

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**

May 26, 2009

**From:** Intelligence Collection Coordinator and Intelligence Analysis Coordinator

**To:** Commanding Officer, Intelligence Division

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PRELIMINARY INQUIRY CONCERNING  
THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST MOVEMENT NEW YORK UNIT**

1. Pursuant to the modified Handschu Guidelines, the undersigned requests that the Intelligence Division be authorized to extend the existing Preliminary Inquiry concerning the group of individuals (“the group”) more fully described in paragraph 2, below. To date, the Preliminary Inquiry has revealed information that raises the possibility of unlawful activity by members of, or persons associated with, the subject group, but has not yet revealed sufficient information for a determination regarding whether or not a Full Investigation should be undertaken. Neither has the inquiry revealed sufficient information to conclude that further investigation is not warranted. Consequently, responsible handling of the information currently known requires an extension of the Preliminary Inquiry. The requested extension is necessary so that accurate and reliable information may be obtained regarding any plans on the part of members of, or persons associated with, the group to engage in terrorist activity or other unlawful conduct. Such information will also be utilized by the Department to gather sufficient evidence to maximize the potential for successful prosecution of legal proceedings concerning the subject group and/or individuals associated with it, and to facilitate the efficient deployment of police resources to ensure public safety and security.

2. The subject organization is the National Socialist Movement (NSM), New York Unit, which is located at 2133 Ryder Street, Brooklyn, New York, and which operates an internet website known as “www.NewSaxon.org.” This Preliminary Inquiry was initially approved on February 8, 2008, and has been extended three times, with the last extension being approved on February 26, 2009. This is the **fourth** request for an extension.

3. The facts and circumstances justifying this request to extend the

Preliminary Inquiry include:

- A.** Open source information obtained indicates that due to the demise between 2002 and 2005 of other major neo-Nazi groups in the United States, NSM is currently the largest neo-Nazi group in the country. According to information reported to the public by the FBI and press reports, NSM members have been charged with engaging in hate crimes and other criminal conduct. Furthermore, in issues of its various periodicals over the years, the NSM has advocated weapons training for whites and has published the recipes for explosives such as fertilizer bombs (information obtained indicates that members of the NSM has in fact conducted military training on a member's farm in Ohio).
- B.** The NSM is paramilitary in structure and consists of localized state cells or "units." The units are relatively small in membership, ranging from as few as two (2) to as many as ten to twelve (10-12). The New York Unit of NSM is split into two regions – one which covers upstate New York, and one for New York City. The NSM website indicates that a contact for the New York City unit lists a Brooklyn, New York telephone number for application for membership. Information obtained since the opening of this Preliminary inquiry indicates the following: The National Socialist Movement, New York State Unit Director has been tentatively identified as Michael Connelly of 26 Jay Street Schenectady, NY 12305. Since the previous inquiry, Michael Connelly has been promoted to the rank of sergeant within the NSM. The Brooklyn, New York contact for the National Socialist Movement has been identified as Keith Schneider of 2133 Ryder Street, Brooklyn, New York 11234.
- C.** Open source information obtained indicates that the NSM operates and maintains an internet website known as NewSaxon.org. This website was designed as a social network for white supremacists to meet others in their geographical area. NewSaxon.org, serves as recruiting ground for NSM to indoctrinate fringe members of the white supremacy movement. **Information obtained since the third extension of the captioned Preliminary Inquiry indicates that there are 22 individual accounts that have indicated a New York City residence and are active on this site. Seven of these accounts have been created since the third extension of this Preliminary Investigation. There have been no new users verified since the original Preliminary Inquiry.**
- D.** The undersigned concludes that the foregoing information indicates that there is a possibility that (i) individuals associated with the National Socialist Movement, New York Unit are engaged in, or are planning to engage in unlawful conduct; and (ii) that NewSaxon.org is being utilized as a venue for recruiting individuals to join NSM and/or engage in or support unlawful conduct.

**E.** Responsible handling of the information currently known requires that this Preliminary Inquiry be extended concerning the National Socialist Movement and NewSaxon.org.

**4.** For your consideration.

Paul Ciorra  
**Deputy Inspector**

Mitchell Silber  
**Director**

**ACTION BY AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL**

The request to extend Preliminary Inquiry # 01/08 is hereby:

[ ] APPROVED

[ ] DISAPPROVED

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Assistant Chief Thomas Galati  
**Commanding Officer, Intelligence Division**  
Dated: May , 2009

**FINAL ACTION**  
**DEPUTY COMMISSIONER INTELLIGENCE**

The request to extend Preliminary Inquiry # 01/08 is hereby:

[ ] APPROVED

[ ] DISAPPROVED

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David Cohen  
**Deputy Commissioner Intelligence**  
Dated: May , 2009