

# ThreatCom Snapshot

## Lakewood Manifesto



Online posting compiled before alleged attack



Intent of mass shooting against minorities and council members



Disrupted family, lack of job, bullying, active investigation against author



Encourages others to commit similar attacks, references specific weapons

## Language Peculiarities

### Lack of textual substance



#### Omission of explicit target (general reference):

"(...) rationalizing and explaining my hate towards minorities"

"I will be shooting every minority in sight"

### Authorship disguise



#### Spelling mistake in name of alleged author:

"Gaston Aaron Mcwhinnie" vs. 'Mc**W**hinnie'

Excessive spacing in between words on several occasions

### Opposing and redundant phrases



#### Constricting and unnecessary sentences:

"I fucking hate minorities. It's weird, since I'm black myself."

"I don't know how to start this letter."

= copy cat?



## TRAP-18 Indicators

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### Identification as shooter

"Today, on Sunday May 30, 2021, I will be heading out into different parts of Lakewood with my AR-15 and Glock 18, and I will be shooting every minority in sight. I am aiming for at least 10, but the more the better."



### Signals of desperation

"I don't see much of a future for myself, and I have an ongoing case, so I think I'm just going to end with a bang."



### Occupational failures

- "I don't have a job, and there's not much meaning to my life."



### Planning and preparing attack

"At my house on my computer, you will find a 192 page manifesto, rationalizing and explaining my hate towards minorities."



### Self-identified grievances

"I've been bullied every single time I've stepped on the street. My dad left us at a young age, and my mom kicks me out of the house often."



### Interpersonal failures

"Hopefully I can make my useless life have some worth, even if it is at the end."



### Communication to others

Online posting on Reddit