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Man Who Fired Shot Near Rittenhouse Charged With Arson. Wife Charged Thrice.

The man who fired his gun into the air during the riots in Kenosha, Wisconsin, at which 17-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse was [forced to](#) defend himself with deadly force, has been charged with four serious crimes.

And prosecutors have charged his wife with three crimes in connection to her role in the destructive riot.

Joshua J. and Kelly J. Ziminski aren't exactly Ward and June Cleaver. They are, however, quite familiar with police. The pair have assembled quite the criminal résumé.

In that, they are quite similar to the three men whom Rittenhouse shot. Two of those thugs died.



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Arson, Gun Charges

On Tuesday, the [Kenosha News reported](#), prosecutors dropped a gun charge they filed against Joshua Ziminski in October. [He and his wife had admitted](#) he did fire that “warning shot.” [That gunshot](#), right before Rittenhouse shot and killed convicted sex-offender Joseph Rosenbaum, will likely come into play when Rittenhouse goes on trial.

But now he faces four new charges:

- Felony arson
- Misdemeanor disorderly conduct
- Use of a dangerous weapon
- Misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer

Citing the criminal complaint, the newspaper reported that “video on Kelly Ziminski’s phone showed Joshua Ziminski tossing a match into a dumpster and then asking the crowd for lighter fluid to help the fire spread.”

But then “he then pushed the dumpster into Sheridan Road as police vehicles were moving toward him. Kelly Ziminski is seen on video adding flammable material to the fire, according to the complaint.”

Other video shows Joshua Ziminski “manipulating the [trailer] fire with his right foot,” the complaint says.

The estimable Mrs. Ziminski faced three charges:

- Misdemeanor disorderly conduct
- Misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer
- Misdemeanor failure to comply with an emergency order



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Both Ziminskis are veterans of the court system.

Joshua Ziminski's court records show arrests for misdemeanor domestic battery and disorderly conduct, along with a long list of other petty crimes and traffic infractions, including a hit-and-run and carrying a concealed weapon.

Kelly Ziminski certainly won't receive a mother-of-the-year award. In August, a court found her guilty of operating a vehicle in "violation of child safety restraint reqmts — child 4 years but less than 8 Years (3rd+ w/in 3 Years)."

A video produced by Rittenhouse's defenders at the Fight Back Foundation [reported that](#) an amateur porn star and motorcycle gang member, Alexander Blaine, fired the shot near Rittenhouse that surely scared him.

Blain is Ziminiski's alias, [Wisconsin Right Now reported](#) in October.

Fellow Rioters

The criminal past of the pair is not surprising. As *The New American* reported at the time, Rittenhouse's three "victims," whom he shot in self-defense, were violent criminals.

The worst of the three, Joseph Rosenbaum, [was a convicted](#) homosexual child rapist. He had cornered Rittenhouse when Rittenhouse shot him.

The second thug, Anthony Huber, attacked Rittenhouse with a skateboard. [He was](#) a convicted strangler.

The third leftist goon whom Rittenhouse shot, Gaige Grosskreutz, is no winner, either. In October, [cops arrested](#) him for refusing a sobriety test after they stopped him for driving while intoxicated.

Yet Grosskreutz is, like Rosenbaum and Huber, a violent man.

A Facebook post by one of Grosskreutz's friends [reported that](#) the rioter regrets not killing Rittenhouse. Grosskreutz brandished a semi-automatic pistol and either threatened or attempted to shoot Rittenhouse before the young man shot the career criminal.

The Latest on Rittenhouse

As for Rittenhouse, the [Kenosha News reported](#) on Wednesday that police released video of his conversation with cops after his arrest.

Rittenhouse, [charged with](#) intentional and reckless homicide, offered to speak with police. But they cut off the interview after they explained his Miranda rights and he said he wanted an attorney.

Rittenhouse's mother, Wendy, was extremely concerned about the Two Minutes Hate that accuses him of being a murderer on social media.

"With everything going on with social media, it's all blown up, it's cops against the thing and civil people," she said. "You are already labeled as a white supremacist gun person, you have to look at your safety."

Hate-Rittenhouse fanatics on Twitter have labeled him a murderer, a "[fascist murderer](#)" and a "white supremacist murderer."

[Facebook officially declared Rittenhouse](#) a "mass murderer."



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Last week, [a judge modified](#) Rittenhouse's bail conditions. He cannot drink alcohol, handle firearms, or associate with "white supremacists," the judge said, because he took photos of himself and others at a bar.

They flashed the "OK" hand sign, which leftists have declared is code for "white power."



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