

December 7, 2005

-First 7 people arrested under Operation Backfire- Gerlach, Thurston, Rodgers, Harvey, Tubbs, McGowan , and Meyerhoff.
-Several Grand Jury Subpoenas handed down.
-Jacob Ferguson revealed as rat.

December 22, 2005

-Avalon (Bill Rodgers) commits suicide in jail.

January 13, 2006

-Eric McDavid, Zachary Jensen, and Lauren Wiener arrested based on entrapment.

January 20, 2006

-Prosecution announces a sweeping 65 count indictment against 11 people and related to 17 incidents. In addition to those already arrested it named Paul, Savoie, Dibee, Rubin, and Overaker.

February 2006

-Sadie and Exile (aka Block and Zacher) arrested in Olympia Wa, soon to be facing life plus 1,115 years.

March 2006

-Conviction of SHAC 7 under Animal Enterprise Protection Act (AEPA) for running website.

March 2006

-Waters arrested in Seattle Wa, soon to be facing a mandatory minimum 30 year sentence.

June 2006

-Non-Cooperating Defendants Sadie, Exile, McGowan and Paul named on another 65 count indictment.

July 2006

-Cooperating Defendants Thurstan, Tubbs, Tankersly, Meyerhoff, Gerlach, and Savoie plead guilty to multiple arson and conspiracy charges.

October 2006

-Kolar and Phillabaum enter cooperating plea agreements in Waters case.

November 2006

-Sadie, Exile, McGowan , and Paul enter into Non-cooperating plea agreements; Government seeks Terrorism Enhancement on their charges.

November 2006

-Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA) passes into law

April 2007

-Ambrose begins traveling the country wearing a wire.

May 2007

-Terrorism enhancement rule applicable for non-cooperating defendants in Operation Backfire cases.

SUMMER 2007

-Grand Jury convened in Minneapolis, believed to last for 18 months.

Sept. 2007

-McDavid trial begins.

-Coronado goes to trial, and despite a hung jury the government threatens continued prosecution.

February 11, 2008

-Waters trial begins in Tacoma Wa

March 2008

-Tre Arrow extradited to the US from Canada.

-Waters found guilty on 2 counts of arson. Sentenced to 6 years.

-Mason, Ambrose, Fulz, and Burthwick arrested in Ohio and Michigan.

May 2008

-McDavid found guilty, sentenced to 19 years 7 months.

-McGowan moved to Communication Management Unit (CMU)

August 2008

-Arrow sentenced to almost 5 years.

Sept 2008

-Mason takes non-cooperating plea deal.

SUMMER/FALL 2008

-Feds start looking to find someone to infiltrate "vegan potlucks".

-Darby revealed as government informant.

March 2009

-Salt Lake City Grand Jury begins. Jordan Halliday jailed.

-4 new AETA charges/arrests in California

February 2009

-Mason sentenced to almost 22 years.

April 2009

-Hugh and Tiga have 'Mafia Law' used to issued arrest warrants for their organizing against I-69 in Indiana

Some Resources for further research:

<http://www.cldc.org/>

www.greenisthenewred.com

www.ecoprisoners.org

<http://www.noaeta.org/resources.htm>

<http://supportdaniel.org/cmu/>

www.mostlyeverything.net