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Antifa Exonerated in Andy Ngo Trial

A jury in Portland, Oregon, has found Antifa defendants not liable for violent attacks, after their attorney declared to the jurors in court that she would remember “each one” of their faces.

The trial pitted The Post Millennial’s Andy Ngo in a civil case against members of Rose City Antifa. Ngo had filed a complaint in Portland in 2020 against the group. He charged certain members with various acts of violence beginning in 2019, and sought more than \$300,000 in damages.

The defendants were John Colin Hacker and Elizabeth Renee Richter, whom Ngo accused of assault, battery, and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Ngo is recognized in conservative and leftist circles alike due to his extensive and controversial coverage of Antifa activities.

As the trial began on July 31, The Post Millennial tweeted about Hacker’s history with Ngo, saying that “on May 7, 2019, Hacker allegedly threw an unknown liquid onto Ngo at a local gym, then forcibly robbed Ngo, taking his phone.” The tweet says gym staff had to intervene, and Hacker’s gym membership was later revoked.

Ngo lost the criminal case he filed against Hacker after the incident. The latter claimed he wanted to avoid being filmed by Ngo, and said he was “resentful and irritated” at Ngo for his undercover reporting. The judge in that bench trial, Eric L. Dahlin, said he believed beyond a reasonable doubt that Hacker had no criminal intent.

Less than two months later, Ngo endured another attack by a group he identified as members of Antifa. They were counter-protesting a Proud Boys rally, and bystanders captured video of the incident. Punched, kicked, yelled at, and doused in what some reports say was a milkshake (others, quick-dry concrete), Ngo sustained injuries that sent him to the hospital. He later complained of police inaction during and after the attack, and Texas Republican Senator Ted Cruz called on federal authorities to investigate Portland’s mayor concerning the lack of response.

That June 2019 clash was originally part of the current lawsuit, in which Ngo first sought \$900,000 from multiple defendants. However, over time several defendants were dropped — three were found in default and one reached a pre-trial settlement with Ngo. The judge also dismissed a racketeering complaint, stating that Rose City Antifa is not a legal entity and therefore cannot be sued (though the group has a website, [Rose-CityAntifa.org](#)).

The week-long civil trial ended Tuesday, August 8, after which Ngo tweeted:



twitter.com/MrAndyNgo

Concrete milkshake? Andy Ngo, editor-at-large for The Post Millennial, is the frequent target of Antifa activists. However, in August, an Oregon judge found two of his attackers not liable.



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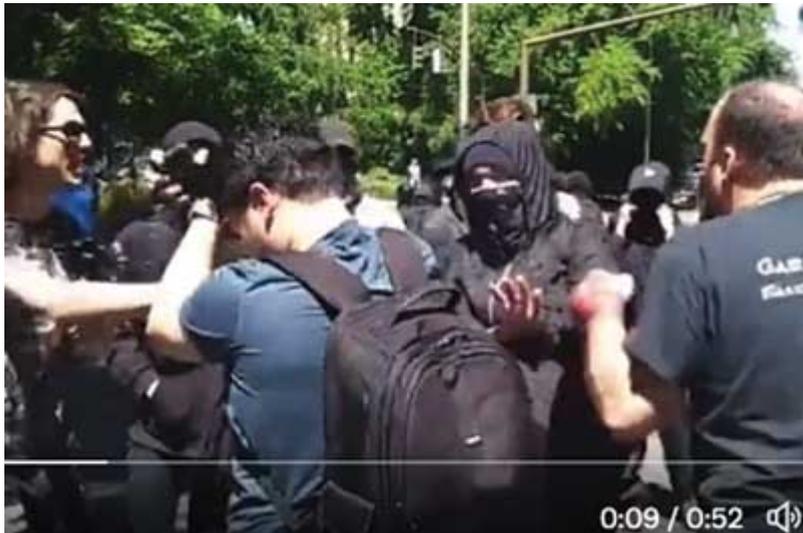
The court was played video showing Antifa defendant Elizabeth Renee Richter threatening to beat me worse than what I suffered in the June 2019 Antifa attack in which I suffered a brain hemorrhage & nearly died. The jury saw video of her rallying comrades & pointing me out at The Nines Hotel in downtown Portland.

Ngo had taken refuge in the lobby of that luxury hotel after fleeing attackers in the street. He also tweeted that “the court learned that co-defendant John Hacker admitted to identifying me to another person verbally, shortly before I was accosted & then chased & beaten by black bloc Antifa militants.”

Hacker disclosed in court that “one of his primary jobs is to ‘identify right wingers’ that infiltrate events.” Ngo had already testified to wearing the characteristic black garb of Antifa militants to conceal his identity for safety reasons while reporting on the event.

According to a Post Millennial tweet, Ngo was covering Antifa attacks on the Portland Justice Center and Police Central Precinct marking the anniversary of George Floyd’s death. It was there that Hacker approached and identified him.

The jury saw video of the May 28, 2021 incident, beginning after Ngo said he heard participants yell, “That’s Andy! Get him! Get him!” The video shows the chase and beating. Ngo was able to escape and seek refuge in The Nines hotel.



Agent provocateur or victim of persecution? Though critics say he’s asking for it by conducting on-the-street guerrilla journalism, Andy Ngo is depicted in videos acting alone and drastically outnumbered. (twitter.com/EricSpracklen)

The video shows Elizabeth Richter among his assailants, and her following him into the hotel, yelling threats and obscenities. Security escorted her outside, where she remained on the sidewalk with her comrades, continuing the lewd vitriol and banging on the hotel’s front windows.

Why was Ngo singled out and hunted down? Writing for Vox, Zack Beauchamp claims that “Ngo is not an innocent victim but a far-right sympathizer who has doxed antifa members in the past, potentially facilitating their harassment, and provokes them so that he can broadcast the result.”

He identifies Ngo’s “grift” as “funneling money” to his crowdfunding Patreon platform and 200,000 Twitter followers.



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Beauchamp also quotes Charlotte Clymer, press secretary at the LGBTQ+ advocacy group Human Rights Campaign, as condemning violence and bemoaning the altercations. But, she said, "I'm also not going to pretend that this wasn't Ngo's goal from the start." Her criticism is significant because Ngo is a homosexual.

However, he is not Antifa's only target. Post Millennial reporter Katie Davisourt, who was covering the trial, left after the verdict to discover all her car windows shattered and items stolen. With no absolute proof, she suspects Antifa is to blame because, she says, some members threatened her inside the courthouse.

Regardless of Ngo's intentions, eyewitness and security videos clearly show that his violent attackers vastly outnumbered him. Why did the jury find the defendants not liable? Ngo revealed his suspicions on Newsmax:

The judge informed the parties that the jurors were very scared throughout the trial. And actually on the final day of the trial, the judge sealed the jury roll to protect their identities, because there was apparently an attempt to identify who these jurors were. And within that context, in the closing statements from one of the defense attorneys, she did make a defense for antifa and said that she was going to be wearing a shirt that says "I am antifa." And one of the last things she said is that "I will be remembering all of your faces."

That defense lawyer, Michelle Burrows, excused Rose City Antifa's use of violence, claiming that "resistance in this country has never been peaceful."

It was an appropriate end to a stressful seven-day saga, which started with Judge Champhone Sinlapasai enacting a strict media ban and beefing up security throughout the week due to anonymous threats against jury members. During the trial there were multiple disruptions, at least one of which caused the judge to order a recess, and Sinlapasai informed the court that jurors had been threatened.

"It's truly remarkable the amount of evidence that the jury must have discounted to reach its verdict that the defendants weren't liable," Ngo's attorney, Eric Sell, told Laura Ingraham of Fox News. "And it really leads to the conclusion that jury intimidation was a factor here."

Pundits call the trial a sham that sends a clear message to Antifa radicals that they can continue their destruction of American cities free of criminal or civil liability. Enemies of the mob have little, if any, recourse.

After the verdict, Ngo told Ingraham, "I didn't receive justice."

She responded, "It's a message, I think, that they want to send to other people like you who want to expose what's happening in cities like Portland: Don't you dare."



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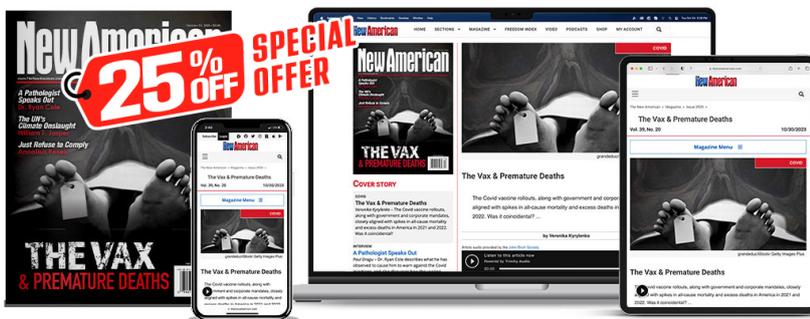
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