

THIS ROSE HAS THORNS



A year of anarchic attacks in so-called Portland
2024

Introduction

A few years ago, in the aftermath of the George Floyd rebellion in Portland, a zine was made chronicling the autonomous attacks that proliferated across the city as public demonstrations increasingly became a dead end. Feeling inspired by the daring attacks against authority that occurred in 2024, we decided to create an (incomplete) compilation zine. Some of the attacks listed here were explicitly claimed by anarchists, while others were done by perpetrators with unknown motivations, but whose actions we think are of interest to anarchists. All of the attacks mentioned here took place outside of publicly announced events.

Here's to a 2025 full of joy and destruction! Long Live Anarchy!

1/7: Machines burned at Urban Alchemy construction site in north Portland



From Rose City Counter-Info

We burned bulldozers and excavators being used to build another Urban Alchemy site in North Portland, where homeless Portlanders will be sent to live behind chainlink fencing and barbed wire under threat of violence and sweeps.

UA says it “provide complementary strategies to conventional policing and security”, and, like police, it’s employees have consistently used their positions to bully, degrade, steal from, and sexually assault those living within their fences.

We do not believe the destruction of their machines will halt construction long, but hope to see increasing offensive attacks accompany strategies of sweep and eviction defense.

The city will pay \$40,000 per person per year for the planned site, far more expensive than renting each person their own apartment.

Of course, the city government is happy to pay a premium for ghettoization, pushing the most visible poor out of sight, out of mind, isolated from the rest of the city in an industrial corner behind the city’s waste processing facility.

We answer with fire.

1/12: Anarchists claim responsibility for torching local politician's car



From Rose City Counter-Info

On the first new moon of 2024, some anarchists torched a car in front of portland city commissioner rene gonzalez's house. This was accomplished with a fire starter, which can be found in the outdoors section of any big box store.

Gonzalez lives in an extravagantly wealthy neighborhood adjacent to a golf course, where the roads have no potholes, the sidewalks are intact, and the countless "neighborhood watch" signs serve as a reminder to any poor outsiders and undesirables that this is not a place for us. The car was one of three at the residence and was parked in the street. Our only regret is not attacking the other two vehicles.

We dedicate our action to the legacy of our elders and those who have passed too soon: Sekou Odinga, Klee Benally, Alfredo Bonanno, Tortuguita, but most importantly Tyrone Johnson II & Isaac L. Seavey. Tyrone and Isaac are the latest victims in the ongoing executions of homeless portlanders by the cops. These state executions are implicitly & explicitly encouraged by the likes of gonzalez and other elected politicians in portland as well as the various corporate and lobbying interests who wish to see the city turned into a haven for wealthy tech-yuppies and a site of financial extraction for various hedge funds and developers.

The timing of our attack was intentional. As the city braces for the first winter storm of the year, we have not forgotten the winter storm last year that arrived shortly shortly after gonzalez banned portland street response, an agency under his purview, from giving out tents to homeless portlanders. It is not uncommon for folks to die during the weather extremes that are becoming common (and are fueled in part by the likes of the gonzalez family who own multiple vehicles). When extreme weather events occur, it is often anarchists who come to the aid of our neighbors. We consider our actions under the new moon an act of community self-defense and a form of mutual aid.

Let this serve as a warning to the politicians and their capitalist cronies and a call to action to other anarchists. Solidarity means attack!

3/10: Butcher shop sabotaged

From Rose City Counter-Info

Last night we cut off the tiny padlock to the breaker box of a butcher shop “pasture pdx” and shut off their power to make the flesh they butchered unsellable. we also sealed the lock on the door with spray foam insulation. We also shut power to two adjacent stores because it was fun. These things are easily reproduceable and we encourage anarchists to think outside of the box. you can do other things then smash windows.

we dedicate this act to Jack, the Susaron 4 comrades in chile, and all antispeciesists who have been put in cages.

for total freedom!

-some anarchists

3/10: Machines burned at highway construction site in NW Portland

From Rose City Counter-Info

On Tuesday morning I burned three large machines at an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) construction site in Portland. They were destroying the forest hillside on the south side of the st. Johns bridge to protect highway infrastructure.

ODOT construction sites, and highway construction in general, often leave expensive (and highly flammable!) specialized equipment unattended and unsecured overnight, making them easy targets. ODOT is planning major highway expansion in the Portland area over the next few years, despite long campaigns by Youth vs ODOT and other environmentalist groups. Acting through the political system is a futile and insufficient response to the current crisis, as capitalism must continue its endless growth no matter how bad things get. The highway system can only expand if we allow it to. With some creativity, courage, and determination, capital is far more vulnerable than it would have you believe.

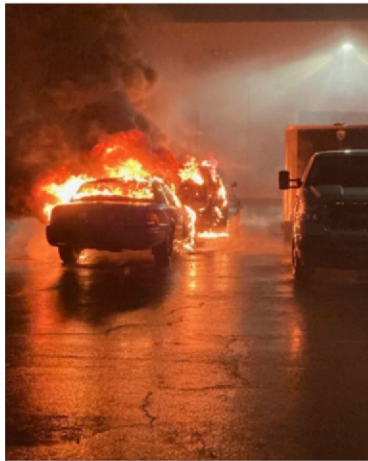
I used plastic 1 gallon milk jugs filled with gasoline. A flare attached to the side of the container (so that it sticks out past it) makes for a convenient delay, burning down for 5-10 minutes before the flame reaches the plastic and ignites the gasoline,

leaving plenty of time to get away before the fire starts. You can steal flares from most large hardware stores and car supply stores. I placed each milk jug underneath the engines of the machinery, where the heat would rise to the most flammable and critical components.

It was easy, fun, and I think I'll do it again. You should too!

XOXOXO

5/1: Preemptive May Day attack against PPB



From Rose City Counter-Info

On May Day we torched some PPB cars at their training facility. We cut through a fence, set ten fires and are happy it grew to burn fifteen cars!

We did it for the Haymarket Martyrs.

We did it for all the Black and Indigenous rebels murdered by slavers and settlers. We did it for all the brutalized student protesters.

Above all we did it for the Palestinian martyrs! (and we want to remind the world that the "official" count is stuck at 35,000 martyrs because the Israelis bombed every hospital to stop accurate reporting of the dead)

Our attack was preemptive. After seeing Humboldt, Columbia, UCLA and more we knew the occupation at PSU would be swept violently and wanted to attack PPB before.

While we respect the student occupations, particularly the ones occupying buildings and causing damages to the colleges, we hate to see them passive and waiting to be attacked. Catch the police off guard! They do not believe you are free! Show them you are! Raid them before they raid you!

For the students we have the following messages:

1-No symbolic victories. Do not accept speeches and committees and apology emails.

The two demands: Divest! Amnesty for all!

2-No negotiations. Do not give up ground until you see the money pulled out and the charges dropped and the suspensions canceled.

3-Do not let them demobilize you! Do not let the parties (fuck the Communist pieces of shit), the student government or the admin tell you its over. Its not! Keep the threat of your return present, especially if the admin refuses to meet demands.

4-FIGHT! Defend your camps! If the frat bros come, smash their frat house windows! If the Zionist settlers come, throw fireworks at them! If the cops come don't just resist arrest, fight them! They will hate you and beat you if you're peaceful or violent, and it is time to be violent.

5-Out of the quads, out of the buildings, into the streets! As the semester ends this is not over. Fight during the summer. When next year starts fight then too!

We call for more actions to avenge Palestinians and the brutalized students at PSU and beyond! Let ten million cop cars burn!

-Rachel Corrie's Ghost Brigade

5/1: May Day action against AirBnB

From Rose City Counter-Info

On the eve of May Day, we acted in solidarity with those struggling to survive against the genocidal state of Israel, and with the student occupations who seek to end this genocide from within the belly of the beast.

A small unorganized group of your neighbors targeted and redecorated a number of AirBnb's in the most gentrified neighborhood in Portland. AirBnb profits from the violent displacement of our neighbors, while simultaneously profiting off the bloody expansion of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank. Our struggles are connected, our enemies are the same, we are not alone, and we can strike anywhere.

After redecorating these parasitic eyesores known to some as "get aways," we littered the streets with leaflets that read:

AIRBNB IS A BAD NEIGHBOR

COMPLICIT IN GENOCIDE: 200 rentals in the occupied West Bank

COMPLICIT IN GENTRIFICATION: 5000 rentals in Portland

NO BUSINESS AS USUAL DURING GENOCIDE

HAPPY MAY DAY

There are countless targets when everything around you is the machinery of genocide. You could flail your arms wildly and hit those complicit. You don't need to look far, you can see it in your neighborhood, and you can fight back too.

FREE PALESTINE

6/? : A 'gunfire vandal' is shooting at automated enforcement cameras

From Mainstream Media

In several acts of what the Portland Police Bureau are referring to as "gunfire vandalism," someone is driving around and shooting at automated enforcement cameras.

In a statement Thursday, the PPB said the suspect has fired a handgun at "city equipment" at least seven times and caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage. While they didn't mention what type of city equipment is being targeted, it's very obvious what's going on based on a video released by PPB in an effort to track down the shooter.

6/9: Claim of Responsibility for Parker-Hannifin Arson

From Rose City Counter-Info

On June 4th, The Israeli Defense Ministry penned a deal to procure a third F-35 fighter jet squadron from the United States government. This deal totaling 3 billion dollars, financed by US military aid to Israel, would bring the Israeli Air Force's F-35 fleet to 75 fighter jets. The F-35 considered to be the backbone of the Israeli airforce, has played a critical role in the IDF's assault on Gaza, escalating Israel's aim of the total destruction of Palestinian life within Israeli occupied territories.

So on the morning of June 9th, we started a fire at the Portland offices of Parker-Hannifin located at 6458 N. Basin Ave in the Mocks Bottom industrial area. The mainstream media did not report on this fire. The full extent of the damage is unknown.

Parker-Hannifin was targeted because they are a key supplier of the F-35 program. Parker's Fluid Systems Division was selected to design and develop the F-35's fuel system and onboard inert gas generating system. Parker subsidiaries also supply parts for the jet's engine subsystem and airframe.

In 2022 Parker-Hannifin purchased UK based military arms manufacturer Meggitt. Meggitt exports military components to repressive regimes across the world including supplying the air data systems for Israel's Apache Helicopter gunships.

The state of Israel relies heavily on weapons and materials shipped from the West to enact their genocidal policies in Gaza. As insurgents living within the so-called

United States we are in a unique position to disrupt the supply chains and infrastructure that make this genocide possible.

In memory of Aaron Bushnell

some anarchists

6/17: TREES SPIKED AND MACHINES DESTROYED AT PIPELINE WORKSITES

From Rose City Counter-Info

Over the weekend, two simultaneous attacks occurred at construction sites for a major refined petroleum pipeline running through the forested hills of Portland OR. Work is ongoing to upgrade the pipeline, which is run by Kinder Morgan and carries diesel and gasoline between Portland and Eugene. The pipeline is an essential supply line for gas stations in the area and part of a bigger network that runs up the West coast.

Two sites were sabotaged in forest park. At one site, a large excavator and other pieces of equipment were made unusable. Wires and tubing were cut and tools left on the worksite were used to cause more damage. A bird trapped in anti erosion netting was cut free. At the other site, dozens of trees have already been cut down above the pipe. The remaining trees set to be removed were spiked with various kinds of nails and bolts. A piece of equipment was destroyed there as well. All equipment belonged to Michels, a major company that builds pipelines including the Keystone XL.

The arteries of industry are all over. With a bit of imagination and effort, anyone can attack them. Leviathan is always vulnerable. Strike now.

6/20: Power Pylon Sabotaged in Forest Park

From Rose City Counter-Info

This week tension cables that holds a wooden power pylon were cut causing the pylon to lean.

This was done with the hopes that the pylon later fall causing an outage.

Electricity is exists today as a crucial component of state power, capital, and ecological destruction.

However small this action, the secret is to begin.

Solidarity with the volcano group.

SWITCH OFF! THE SYSTEM OF DESTRUCTION

6/24: Windows of PSU Police Vehicles Smashed



From Mainstream Media

Just before 4 a.m., officers responded to a vandalism report in the 1700 block of Southwest Broadway. Officers arrived to the scene and found two campus police vehicles with windows smashed. The vehicles were parked in a garage in their reserved spaces.

Unfortunately, one person was arrested in connection to the attack

7/4: IED damages Beaverton Police patrol car in explosion, injures officer



From Mainstream Media

According to the agency, a BPD patrol officer was responding to a disturbance in north Beaverton around 2 a.m. on July 4. While driving along 158th Ave. the officer saw a flash and heard an explosion, which shattered the window of his patrol car and damaged the door.

The officer suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

The BPD says an investigation showed an IED caused the damage, and that officers were not able to find the suspect who made or deployed the device.

"They did find an IED device, a homemade bomb that had exploded," said Matt Henderson with the Beaverton Police Department. "And it was, what it was really

was a energy drink can that had been packed with explosive devices and presumably thrown at the police car."

8/20: Rail Bridge Set on Fire



From unravel.noblogs.org

"The target was a Portland and Western Railroad bridge/trestle over the Willamette River between Lake Oswego and Milwaukie, Oregon.

We will respond to the civilisation that destroys the earth and the possibility of free life with destruction in turn.

"The track is closed to railroad traffic at this time."

"P&W (PNWR) traffic will be rerouted for quite a while, so Cornelius Pass may see a lot more action for a long time."

"There is some structural damage to the trestle, which is operated by P&W Railroad."

PNWR has a diverse traffic base based on carload commodities. Woodchips, paper, agricultural goods, and aggregates are all major sources of traffic. Primary amongst the road's over 135 customers are Stimson Lumber Company, Cascade Steel Rolling Mills, Georgia Pacific, and Hampton Lumber Sales. The rail also transports Oil from Exxon Mobile, Asphalt, and petroleum products.

Rail is a primary method of transportation of materials for the industry that makes war possible.

The industrial activity responsible for climate collapse has no real interest in stopping its devastation but instead insists on pretending to be environmentally friendly and using terms such as "green energy", with new sources of extractive energy that are still harmful to ecosystems and our lives; And above all, with the clarity that each of us are the only ones who can combat the advance of devastation,

we see the urgency of attacking the industry that destroys the earth, adding our initiative and action to the internationalist campaign. Switch Off!"
switchoff.noblogs.org

May this action be a warm greeting of solidarity to those who have stuck blows such as the attacks on Cement Plants in Germany, the Mapuche Warriors fighting in Chile, Saboteurs of the MountainValley Pipeline in West Virginia, attackers of the techno-fascist progressive "green energy" project "Tesla", efforts against the military production companies such as Elbit powering the genocide of Palestinians, those steady frustrating the efforts of Cop City in Atlanta, GA, and all those who take action recognizing that attack must be immediate and everywhere the facilities and means of those responsible for the devastation are located, contributing to dialogue through direct action and attack.

For those who we walk with on the offensive we greet warmly.

We take this action as a carrying of our dead. We have not forgotten and we carry on.

Switch Off! The System Of Destruction

– some anarchists'

10/28: Fires set in drop boxes destroy hundreds of ballots in Vancouver, WA and damage 3 in Portland



From Mainstream Media

Incendiary devices were set off Monday, October 28th at two ballot drop boxes — one in Portland and another in nearby Vancouver, Washington — destroying hundreds of ballots in what one official called a "direct attack on democracy" about a week before a heated Election Day.

Police say a note was left at the scene that said "ALL DROP BOXES WILL BURN. FREE GAZA,"

12/27: Rapid Response Bioclean Truck Burned



From Rose City Counter-Info

A box truck owned by Rapid Response Bioclean was set on fire on Friday, Dec 27th in Portland OR. Rapid Response Bioclean is responsible for sweeping homeless camps in the Portland area, stealing people's belongings and leaving them to freeze. It seems like someone had enough and decided to fight back.

Last year, someone fought back against a sweep by pulling a gun on Rapid Response workers.

Rapid Response Bioclean has a fleet consisting of box trucks and stake bed trucks. They are often staffed by crews of 3+ workers.

May many more burn.