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Former Top SPLC Writer Involved in Funding Hate Group, Romantically Involved With Paid Infiltrator

A federal grand jury in Alabama [has charged](#) a former top employee at the Southern Poverty Law Center in a second superseding indictment of the far-left group.

The jury has charged Heidi Beirich in three of the 14 counts in the indictment, which alleges wire fraud, making false statements, and money laundering to funnel money to the very “hate groups” SPLC claims to fight.

The group funneled more than \$4 million to hate groups through field sources, one of whom collected more than \$1.2 million while toiling for a neo-Nazi outfit. Beirich enjoyed a romantic relationship with that field source, the indictment alleges.



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Heidi Beirich



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A former Southern Poverty Law Center employee has been arrested on charges she oversaw secret payments to informants inside White supremacist groups.

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FORMER EMPLOYEE AT SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER ARRESTED ON FRAUD CHARGES



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First Indictment

A federal grand jury [indicted SPLC](#) in April, then [followed with](#) a superseding indictment in June. On August 11, a second superseding indictment [came down](#) that added Beirich, who ran SPLC's Intelligence Project and Hatewatch blog.



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The [indictment alleges](#):

Unbeknownst to donors, some of [the SPLC's] donated money was used to fund the leaders and organizers of racist groups, including the Ku Klux Klan, the Aryan Nations, and the National Alliance.

The SPLC's paid individuals ("field sources") engaged in the active promotion of racist groups at the same time that the SPLC was denouncing the same groups on its website.

The indictment calls those field sources "Fs."

"Between at least 2007 through in or about 2023, the SPLC secretly funneled at least \$4.1 million dollars in tax-exempt donor funds through a series of bank accounts supposedly belonging to businesses not associated with the SPLC," says the [indictment](#):

The purpose of these accounts was to secretly pay Fs who were either leading or affiliated with multiple violent extremist organizations.



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"The SPLC is manufacturing racism to justify its existence," said Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche. "Using donor money to allegedly profit off Klansmen cannot go unchecked. This Department of Justice will hold the SPLC and every other fraudulent organization operating with



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Federal Grand Jury Charges Southern Poverty Law Center for Wire Fraud, False Statements, and Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering

Our indictment alleges
Southern Poverty Law Center secretly funneled
MORE THAN \$3 MILLION IN FUNDS
to white supremacist & extremist groups including:

\$1M+ National Alliance affiliate

\$300K+ Aryan Nations affiliate

\$270K+ "Unite the Right" member

\$140K+ Former National Alliance Chairman

\$73K+ Former KKK members

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Superseding Indictments

The first two indictments call Beirich “Employee-2” and “Director of SPLC’s Intelligence Project.”

Now, she is named.

“To secretly funnel donors’ money to the Fs, employees at the SPLC, including a person who would become the SPLC’s Chief Financial Officer (“Employee-1”), HEIDI BEIRICH, and others, opened and/or modified a series of bank accounts at Bank-1 and Bank-2 in the name of various fictitious entities,” the [indictment alleges](#).

One of those entities is called Tech Writers. Beirich used that bogus outfit to funnel money to “F-9.”

“At the direction of the SPLC, F-9 infiltrated the neo-Nazi organization, the National Alliance. While clandestinely receiving donors’ money through the Tech Writers bank account, F-9 was also fundraising for the National Alliance,” the indictment alleges.

But F-9 did more than raise money. In 2014, he “broke into the headquarters of an extremist organization and stole approximately 25 boxes of documents,” after which he took them from West Virginia to North Carolina:

Thereafter, with the knowledge of HEIDI BEIRICH, donors’ money was used to copy the stolen material after which F-9 broke into the headquarters again and returned the originals. BEIRICH used the copies, knowing they were stolen, as the basis for a story published on “Hatewatch.”

That story, of course, raised more money for SPLC’s corrupt activities. Beirich also paid about \$6,000 to another F, F-39, to falsely claim he burgled the extremist outfit.

F-9 collected more than \$1.2 million from SPLC through 20 years of loyal service. “Most of this money was secretly funneled to F-9 through the Tech Writers bank account,” the [indictment continues](#):

HEIDI BEIRICH oversaw payments of donors’ money to the Fs, including F-9. BEIRICH was also in a romantic relationship with F-9. During this relationship, BEIRICH and F-9 shared a house and two bank accounts. Between 2015 and 2021, approximately \$140,000.00 in donors’ money flowed from the SPLC operating account, through the Tech Writers account, and was ultimately deposited into the joint bank accounts held by F-9 and BEIRICH. This amounted to approximately 66% of all money ever deposited into their joint bank accounts. BEIRICH then used donors’ money to pay the couple’s personal living expenses.



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a. **The SPLC Secretly Paid F-9 More Than \$1,200,000.00 in Donors' Money**

- i. At the direction of the SPLC, F-9 infiltrated the neo-Nazi organization, the National Alliance. While clandestinely receiving donors' money through the Tech Writers bank account, F-9 was also fundraising for the National Alliance. The money F-9 raised helped the National Alliance carry out its extremist activities.
- ii. In 2014, F-9 broke into the headquarters of an extremist organization and stole approximately 25 boxes of documents. F-9 transported these documents across state lines from West Virginia to North Carolina. Thereafter, with the knowledge of HEIDI BEIRICH, donors' money was used to copy the stolen material after which F-9 broke into the headquarters again and returned the originals. BEIRICH used the

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copies, knowing they were stolen, as the basis for a story published on "Hatewatch." The SPLC used this story to solicit more donations. Thereafter, BEIRICH paid approximately \$6,000.00 in donors' money to F-39 to falsely take responsibility for the burglary.

- iii. The SPLC paid F-9 for over 20 years. However, in just the time period alleged in this Second Superseding Indictment, the SPLC secretly paid F-9 over \$1,200,000.00 in donors' money. Most of this money was secretly funneled to F-9 through the Tech Writers bank account.
- iv. HEIDI BEIRICH oversaw payments of donors' money to the Fs, including F-9. BEIRICH was also in a romantic relationship with F-9. During this relationship, BEIRICH and F-9 shared a house and two bank accounts. Between 2015 and 2021, approximately \$140,000.00 in donors' money flowed from the SPLC operating account, through the Tech Writers account, and was ultimately deposited into the joint bank accounts held by F-9 and BEIRICH. This amounted to approximately 66% of all money ever deposited into their joint bank accounts. BEIRICH then used donors' money to pay the couple's personal living expenses.



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Beirich's Charges

The 26-page second superseding indictment has added three counts to the original 11-count indictment and first superseding indictment:

- Count One: Wire Fraud conspiracy;
- Counts Two Through Seven: Wire Fraud;
- Count Eight: Conspiracy to Submit False Statements to a Federally Insured Bank;
- Counts Nine through 12: False Statements to a Federally Insured Bank;
- Count 13: Conspiracy to Commit Concealment Money Laundering; and,
- Count 14: Concealment Money Laundering.

The indictment names Beirich in counts one, eight, and 13.

Given the allegation that Beirich used SPLC money to pay for her and F-9's living expenses, a salient observation is that she has not been charged with [fraud](#), [grand larceny](#), and [embezzlement](#).



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Heidi Beirich supposedly dedicated her career to fighting neo-Nazis. The indictment alleges she helped **FUND** them. [Show more](#)

FBI AND DOJ INDICT THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER
FOR FRAUD, FALSE STATEMENTS & MONEY LAUNDERING CONSPIRACY

BETWEEN 2014 AND 2023, THE SPLC SECRETLY FUNNELED MORE THAN \$4 MILLION+ IN DONATED FUNDS TO INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH VIOLENT EXTREMIST GROUPS

“The SPLC is manufacturing racism to justify its existence.” — AG TODD BLANCHE

“The SPLC allegedly engaged in a massive fraud operation to deceive their donors, enrich themselves, and hide their deceptive operations from the public.” — DIRECTOR KASH PATEL

THE INDICTMENT
A Grand Jury in Montgomery, Alabama, has indicted the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) on 11 counts:

- 6 COUNTS OF WIRE FRAUD
- 4 COUNTS OF FALSE STATEMENTS TO A FEDERALLY INSURED BANK
- 1 COUNT OF CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT CONCEALMENT MONEY LAUNDERING

THE ALLEGED SCHEME:

- The SPLC operated a covert network and secretly paid leaders and organizers of racist and extremist groups while denouncing them publicly.
- Donated funds were used to open bank accounts under fictitious entities to hide the source, ownership, and control of payments.
- The SPLC made false statements to banks to keep the scheme going and conceal the true nature of the funds.

DONATED FUNDS WERE SECRETLY FUNNELED TO:

- KU KLUX KLAN
- UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
- UNITE THE RIGHT
- NATIONAL ALLIANCE
- NATIONAL SOCIALIST MOVEMENT
- ARYAN NATIONS AFFILIATED SADISTIC SOULS MOTORCYCLE CLUB
- NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY OF AMERICA (AMERICAN NAZI PARTY)
- AMERICAN FRONT

SECOND SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT
A second superseding indictment adds Heidi Beirich, SPLC Senior Intelligence Analyst, with new charges:

- Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud
- Conspiracy to Submit False Statements to a Federally Insured Bank
- Added to Conspiracy to Commit Concealment Money Laundering
- Adds an additional count of Concealment Money Laundering

HEIDI BEIRICH
SPLC Senior Intelligence Analyst

EXPANDING THE SCHEME
THE ALLEGED SCHEME SPANNED **2007 TO 2023**

MORE THAN \$4 MILLION+ IN DONATED FUNDS WERE SECRETLY FUNNELED TO EXTREMIST GROUPS

THIS CASE IS AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION. ALL DEFENDANTS ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNLESS AND UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT IN COURT.

NO ORGANIZATION IS ABOVE THE LAW. ★ NO FRAUD WILL GO UNCHECKED. ★ NO ONE IS ABOVE ACCOUNTABILITY.

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“Money doesn’t lie!,” FBI chief Kash Patel wrote on X:

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The Southern Poverty Law Center ran a methodical, calculated scheme to defraud their donor base for millions and used an illicit banking structure system to sow discord and hate into our society. This is the ultimate definition of hypocrisy.

Beirich has now been arrested and charged with wire fraud conspiracy, conspiracy to submit false statements to a federally insured bank, and conspiracy to commit concealment money laundering.

Beirich, of course, denies it all.

“A free and fair society does not use the justice system to silence its political opponents,” [said her attorney](#), Michael Proctor:

Heidi Beirich has dedicated her life to fighting hate groups and extremist movements like the KKK, neo-Nazis, and other white supremacists. She has combatted these hateful, ugly, and un-American extremists and their repeated uses of violence and intimidation in order to promote a fairer, safer, and more just America. Her decades-long record of success dismantling hate groups [speaks] volumes. For this, she has been indicted.



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