

Timeline of Government Surveillance in Northern and Central California*
September 2001 - July 2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Incidents or Developments</u>	<u>Agencies</u>
9/25/2001	Governor Gray Davis and Attorney General Bill Lockyer create the California Anti-Terrorism Information Center (CATIC). CATIC is instituted to collect and disseminate terrorism-related information to local law enforcement.	CATIC
11/7/2001	CATIC begins issuing advisories to local law enforcement agencies about anti-war activity with an anti-terrorism advisory warning of “possible war protests.”	CATIC
3/29/2002	CATIC issues anti-terrorism advisory on several Middle Eastern cultural events in the Bay Area, including an Afghan New Year’s Festival.	CATIC
5/14/2002	CATIC issues anti-terrorism advisory regarding “demonstrations on California college campuses by pro-Israeli and pro-Palestinian groups.”	CATIC
10/26/2002	San Francisco Police use undercover officers to monitor anti-war protest without proper authorization from the San Francisco Chief of Police.	SFPD
11/8/2002	CATIC issues anti-terrorism advisory regarding rally at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory. Urges reporting of information to Joint Terrorism Task Force.	CATIC, FBI JTTF
1/18/2003	San Francisco Police use undercover officers to monitor anti-war protest without proper authorization.	SFPD
2/15/2003	Sacramento Police Department “identification specialist” videotapes anti-war rally, calling it a “crime scene.”	Sacramento PD
2/16/2003	San Francisco Police use undercover officers to monitor anti-war protest without proper authorization.	SFPD
3/7/2003	Audit by Office of Citizen Complaints exposes improper use of undercover officers by San Francisco Police Department in 2002 and 2003 anti-war protests.	SFPD

4/2/2003	CATIC issues anti-terrorism advisory regarding planned anti-war protest at the Port of Oakland.	CATIC
4/7/2003	Oakland police open fire with "less lethal" weapons on demonstrators at Port of Oakland injuring over 50 people.	Oakland PD
5/12/2003	Protest against police action at the April 7 port protest infiltrated by Oakland Police.	Oakland PD
5/18/2003	CATIC spokesperson Mike Van Winkle equates protest and terrorism in interview with the <i>Oakland Tribune</i> , stating "You can make an easy kind of a link that if you have a protest group protesting a war where the cause that's being fought against is international terrorism you might have terrorism at the [protest]... You can almost argue that a protest against that is a terrorist act."	CATIC
8/31/2003	Peace Fresno members realize their organization was infiltrated for the past several months after viewing an obituary of a member of the Fresno County Sheriff Anti-Terrorism Unit in the newspaper.	Fresno County Sheriff
9/2003	Following press reports, Attorney General Lockyer issues a manual warning law enforcement not to monitor or create intelligence files without reasonable suspicion of a crime.	Attorney General Lockyer
1/24/2004	Contra Costa Sheriff Homeland Security Unit monitors labor rally in San Francisco.	Contra Costa Sheriff
4/21/2004	ACLU-NC files complaint with California Attorney General urging investigation of Fresno County Sheriff's infiltration of Peace Fresno.	Fresno County Sheriff
6/24/2004	California Attorney General Bill Lockyer opens investigation of Fresno County Sheriff over infiltration of Peace Fresno.	Fresno County Sheriff
8/20/2004	ACLU-NC files Freedom of Information Act Request with the FBI seeking information regarding the Joint Terrorism Task Forces in Northern and Central California.	FBI JTTF

11/10/2004	Officers with the Fresno County Sheriff and Fresno State Police Department infiltrate and monitor on-campus lecture hosted by the Campus Peace and Civil Liberties Coalition.	Fresno County Sheriff, Fresno State Police Department
11/10/2004	Sacramento Veterans for Peace holds anti-war protest rally later included in secret Department of Defense (DOD) anti-terrorism database.	DOD
4/5/2005	Santa Cruz Students Against War hold counter recruitment protest at UC Santa Cruz that is later included in secret Pentagon anti-terrorism database.	DOD
4/20/2005	Berkeley Stop the War Coalition holds counter recruitment protest at UC Berkeley that is later included in secret Pentagon anti-terrorism database.	DOD
4/27/2005	ACLU-NC files Public Records Act request seeking information from Fresno State Police and the Fresno County Sheriff regarding infiltration of a student group at Fresno State.	Fresno County Sheriff, Fresno State Police Department
5/5/2005	Counter recruitment rally held at San Francisco Recruiting Station that is later included in secret Pentagon anti-terrorism database	DOD
5/8/2005	California National Guard monitors Mother's Day anti-war rally by Code Pink, Gold Star Families for Peace, and Raging Grannies.	CA Nat'l Guard
6/30/2005	California's ACLU affiliates write Governor Schwarzenegger urging the dismantling of the National Guard Unit that monitored the Mother's Day protest.	CA Nat'l Guard
10/27/2005	Santa Cruz Police authorize infiltration of New Year's Eve parade planning meetings.	Santa Cruz PD
2/1/2006	ACLU-NC files Freedom of Information Act request with Department of Defense seeking information on anti-terrorism database that included anti-war protests.	DOD

3/7/2006	ACLU-NC files lawsuit seeking expedited processing of FOIA request filed with Department of Defense.	DOD
3/7/2006	State Terrorism Threat Assessment Center (STTAC) Director's Daily Brief lists a number of political protests throughout the state by organizations including the Chico Center for Peace and Justice, Code Pink, and United for Peace and Justice.	STTAC (formerly CATIC)
3/20/2006	Independent Police Auditor Bob Aaronson releases report on Santa Cruz police spying, finding the use of undercover officers violated organizers' constitutional right to privacy.	Santa Cruz Police Department
4/10/2006	STTAC Director's Daily Brief lists a number of immigration rallies across the state including rallies in Concord, Berkeley, San Francisco, and San Jose.	STTAC
4/21/2006	California Department of Justice employee Allen Benitez warns of OHS contract analysts researching and collecting information on political groups and protests.	OHS
5/25/2006	Federal Judge William Alsup orders Department of Defense to expedite response to FOIA request regarding Pentagon database.	DOD
7/18/2006	Documents released by Defense Department show Department of Homeland Security and Joint Terrorism Task Force involvement in gathering information about anti-war protests.	DOD, Dept. of Homeland Security, FBI JTTF

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