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# Federal Prosecutors: Black Former Marine Threatened to Mass-murder Whites

[Federal prosecutors in New Jersey have charged](#) a black former Marine with threatening the mass-murder of whites.

Joshua Cobb, 23, of Trenton, was arrested on May 10 after he confessed to FBI agents last month that he posted the threats to multiple social-media accounts. The agents also found material on his iPhone, [alleges the 11-page criminal complaint](#) filed in the U.S. District Court in New Jersey.

Cobb's social-media posts suggest that he might be severely mentally ill and possibly schizophrenic.



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— New York Post (@nypost) [May 13, 2024](#)

## The Threats

Cobb first threatened the mass-murder of whites on December 17, 2023, [prosecutors allege](#), when he posted the following to an unnamed social-media platform:

I want to cause mayhem on the white community. The reason i specifically want to target white people is because as a black male, they will NEVER understand my struggles. Same way I will never understand their struggles, but I don't care to. I want to erase them. All of them really, but in this case as many as I possibly can. As of today I have officially began planning my attack. It is going to take place in 2023 in the state of New Jersey, I have not chosen a exact date but I am going to be sure it is close to an important holiday to their race. I have a location in mind already which I have frequented for the past year and I am certain nobody there is armed to be able to stop me from spraying them to the ground. I have already acquired 2 of the 4 firearms I plan to use for my attack, and I also know my entry and exit points already after the mayhem.

But then he went further, and on another platform wrote that he dreamed of becoming a serial killer, prosecutors continued.

"I hope I do progress into a serial killer because I f\*\*\*ing hate life man," [he wrote](#):

- But one day everyone will suffer. I promise I will make everyone feel my f\*\*\*ing pain. My deep, sincere, raw, & sharp pain.



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- There is no way out for me. The only way out is bloodshed.
- Just wait man. Remember [my username]. [I] will leave clues when im done.
- I'm just leaving evidence for whoever investigates my case.

Cobb wrote that he hated cats and killed them with a crossbow that sends arrows "straight through their brains."

Cobb also seems to believe that he is mentally ill.

"No documented history but I definitely have problems but I refuse to get evaluated because I will lose my firearms license here in America," he wrote:

Not to mention, pretty much every single person in my family tree clearly shows signs of multiple different mental illnesses & I had 3 aunts who were diagnosed Schizophrenics, so do as you will with that information.

## Confession

In his confession to the FBI agents after they seized his iPhone, Cobb explained that he would attack at a gym because "gyms are really crowded around 5 p.m," [prosecutors allege](#).

He also fantasized about shooting shoppers in a grocery store because those stores are "almost always crowded." "I was feeling I wanted to hit ... a specific grocery store that was in Robbinsville cause it was like one of them grocery stores like where you just see all these fucking rich-ass white people," he told the FBI agents.

Cob wanted to emulate other mass shooters, the criminal complaint alleges.

Cobb told agents "he had watched Nikolas Cruz's 6 videos and 'felt a connection' with Cruz and 'felt his pain.' In discussing Payton Gendron, COBB stated that he 'liked his attack, liked the element of surprise and style.'"

[Cruz murdered](#) 17 people and wounded 17 more at Marjory Stoneman High School in 2018 in Parkland, Florida. He is serving 34 consecutive life sentences. [Gendron](#) is serving 11 consecutive life sentences for the murder of 10 blacks in Buffalo, New York, in 2022.

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Cobb told agents he had plenty of access to guns, the [criminal complaint alleges](#):

[He knew someone who] knew how to like 3D print sh\*t, he would make a f\*\*\*ing, it would not take long, he could literally make a frame for any pistol, any gun you can imagine, he'd make a frame for it and all you'd have to do is f\*\*\*ing put the parts, you could buy the parts, you don't need a license for it, you can buy it piece by piece, and then just literally assemble a homemade gun, so I had a few like that.



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Cobb told agents his relatives owned guns, “so I had access to guns, to this day, I do.”

His iPhone contained directions for bringing guns into New Jersey, the [complaint alleges](#).

The complaint notes that Cobb finished basic training on October 16, 2023 and was discharged on May 10.

Cobb was charged with [transmitting a threat in interstate and foreign commerce](#). If convicted, he faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Prosecutors from the U.S. Attorney’s Office’s National Security Unit are handling the case with the help of the Justice Department’s [Counterterrorism Section of the National Security Division](#)

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