headaches and seizures in some users.

The nonprofit Epilepsy Foundation, which runs the forum, briefly closed the site Sunday to purge the offending messages and to boost security.

"We are seeing people affected," says Ken Lowenberg, senior director of web and print publishing at the Epilepsy Foundation. "It's fortunately only a handful. It's possible that people are just not reporting yet – people affected by it may not be coming back to the forum so fast."

The incident, possibly the first computer attack to inflict physical harm on the victims, began Saturday, March 22, when attackers used a script to post hundreds of messages embedded with flashing animated gifs.

The attackers turned to a more effective tactic on Sunday, injecting JavaScript into some posts that redirected users' browsers to a page with a more complex image designed to trigger seizures in both photosensitive and pattern-sensitive epileptics.

RyAnne Fultz, a 33-year-old woman who suffers from pattern-sensitive epilepsy, says she clicked on a forum post with a legitimate-sounding title on Sunday. Her browser window resized to fill her screen, which was then taken over by a pattern of squares rapidly flashing in different colors.

Fultz says she "locked up."

"I don't fall over and convulse, but it hurts," says Fultz, an IT worker in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

"I was on the phone when it happened, and I couldn't move and couldn't speak."

After about 10 seconds, Fultz's 11-year-old son came over and drew her gaze away from the computer, then killed the browser process, she says.

"Everyone who logged on, it affected to some extent, whether by causing headaches or seizures," says Brown Mead, a 24-year-old epilepsy patient in Maine who says she suffered a daylong migraine after examining several of the offending posts. She'd lingered too long on the pages trying to determine who was responsible.

Circumstantial evidence suggests the attack was the work of members of Anonymous, an informal collective of grievers best known for their recent war on the Church of Scientology. The first flurry of posts on the epilepsy forum referenced the site EBaumsWorld, which is much hated by Anonymous. And forum members claim they found a message board thread – since deleted – planning the attack at 7chan.org, a group stronghold.

Fultz says the attack spawned an uncommonly bad seizure. "It was a spike of pain in my head," she says. "And the lockup, that only happens with really bad ones. I don't think I've had a seizure like that in about a year."

But she's satisfied with the Epilepsy Foundation's relatively fast response to the attack, about 12 hours after it began on Easter weekend. "We all really appreciate them for giving us this forum and giving us this place to find each other," she says.

Epilepsy affects an estimated 50 million people worldwide, about 3 percent of whom are photosensitive, meaning flashing lights and colors can trigger seizures.

EXHIBIT E

U.S. Marine John Rivello Legal Defense Fund

Initiated By Becky Barnes

WANTED



\$19,078 raised so far from **447** contributors



467 : 11 : 14 : 50

Days Hrs Min Sec

Time Remaining To Claim This Bounty

Kurt Eichenwald's Twitter arch nemesis was arrested by the FBI.

UPDATED

3/21/17

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John Rivello's bail is set at \$100,000.

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The Minimum has been reached and this is now a Wanted Bounty! Keep funding it! The more money it raises, the bigger the incentive for an Answer becomes.

Goal of Bounty

On Friday, March 17, 2017, "journalist" Kurt Eichenwald had the FBI arrest Twitter user "Ari Goldstein" (or "Jew Goldstein", real name John Rivello, a U.S. Marine with PTSD) for replying to a tweet with a flashing gif. Eichenwald allegedly had a seizure from the gif despite not taking medication, drinking alcohol and also being sleep deprived at the time. These factors can cause seizures on their own.

Eichenwald obtained John's real name through a charity he had donated to in his name.

John had donated to an epilepsy charity as a gesture of goodwill and as an apology to Kurt. He also wrote Kurt an email, apologizing and told him that he was donating to the charity in his name.

For months now, John Rivello has been swamped with legal fees so his friends are starting this bounty in the hopes to ease the financial burden.

Why

If this goes to trial, it will redefine "trolling" and what it means to troll online. John can't go to prison for tweeting a gif at Eichenwald.

Requirements

Anything you can do to help. We can't do this alone. We really need your help. We know John Rivello and are friends of his, and we need money to help him pay for his legal defense. He is currently in FBI custody. Donate now.

UPDATES

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Contributors

This bounty has no contributions yet.

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EXHIBIT F

Nazis Rally Around Man Accused of Giving Journalist Kurt Eichenwald a Seizure



On December 16, 2016, *Vanity Fair* contributing editor Kurt Eichenwald had just done one of the weirdest interviews of the year with Fox News pundit Tucker Carlson — with props no less — when he received a tweet from a user named @Jew_Goldstein. It consisted of a single animated GIF with a rapidly flashing strobe effect. The text on the image read “YOU DESERVE A SEIZURE FOR YOUR POSTS.” The very next tweet from Eichenwald’s account, purportedly sent by his wife, informed @Jew_Goldstein that he “caused a seizure” and that the incident would be reported to the police.

The use of the strobe effect was no accident. Eichenwald is known to suffer from epilepsy, a “chronic disorder” marked by “recurrent, unprovoked seizures.” According to the Epilepsy Foundation, approximately 3% of people with epilepsy have seizures triggered by photosensitivity. Eichenwald had made it clear to people that he is part of that 3%, which is why he has been targeted by trolls with flashing images before.

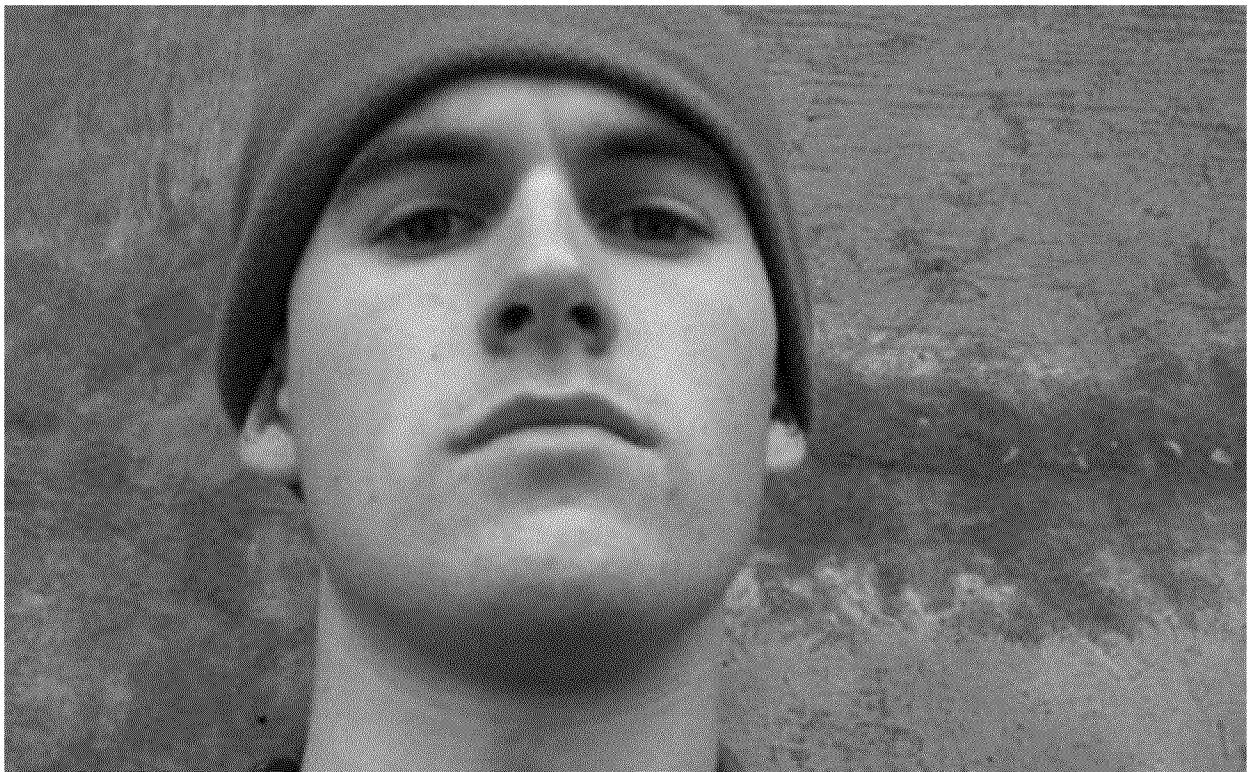
Shortly thereafter, the Twitter account for @Jew_Goldstein was suspended for targeted harassment, but not before dozens of other racist trolls joined in the game, sending seizure-inducing GIFs and mocking Eichenwald’s condition. After he recovered, Eichenwald lawyered up, initially demanding Twitter release the user information for @Jew_Goldstein in order to proceed with a civil suit.

However, today, it appears that will now be unnecessary. After a three month investigation, the FBI arrested 29-year-old Marylander and ex-Marine John Rayne Rivello in connection with the assault on Eichenwald. According to a press release by the Department of Justice, Rivello was charged with cyberstalking. Most disturbingly, the press release included these details:

Additionally, according to the affidavit, evidence received pursuant to a search warrant showed Rivello’s Twitter account contained direct messages

from Rivello's account to other Twitter users concerning the victim. Among those direct messages included statements by Rivello, including "I hope this sends him into a seizure," "Spammed this at [victim] let's see if he dies," and "I know he has epilepsy." Additional evidence received pursuant to a search warrant showed Rivello's iCloud account contained a screenshot of a Wikipedia page for the victim, which had been altered to show a fake obituary with the date of death listed as Dec. 16, 2016. Rivello's iCloud account also contained screen shots from epilepsy.com with a list of commonly reported epilepsy seizure triggers and from dallasobserver.com discussing the victim's report to the Dallas Police Department and his attempt to identify the Twitter user.

In other words, this is all evidence that speaks to Rivello's criminal (not to mention sinister) intent. Rivello allegedly made statements revealing that he knew of Eichenwald's condition, that he knew sending the GIF in question was likely to cause a seizure, and that a seizure could result in Eichenwald's death. He appears to have found that quite amusing, since his iCloud had a screenshot of a fake obituary for Eichenwald.



John R. Rivello

Of course, this being the Internet, there are plenty of terrible people who believe Rivello's behavior was perfectly innocent. The odious Ethan Ralph of The Ralph Retort — himself no stranger to law enforcement — quoted Eichenwald's attorney as stating that sending a flashing image to a person with epilepsy was akin to "sending a bomb in the mail or sending an envelope filled with Anthrax spores." "Yes, sending a gif on Twitter is no different than sending someone an envelope filled to the brim with deadly Anthrax. Who could argue with this flawless logic?" asked Ralph sarcastically.

The thing is, Eichenwald's attorney has a bit of a point. Rivello *knew* that Eichenwald suffered from a particular condition aggravated by seeing bright, flashing images. He *hoped* it would cause Eichenwald harm in the form of a seizure — perhaps one resulting in death. I would consider this no different than giving shrimp to a person with a severe shellfish allergy in hopes that they will go into anaphylactic shock. Or putting a

powerful magnet near a person with a pacemaker.

Even though *most* people would find shellfish and magnets harmless, there are *some* people with particular vulnerabilities to these otherwise mundane objects, and these vulnerabilities can prove quite deadly. There are a million other examples of rare conditions — both physical and psychological — that can be triggered by everyday occurrences. It's just that *most* people aren't horrible enough to exploit these vulnerabilities for fun.

But again, to some, Rivello did nothing wrong — to borrow a phrase from the alt-right. In fact, Chuck Johnson's noxious bounty-hunting website WeSearchr is already on the case with a fundraising plea on behalf of "Jew Goldstein." Started by a woman named Becky Barnes, the fundraiser states that "journalist' Kurt Eichenwald" — love the use of scare quotes — "had the FBI arrest 'Ari Goldstein' ('Jew Goldstein', real name John Rivello, an ex-Marine with PTSD) for replying to a tweet with a flashing gif."

Barnes continued her sob story, claiming that Rivello "donated to an epilepsy charity as a gesture of goodwill and as an apology to Kurt." Well, I guess that makes everything all better doesn't it? Even more comical is Barnes' assertion that, should this go to trial, a guilty verdict could "redefine 'trolling' and what it means to troll online," as if that's the most pressing issue facing people today. She continued, writing that Rivello "can't go to prison for tweeting a gif at Eichenwald."

Here is Becky Barnes pleading with Twitter users to aid in Rivello's legal defense:



She claims to have known Rivello for "over a year" and wrote that she "was in that dm [direct message] group the Feds raided." In another tweet in the same thread she further claimed that she has his "personal contact info" and will "be talking either to him or his

lawyers as soon as he's released from FBI custody”:



In a reply to white nationalist leader Richard Spencer, who unsurprisingly took interest in the case, Barnes reiterated that she is “a friend of JR’s” and that she “just set up a bounty with Wesearchr to get approved”:



There were other Nazi fans rallying to Ravello's defense, including Edward Teach, who called Eichenwald a "disgusting Jew" who "is trying to ruin a man's life for sending him a gif" — again, downplaying the very serious nature of Ravello's actions:



Edward Teach

@Edward__Teach

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Yeap, this disgusting Jew is trying to ruin a man's life for sending him a gif

How this even an offense? My anti-Semitism got 10ft higher

Kurt Eichenwald @kurteichenwald

After a 3 month investigation, the FBI this morning arrested the man who assaulted me using a strobe on twitter that triggered a seizure.

RETWEETS

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LIKES

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12:06 PM - 17 Mar 2017



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Vendatta Vimiera proclaimed that “Jew Goldstein is innocent” and “Jew Goldstein did nothing wrong.” Toying with the fact that Rivello chose the name @Jew_Goldstein, Vimiera jokingly called Eichenwald an “antisemite” [sic]:



Vendetta Vimiera

@VendettaVimiera

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Jew Goldstein is innocent.
Jew Goldstein did nothing wrong.

@POTUS must not allow antisemite Kurt
Eichenwald to get away with this.

Kurt Eichenwald @kurteichenwald

newsweek.com/kurt-eichenwal...

RETWEETS

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Tim Gionet, also known as “Baked Alaska,” declared that “Kurt Eichenwald isn’t going to put a man in prison for a tweet”:



Baked Alaska™
@bakedalaska

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Legal defense fund for Trump supporter John Rivello. Kurt Eichenwald isn't going to put a man in prison for a tweet:



Jew Goldstein Legal Defense Fund
Kurt Eichenwald's arch nemesis.
wesearchr.com

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2:30 PM - 17 Mar 2017



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Someone who calls himself MicroMagicMilkWand also played dumb, baselessly accusing people like *Teen Vogue*'s Lauren Duca of making death threats (for which he offered no evidence) and implying that Rivello was arrested for engaging in "hyperbole" or "saying ironic things on Twitter," which, of course, is false:



MagicMicroMilkWand™
@WDFx2EU92

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So Kurt Eichenwald and Lauren Duca can go around Twitter telling people they are going to kill them and the @FBI just laughs it off.

RETWEETS
49

LIKES
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3:36 PM - 17 Mar 2017



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If you want to tell someone to die on Twitter using hyperbole or otherwise, just be a Liberal and the @FBI will look the other way.

RETWEETS

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LIKES

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3:48 PM - 17 Mar 2017



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Take notes, folks. The only people who are arrested by the @FBI for saying ironic things on Twitter are Conservatives.

RETWEETS

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Gregory Montfort likewise pretended that sending a strobe light GIF to a man with epilepsy is a matter of — wait for it — *free speech*:



Titus Flavius informed “Kike Eichenwald” that he hasn’t “seen us pissed off before”:



Someone going by the handle @Suziechka called Eichenwald a “pedophile Jew” who fakes his seizures:



March 18th & 25th

@Suziechka

Follow



KURTTTTTTT, YOO-HOO, EICHEN-BALD,
@kurteichenwald we know you're a pedophile
Jew who lies about having seizures!

RETWEETS

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7:50 PM - 17 Mar 2017



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@genosavior2 also targeted Eichenwald because of the rumor that he's secretly Jewish:



~)) תתאפרטת ((~
@genosavior2

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When the local Rabbi runs out of foreskins to
munch on & sees a young Aryan walk on by.
#JewGoldstein



RETWEET
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LIKES
4



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Someone calling himself Jew Goldstein –I’m not even sure whose picture they stole –
asked if they could still send Eichenwald “oven gifs”:



With all the screeching over Rivello having done “nothing wrong” and this being a “free speech” issue, it makes one wonder why these alt-right trolls are so concerned over one anti-Semite who was arrested for doing something stupid and criminal. But in a way it makes sense. Shitposting is what these folks do, and as Becky Barnes said, this *could* “redefine ‘trolling’ and what it means to troll online.” After all, Rivello stands to face tangible consequences for his disturbing actions. For many on the alt-right, that could be a worrisome trend indeed.

EXHIBIT G

PERSPECTIVE

Twitter, AT&T, And Apple Helped Hunt Down John Rivello AKA Jew Goldstein

SOREN - 3 YEARS AGO - 58 COMMENTS

A summary of the criminal complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern Division of Texas reveals how authorities were able to track down Marine Corps veteran John Rivello, also known by his twitter handle @jew_goldstein. Rivello has been accused of allegedly tweeting a strobing .gif to *Newsweek* senior writer Kurt Eichenwald, causing him to have a seizure due to epilepsy.

In what will have far-reaching implications, the affidavit reveals that the Dallas Police Department submitted a search warrant to Twitter, requesting the subscriber information of @jew_goldstein.

With the information Twitter provided in hand, DPD requested the subscriber information for the account associated with the telephone number in their records. AT&T readily provided this information to DPD; however, the court documents show that there was no subpoena or search warrant attached with this request. The implication is that AT&T provided access to Rivello's private information merely at the behest of authorities.

AT&T seems to have made no pushback to protect their customer.

Because Rivello was using a prepaid account, AT&T was unable to provide authorities with subscription information that they could have used to track down Rivello's whereabouts. However, the make and model of Rivello's phone led authorities to the next step of the journey — Apple Inc.

Knowing that using Apple's iCloud services requires an Apple ID with personally identifiable information, DPD sent search warrants to Apple requesting the iCloud details of the number provided by twitter. Apple quickly complied and now authorities had all the information they needed to track down Rivello.

Apple seems to have had no qualms handing over private customer information.

In light of the circumstances surrounding the San Bernardino terrorist shooting on December 2, 2015, this release of personal information by Apple is surprising. When the FBI had trouble bypassing the security lock on the San Bernardino Shooter Rizwan Farook's iPhone, Apple resisted FBI attempts to induce them to bypass the encryption.

In fact, in the last two years, Apple has rejected and challenged at least 11

court orders to extract data from locked cellphones, according to [*The Intercept*](#). And while providing someone's personal information is not the same as bypassing encryption software, this is a stunning reversal for a company that prides itself on protecting customer privacy.

That three companies readily provided private user data to assist authorities on a witch hunt should give all U.S. citizens pause. Furthermore, one of these companies, AT&T, was under no compulsion to comply with the authorities' request. In the digital age, the reach of the State has become even greater and more powerful.

The affidavit is provided below:

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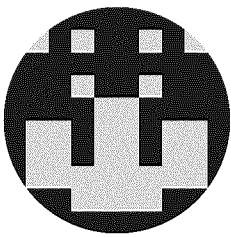
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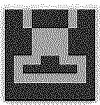


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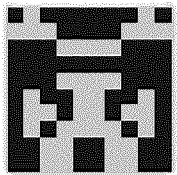
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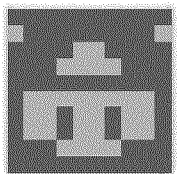


If you're behind less than seven proxies, you're doing it wrong.

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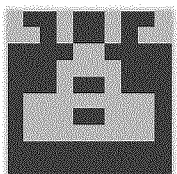


What if we all send him the same tweet?

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FredAGunter



I wanna see Eichenwald's wife get on the stand and perjure herself.

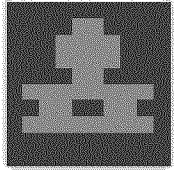
Would any sane person start tweeting when their loved one is convulsing on the ground in front of them.

A good lawyer will eat her alive.

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Tristan Rettke



AT&T exploits children to promote their Race-Mixing agenda

<https://youtu.be/8vvS4htSokw>

AT&T ceo Randall L Stephenson happens to be a kike. What a coincidence!

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Bill Matheson



What if this is all staged in order to establish the precedent of breaking online anonymity?

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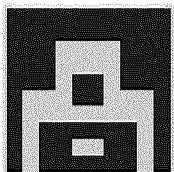


Does ANYONE really believe this strobe-caused-seizure story? It has BS written all over it. Clearly a ploy by an unbalanced, somewhat sociopathic individual to gain extra attention for himself, while symbolically taking revenge upon those who see him as the contemptible worm he is. Why does anyone even humor Eichenwald's flyblown assertions?

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Weev commented on the issue here... .. and talked to Greg Johnson a while back here:

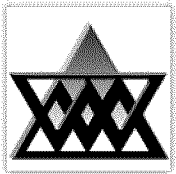
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<http://www.counter-currents.com/2016/04/counter-currents-radio-interview-with-weev/> Since Weev probably knows much more about privacy on the internet than the average guy and Greg Johnson mentioned having workshops on human intelligence and counter-intelligence at his conferences on some podcast and Counter-Currents.com doesn't have a guide or option to moderately securely contact them like The Intercept, for example (<https://theintercept.com/leak/>), it's probably an insider-only affair. The Intercept also published a guide to go "rogue" on Twitter (<https://theintercept.com/2017/02/20/how-to-run-a-rogue-government-twitter-account-with-an-anonymous-email-address-and-a-burner-phone/>) "Extreme vetting," like when someone wants to attend a conference Greg Johnson organises, has to... Read more »

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In all fairness to the FBI, we really wouldn't want to overload them with any serious crimes after that embarrassing incident back in 2012 when they spent several months and several hundred thousand dollars in a failed attempt to solve the missing case of *Who's on First*. It's great that we have other agencies across America ready to tackle the serious epidemic of Assault GIFs that have plagued our society for so long.

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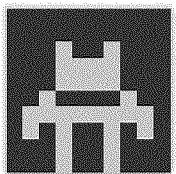


It's all a public facade. High-profile cases have to be dealt with in a certain way for good optics.

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Vincent Law



Does anyone want to make an ancap memeball out of this?

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Squidly ??

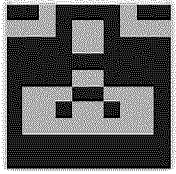


Obama weaponized every federal agency under his administration. I don't know if we can clean them all up.

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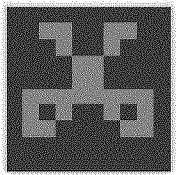


Such a relief knowing the FBI handles the big league shit like football jerseys and strobe gifs

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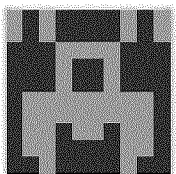


I can't help wondering if they would have been so helpful if Eichenwald wasn't a Jew. I also can't help thinking that Eichenwald should be laughed out of court if he can't get a doctor (and not someone related to him) to testify he had a seizure as a result of this. I suspect he's an outright liar and if he is lying, he should be made to pay in some way. This shouldn't even go to court in my opinion.

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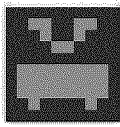


Is anyone surprised that they will violate all principles and law just to track down someone a Jew hates? Nope, we're living under anti-white tyranny with Jews in charge. It will keep happening as long as whites allow it to.

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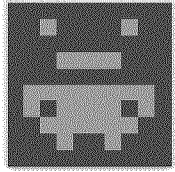


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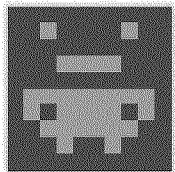


Use a the app text free, it will assign you a clone phone number, when signing up with Twitter and ask for the call to verify option , your number won't be linked to your phone service , also log in with a wifi that has VPN

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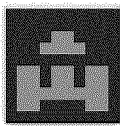


Totally fucking ridiculous the FBI chased down a fucking TWEET!

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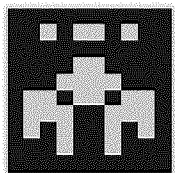


It is. Especially when they can't find 33,000 emails because of the former director getting queasy during the entire investigation

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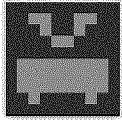
Progressive Immigration calls for Mass Migration of Enterprising Peoples to Poor Nations, Not to Rich Ones We are told that immigrants are a blessing for the national economy. In that case, progressive immigration should be like progressive taxation. Now, under progressive taxation, the lower classes pay little or nothing and instead receive much of the revenues. Likewise, under progressive immigration, poor nations should receive most of the blessing of immigration. We are told that more immigration will lead to more economic growth because immigrants are so hardworking, intelligent,

motivated, and enterprising. They are wonders for any national economy. Well, rich... Read more »

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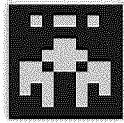


This idiot needs to banned.

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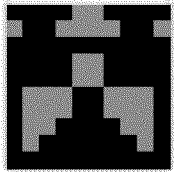


You're a Jew!

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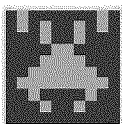


These companies are going to hand over information to police no questions asked every time. They have no interest in protecting you. Being a paid customer is simply not enough. They aren't your mother or your wife, they don't love you, they have no real loyalty to you. So it doesn't surprise me at all, I would be way more shocked if they actually fought the police.

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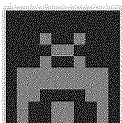


This always seemed like common sense and I never understood how people have this view that private companies are somehow resistant at all in working with the government.

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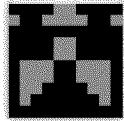
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Everything you said is simply not true. You're autisticly speaking in universalist terms. These companies will protect non-Whites, Jews, and Muslims, while turning against Whites. It doesn't matter if it's Twitter or Apple, the result is the same because their devotion to Third Worldism is the same. There's clearly an agenda.

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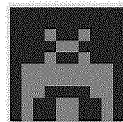


In cases like these where they are tracking down an anonymous source, they have no real idea what the race or even gender of the person is. You could make an educated guess but there is no certainty you would be correct. Just recently you had cases where jews and blacks have been caught making swastikas and calling in racist threats to jewish centers. From my own personal experience I know that if a police officer walks into my job to ask any question whether about an employee, former employee or any costumer they will hand the information over in... Read more »

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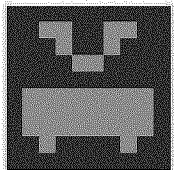


Again, that is not true. Businesses will lie to defend illegals. Jewish, Muslim, and POC businesses will lie to defend their own. The only people who engage in the delusion of Universal Morality is White people.

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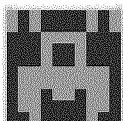


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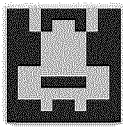


No one was forcing him to look at it either. All of this is nonsense.

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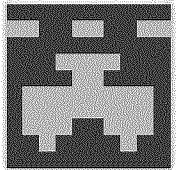


I'm photosensitive to some degree. Yes, I stupidly looked at the strobe gif and got nauseous but that was me being curious. If Eichenwald was really smart he'd sue Twitter not some regular Joe. That's another reason to know this is politically motivated.

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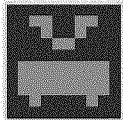


Disturbing stuff indeed, and Eichenwald is absolutely a piece of shit, but trying to make people have seizures is indefensible. Rivello is on his own AFAIC.

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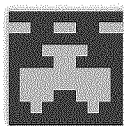


There's no proof Eichenwald had a seizure. Reasonable doubt, and Rivello walks. This is an important case because the left can use it prosecute anyone for "Memes."

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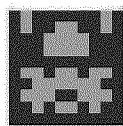


Eich could be lying but there's no real question Rivello committed assault. Injury need not occur for an assault conviction. If Eich did have a seizure then it's assault and battery.

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Rascal



Are you seriously say that he committed assault with a gif? People with Kurt's condition should not be using the internet to begin with.

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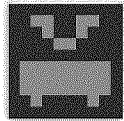


Unless he had a camera filming the event, there's no way to determine the validity of his accusations. He could have been jerking off to porn for all we know.

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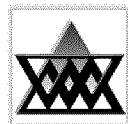


Not only that, if you read the Affidavit, Kurt's wife didn't even call an Ambulance or seek medical help. She called the Police. There is no medical proof Eichenwald suffered a seizure.

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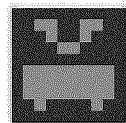


He's Jewish and so is his wife, so there's a better than average chance they're lying or wildly distorting facts for personal gain.

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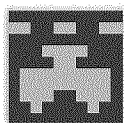


Most Jews don't lie about being Jewish. There's certainly 6 million advantages to claiming Judaism. I believe Eichenwald, he's a practicing Episcopalian, and when he denies being a Jew, he denies the religion. Eichenwald doesn't understand that those of us on the Alt Right consider Jews to be a race, not a religion.

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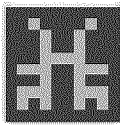


He could be lying but assault doesn't require injury. If you throw a punch but miss, you have still assaulted.

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A hymn to Hermes trying to make people have seizures is indefensible.



It doesn't require defense in the first place.

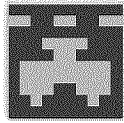
Rivello is on his own AFAIC.

You wish kike.

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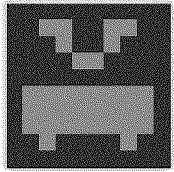
"Hurr anyone I don't agree with is a kike"

-The child's guide to political debate

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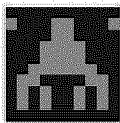


OK, I read through the Affidavit and there is ZERO proof Eichenwald suffered a seizure. Kurt's wife called the POLICE not the AMBULANCE. We can beat this Jew in court but we're gonna need a good defense lawyer. As Pat Webb said in Casino, its time to kick a Kike's ass in Court.

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Will Windsor



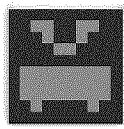
Crazy part is that he's being charged with aggravated assault, meaning they don't need to show Keichenwald suffered injury, but rather whether Jew Goldstein threatened harm with a deadly weapon. Their charge is that a "gif" is a deadly weapon, which would be the first of its kind that I know about. The definition of a deadly weapon is overly broad to allow for anything that is capable of causing death or bodily injury. Thus, a paperclip could be a deadly weapon or any other stupid item like a Goddam gif. Most juries don't buy it, but we'll see what... Read more »

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Yehudah Finkelstein Yeah about that, see my tweet above.
Apparently Eichenwald doesn't suffer photo sensitive seizures.

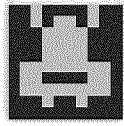


As for juries, John Rivello/Jew Goldstein needs to demand a venue to change to some White part of rural Texas. Eichenwald is well connected in Dallas and went to the best prep school in the Dallas Metroplex.

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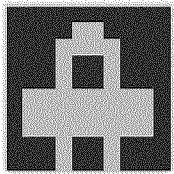


Start pronouncing "gif" like "queef"... I doubt a deadly "queef" would stand in court. Although it would be pretty hilarious to militarize queefs (is that possible???)

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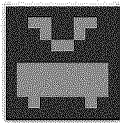


So question is, how best to remain anonymous? What if for example he was on a desktop pc with a reputable VPN ?

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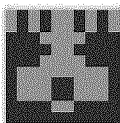


If John Rivello hadn't used Apple they may not have found him. All they had before discovering his Apple phone was a pre paid phone with a Burner number.

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kerbastrar2



If you want to make kikenwald shit his pants again, then buy some google voice accounts off blackhatworld using bitcoins, and get a paid VPN service that doesn't keep logs

looks like Mr. Goldstein put the sim card he got from tracfone directly into his daily use iphone, which was a very bad mistake

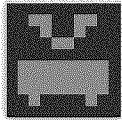
If you're just doing oven jokes and generic jew trolling, then I wouldn't worry

about going that far just yet.

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Someone needs to make a bot that auto replies with the Wesearchr John Rivello defense fund link to every Tweet Eichenwald makes.

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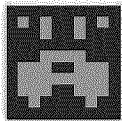


You can't be anonymous to the NSA, likely not even if you use Tor. (I mean come on Tor was started by the US Navy in order to hide spies and military personnel and just look who funds many of the exit nodes.) You likely can't be particularly anonymous to the big companies like the ISPs or Google. You can hide your IP from most blogs and sites and maintain some amount of privacy by using Tor or some sort of proxy. But if the big players want to get you, they can. There is no privacy online. Just watch... [Read more »](#)

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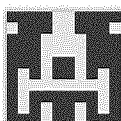


"But if the big players want to get you, they can. There is no privacy online. Just watch some interviews with the real NSA whistleblower, William Binney (forget the Edward Snowden distraction.)" The question is not "can this privacy be breached?" but rather "what resources are required to breach this privacy?" In this case Rivello made himself relatively easy to find by using iCloud. Had he not done that they would have been stuck with a burner phone. At that point they could try tracking back where the phone was purchased and checking any store video, were any available. But... [Read more »](#)

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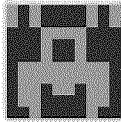
Rivello would have to be clean from end to end; a VPN to conceal his IP address which keeps no logs (some do), sign-up emails through a privacy-oriented site like StartMail, and a device capable of spoofing MAC addresses.

Ultimately, how anonymous you stay depends only upon how much budget and computing horsepower they are willing to expend finding you.

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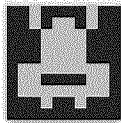


It's just a matter of degree. If they really want to find you they will. Most times it's low level crap, which this is, and if the information isn't readily available they won't invest the time and effort into it.

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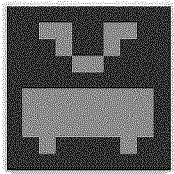


There is no real way to be anonymous. If (((they))) want to find you... they will.

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We need to contribute to John Rivello's legal defense fund on We Searchr and defeat this disgusting Jew toad Kurt Eichenwald in court (he denies being Jew but Eichenwald's father was of the Tribe).

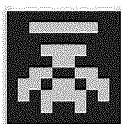
<https://www.wesearchr.com/bounties/jew-goldstein-the-legal-funding>

Interestingly, Richard Spencer went to the same prep school as this soulless golem Eichenwald and Spencer bullied him hard on Twitter a few days ago over that fact. Kurt Eichenwald may not deserve a seizure for being a nasty ball of puss but he does deserve the embarrassment of a defeat in court. And Jew Goldstein deserves redemption for his tweets.

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He does deserve a seizure.

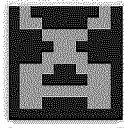
Though I'm not advocating sending him gifs.

But he totally deserves it.

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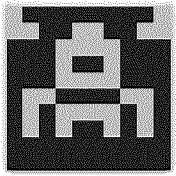


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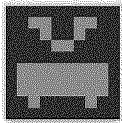


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