



GROUP PLOTTED BREVARD ATTACK

WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR

- » Five current or former Brevard County residents are among 10 accused of a plot to attack a rival, anti-racist group at a May 1 rally in Melbourne.
- » American Front's leaders held extremist sentiments and had paramilitary training sessions in St. Cloud.
- » The head of the group, formerly of Brevard County, aimed to create the toxin ricin which the government deems a weapon of mass destruction. Court records characterized the American Front as a domestic terrorism group.
- » Two of those arrested, including the leader and his wife, have been released from jail on bond.

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Patty and Thomas Kenny, the parents of Christopher Brooks, a member of the group American Front who was arrested Monday, speaks out about their son and the charges against him.



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Photo gallery of those arrested and the Osceola County compound of Marcus Faella.

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TEN SUSPECTS ARRESTED



CHRISTOPHER BROOKS



MARCUS FAELLA



PATRICIA FAELLA



PAUL JACKSON



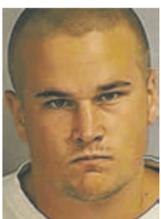
JENNIFER MCGOWAN



MARK MCGOWAN



KENT MCELLELLAN



DUSTIN PERRY



DIANE STEVENS



RICHARD STOCKDALE



Aerial views of a compound in rural Osceola County. The St. Cloud property was the base for the so-called American Front, a white supremacist group. ORLANDO SENTINEL

'Terror' group includes five with Brevard connections

By Stacey Barchenger
FLORIDA TODAY

Ten alleged white supremacists, including five current and former Brevard County residents, face hate crime and criminal conspiracy charges stemming from an alleged plot to attack a rival, anti-racism group at a rally they expected to happen in downtown Melbourne.

And, authorities allege in court documents that the leaders of the militia-style American Front group aspired to far bigger and more sinister plots. A former Brevard County resident identified as the group's ringleader was attempting to make ricin, a deadly toxin that is categorized by the government as a weapon of mass destruction, and "has been planning and preparing the AF for what he believes to be an inevitable race war."

The investigators — led by the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) in partnership with local law enforcement agencies — say that American Front was led in Central Florida by former Canaveral Groves resident Marcus Faella, 39, who allegedly transformed a remote property in rural St. Cloud into a fortified compound in preparation for the failure of the United States government.

For nearly two years, a confidential informant worked to infiltrate the organization. He shared detailed information, photographs

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Boat maker move may bring wave of suppliers

Bertram makes relocation to Merritt Island official

By Dave Berman
FLORIDA TODAY

MERRITT ISLAND — Bertram Yacht's decision to move its manufacturing operations from Miami to Merritt Island already has started a stream of other boating-related companies planning to open new operations or expand existing ones along the Space Coast.

Bertram executives on Wednesday made their long-anticipated decision official, announcing that they will move their headquarters and manufacturing to a former Sea Ray Boats facility on a 37-acre site on Merritt Island. The combined headquarters and production plant will ramp up to employ 221 people within two years, up from the 125 people Bertram employs in Miami, the company said.

Company President Alton Herndon said several of his Miami suppliers already are making plans to open facilities on or near Merritt Island so they can retain their contracts with Bertram.



Alton Herndon, president of Bertram Yacht, speaks about the company's relocation plans. RIK JESSE/FLORIDA TODAY

In addition, Bertram Vice President of Manufacturing Ken Beaugard expects local suppliers of boating equipment and services to expand because of new business from the Bertram plant.

"A lot of our supply base is going to come here, and we're going to need a lot of local suppliers" for everything from mirrors to upholstery, Beaugard said.

The new Bertram facility will manufacture 50- to 80-foot deep-sea sport

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