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# Operation Bourscheid

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# What is the Sovereign Citizen Movement?

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A sovereign citizen is someone who rejects the legitimate authority of the government they live under, including the police and other authorities.

<https://www.9news.com.au/national/what-is-a-sovereign-citizen-movement-beliefs-explainer/968ac369-a7bd-4a6d-9465-7bc2a1d13bdf>

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# Summary

- Operation BOURSCHEID is an AFP s 47E(c) investigation into a sovereign citizen movement in Australia.
- The main person of interest, s 47F(1) declared s 47F(1) the Governor-General of Australia, appointed Commissioners of a 'new AFP' and issued arrest warrants for Australian political leaders.
- s 47F(1) with the assistance of others, imported 1000 AFP replica badges, purchased Governor-General of Australia stamps, AFP stamps and attempted to purchase AFP Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner stamps.
- s 47F(1) issued a 'Certificate of Appointment' and AFP employee cards to s 47F(1) closest members.

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- The movement maintained a key goal of arresting political leaders and selected high office holders across the country for alleged crimes. The primary driver of this movement was s 47F(1) s 47F(1) who on 26 February 2021, declared s 47F(1) the Governor-General of Australia. In order to affect s 47F(1) plans, s 47F(1) s 47F(1) appointed numerous commissioners of the 'new' AFP across Australia and signed warrants under s 47F(1) own hand for the arrests which were to be carried out by yet-to-be-sworn officers of a 'new' AFP which s 47F(1) created.

- s 47F(1) s 47F(1) and s 47F(1) worked to s 47F(1) establish this 'new AFP' by importing over 1000 AFP replica badges, purchasing Governor-General and AFP stamps, and s 47F(1) attempting to purchase AFP Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner stamps s 47F(1) s 47F(1) issued each of s 47F(1) closest members with a 'Certificate of Appointment' and AFP employee cards.

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# Timeline of rallies

**26 February 2021**

s 47F(1) was present at a public rally outside the offices of Greg Hunt MP, the Federal Member for Flinders and the Minister for Health and Aged Care, in Somerville, Victoria.

**1 March 2021**

s 47F(1) was present again at a public rally, outside the offices of Greg MP Hunt.

**28 March 2021**

s 47F(1) made a public speech outside the offices of Bill Shorten MP, the Federal Member for Maribyrnong in Moonee Ponds, Victoria.

**23 May 2021**

s 47F(1) spoke outside the offices of Josh Bull MP, the Victorian State Member for Sunbury in Sunbury, Victoria.

**11 July 2021**

s 47F(1) spoke in Victoria Square, Adelaide where s 47F(1) described the arrest warrants s 47F(1) had issued.

s 47F(1)

**uploaded s 47F(1) public rallies and speeches to s 47E(c) personal YouTube, Facebook and Bitchute pages and hosted various online Zoom meetings to promote s 47F(1) 'new AFP'.**

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- 26 February 2021 - At the rally, s 47F(1) s 47F(1) claimed to have assumed the role of the Governor-General.
- 1 March 2021 - At this rally, using the powers s 47F(1) had 'acquired' as Governor-General, s 47F(1) purported to issue arrest warrants for a number of individuals, being Federal and State politicians and public servants, including Greg Hunt, Daniel Andrews, Anthony Albanese, Scott Morrison, Paul Kelly, Brett Sutton, Michael Chan and Tanya Duss.
- 28 March 2021 - s 47F(1) s 47F(1) commenced by stating s 47F(1) was "s 47F(1) s 47F(1) Governor General of Australia, from the twenty-sixth of February". The Defendant then purported to issue five warrants for "government rapists" and named individuals as Tim Hill, Bill Shorten, Nathan Rees, Christian Porter and the man accused of raping Brittany Higgins.
- 23 May 2021 - s 47F(1) s 47F(1) purported to issue an arrest warrant for Josh Bull, State MP. The description of the video on the YouTube page included the phrase "by order of the People's Governor General of Australia" followed by s 47F(1) s 47F(1) name and contact details.
- 11 July 2021 - During the video, s 47F(1) s 47F(1) purported to issue arrest warrants for the individuals including John Frewen, Brendan Murphy, Paul Kelly, Caroline Edwards, Scott Morrison, David Hurley, and Jane Halton.

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# Timeline of AFP replica badges and stamps

- 10 May 2021** [s 47F(1)] contacted the business, [s 47G(1)(a)] requesting two stamps, “AFP Commissioner” and “AFP Deputy Commissioner”.
- 27 May 2021** [s 47F(1)] purchased 470 nickel custom badges and 30 gold custom badges from Chinese manufacturer, [s 47G(1)(a)].
- 25-29 June 2021** Email exchanges between [s 47F(1)] and [s 47G(1)(a)] occurred to ascertain the progress of the badges. [s 47G(1)(a)] craft further advised the badges would be sent in three boxes.
- 5 July 2021** The consignment of badges were delivered to an address in Cairns, Queensland – a member of [s 47F(1)]’s new AFP.
- 18 July 2021** A fisherman fishing in the Barron River in Queensland identified two boxes in the river with yellow tape around it. The fisherman retrieved one box and members of the Queensland Police Service retrieved the second box and additionally found a third box.
- 26 July 2021** [s 47F(1)] contacted [s 47G(1)(a)] and requested an additional 500 AFP badges, 30 gold and 470 silver. This box of badges were not sent as [s 47F(1)] had not provided an address.



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**31 July 2021**

A national resolution occurred involving search warrants across South Australia, Queensland and Western Australia.

s 47F(1) was arrested for obstructing Police, was subject to a psychiatric assessment and was later charged with Impersonation of an official by a non-official, contrary to section 148.1 (2) of the Criminal Code (Cth) and Unlawful importation, contrary to section 233(1)(b) of the Customs Act 1901 (Cth).

**Jan 2022**

s 47F(1) was diagnosed with a delusional disorder supporting a mental health defence.

**11 March 2022**

s 47F(1) was granted home detention bail with strict conditions, that s 47F(1) not use the internet to access social media, not upload material to the internet and not host or attend any public meetings or forums on the internet.

**4 October 2022**

A member of s 47F(1)'s new AFP was charged with the offences described above, convicted, fined and is required to be of good behaviour for a period of 3 years.

s 47F(1) **has since plead guilty to s 47F(1) offences, including an additional attempt unlawful importation offence and will be appearing before the Adelaide Magistrates Court on 6 October 2023 for sentencing submissions.**

To this day, [REDACTED] s 47F(1)  
does not accept [REDACTED] s 47F(1) diagnosis of a Delusional Disorder

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# Terrorist offences / counterterrorism measures / HRTO scheme

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## Current CT Environment

- Australia's national terrorism threat level is now at POSSIBLE
- Terrorism remain an enduring threat to the safety of the Australian community.
- Threat is increasingly complex & diversified.
- The threat of Religiously Motivated Violent Extremism (RMVE) remains whilst the threat from Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism (IMVE) & the caseload from High Risk Terrorist Offenders (HRTTO) increases.
- The threat of domestic attacks from lone actors is ongoing & will be further compounded by directed or inspired lone actors or more sophisticated attack planning emanating from Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan.
- The online environment has allowed violent extremists to magnify their impact, particularly during Covid19
- We continue to respond to an increasing prevalence of youth being radicalised online with the youngest individual being 13 years of age.
- The threat of terrorist acts being committed by HRTTO is enduring & will continue to increase.
- There remains an ongoing threat of terrorism in our region - terrorist plots from terrorist groups aligned to ISIS or AQ.



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Despite a lowering of the National threat level from 'Probable' to 'Possible', the threat of terrorism is enduring and becoming increasingly diverse and complex.

CT operational tempo is currently at unprecedented levels. The operational tempo within the CTSI Command remained high throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Religiously Motivated Violent Extremism (RMVE)

The threat posed by Religiously Motivated Violent Extremism (RMVE) remains Australia's predominant threat and shows no signs of abating. Transnational jihadist groups continue to advocate for the targeting of all countries, including Australia. These views are largely disseminated online and continue to influence domestic extremists whose criminal activity may range from sharing of extremist material to planning for domestic attacks.

A number of women and children participating in RMVE activity has also been observed. We have seen one woman (SHOMA) in the state of Victoria undertake two attacks in a two year period, including an attack whilst she was in custody. The threat to Australia from foreign fighters remains.

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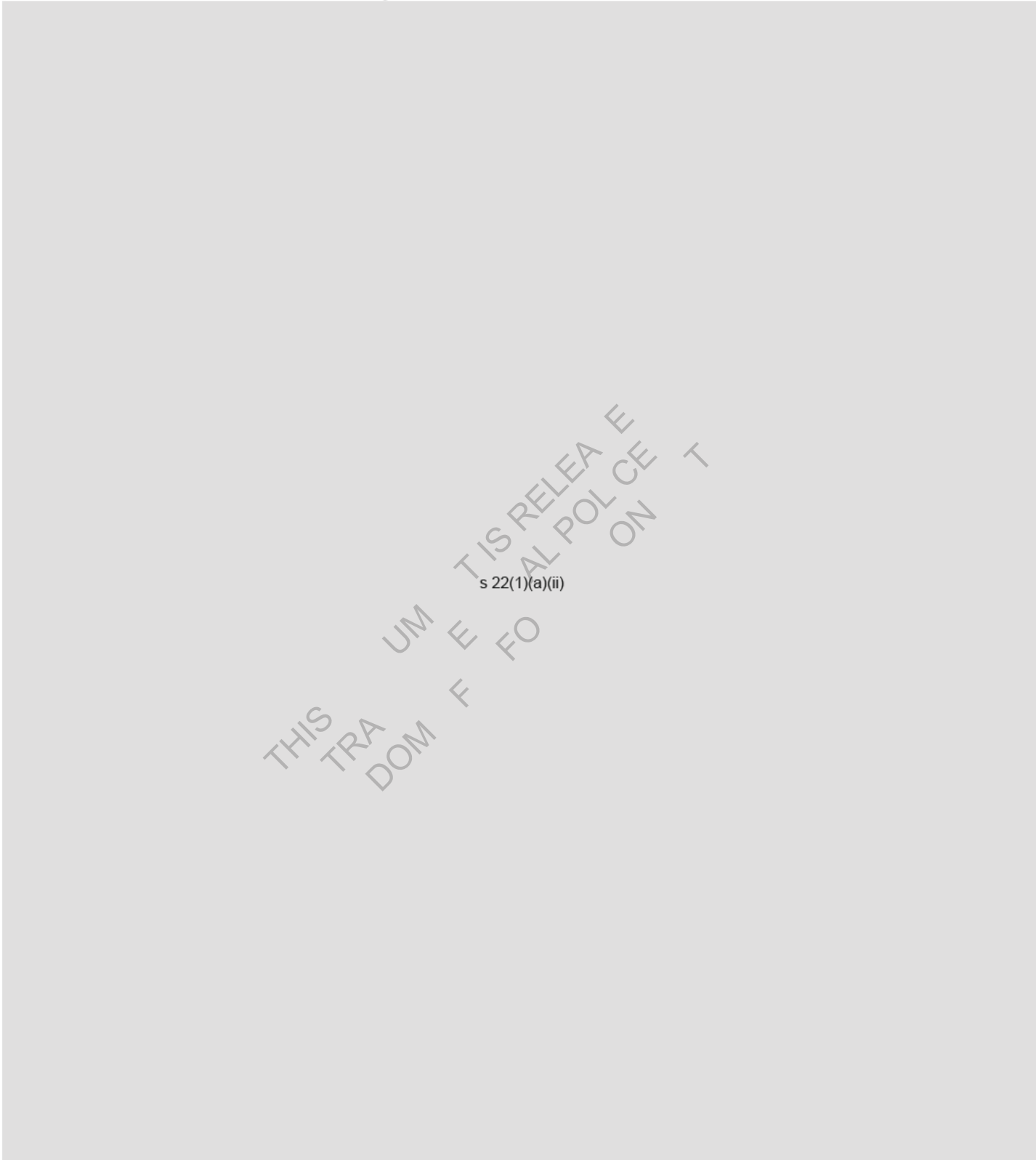
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12. December 2022 - RMVE attack, shooting of three people, including two QPS police officers QLD



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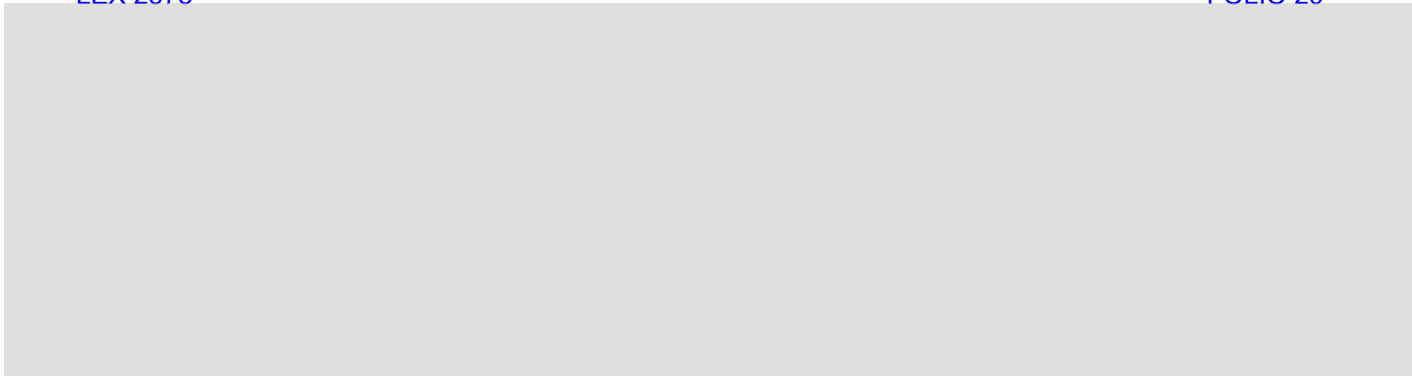
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12 – December 2022 – Nathan, Gareth and Stacey TRAIN – Operation Cavan – Recently catagorised as an RMVE attack, evidence of the attack being a premeditated and planned ambush and shooting of police. Australia’s first Christian Fundamentalist RMVE attack. Currently the subject of a QLD Coronial inquiry.

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## Religiously Motivated Violent Extremism

- The threat of Religiously Motivated Violent Extremism remains the predominant threat to Australia.
- The RMVE threat in Australia has endured, and while many of these extremists appear to have limited genuine intent to act, some continue to aspire to undertake attacks in Australia.
- Recently, the Australian Federal Police has witnessed fewer sophisticated actors within the domestic terrorism environment, which is altering the nature of the threat to the Australian community.
- The threat to Australia from foreign fighters remains.



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Where we used to see planned, coordinated and resource-intensive threats and attacks, we are now seeing small-cell actors and self-radicalised individuals who may engage in low sophistication attacks. These threats are often difficult to detect.□□

Operation Cavan – In December 2022, a RMVE inspired attack that targeted the QLD Police was carried out in Wieambilla, QLD by a small cell that believed in premillennialism – which relates to Christian Fundamentalist beliefs.□

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