Kim Costello - Secret Proud Boy Business Owner In Montavilla

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At the center of a current <u>maelstrom</u> of <u>far-right infighting</u> involving Patriot Prayer and the Proud Boys is a relative newcomer calling himself "Vittorio DiNove." Thanks to information leaked by "Vittorio's" resentful fellow far-right activists, who tend to get paranoid about new recruits rising too quickly through their ranks, we are exposing his real identity today as Kim Warner Costello, an extremely violent member of the <u>Proud Boys hate group</u> who works at Gearheads Motorworks, an automotive repair business owned by his partner in the Montavilla neighborhood of Portland, OR.

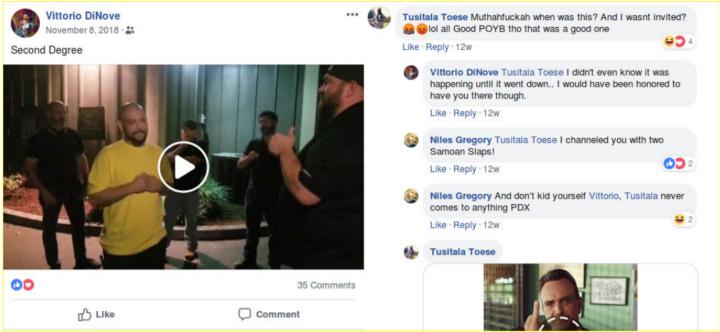
In addition to being a member of the Proud Boys, Costello has been seen running with Haley Adams and her "PDX Crew," and has been documented assaulting activists in downtown Portland, as well as making numerous death threats online.

Introducing Kim Costello

Likely drawn by <u>predictions of violence</u> and <u>inflammatory rhetoric</u> by Joey Gibson and his folowers, Costello began to engage with Patriot Prayer content on Facebook in the weeks prior to Joey Gibson's August 4th, 2018 rally in downtown Portland. The event ultimately drew hundreds of racists, white nationalists, neo-Nazis, and fascists from across the US, but they were confronted by Portland area residents and activists who easily outnumbered Patriot Prayer's contingent. Costello nonetheless befriended members of the local Proud Boys chapter in particular, and subsequently began accompanying them to events like the Oregon State Fair and vintage automobile shows. Within a short period of time, he had officially joined that White Nationalist group.



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Costello also allied himself momentarily with white nationalist Patriot Prayer grifter Haley Adams and accompanied her on a mission to put up flyers advertising her rape-apologist "HimToo" rally outside of Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler's house on October 12, 2018.

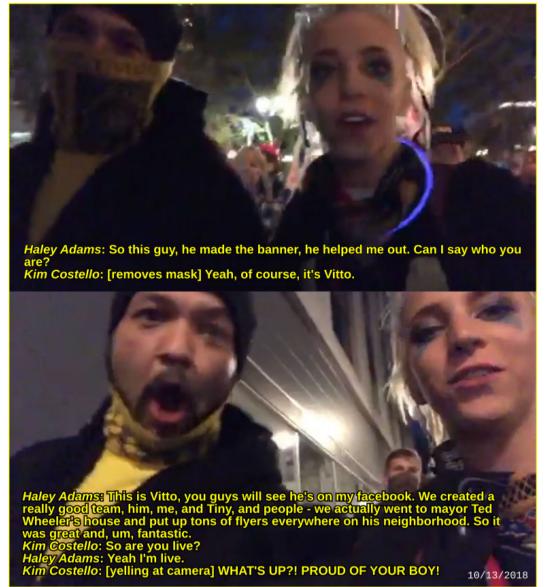


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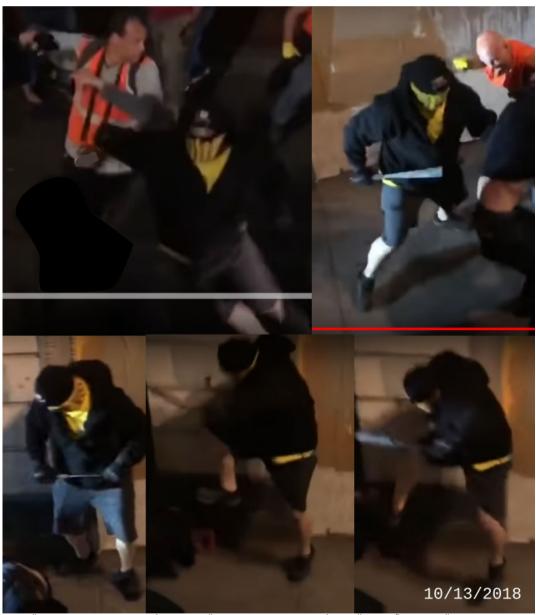
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As Fox News' fixation on a viral video of activists re-directing traffic around a vigil for a black man murdered by Portland Police provoked a national wave of far-right resentment, Joey Gibson saw a clear opportunity to capitalize politically, and called for a "Flash march for Law and Order in PDX" on October 13, 2018.

During that march, Kim Costello eagerly engaged in vicious and aggressive assaults, chasing and tackling multiple Portland residents in order to beat them with a collapsible baton and then stomp on them when they fell to the ground. At one point in the evening, Haley Adams briefly interviewed Costello on her livestream, saying that he had made the large "REPLACE PDX MAYOR" banner that far-right activists had displayed at the beginning of their assaults.



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The Proud Boys hate group incentivizes aggressive assaults in its founding by-laws, bestowing a "fourth degree" on members who commit assault against anyone they consider to be an anti-fascist activist (a loosely-defined category which, in their eyes, tends to include anyone who doesn't publicly declare allegiance to Donald Trump). Gavin McInnes, realizing this particular stipulation could land him in legal trouble, eventually attempted to backpedal it in mid-2017. But the rule is still observed by most of the organization's members, and as a result, they actively seek out opportunities to assault people. Shortly after he was filmed aggressively assaulting Portland residents, Kim Costello got a "fourth degree" tattoo on his hand.



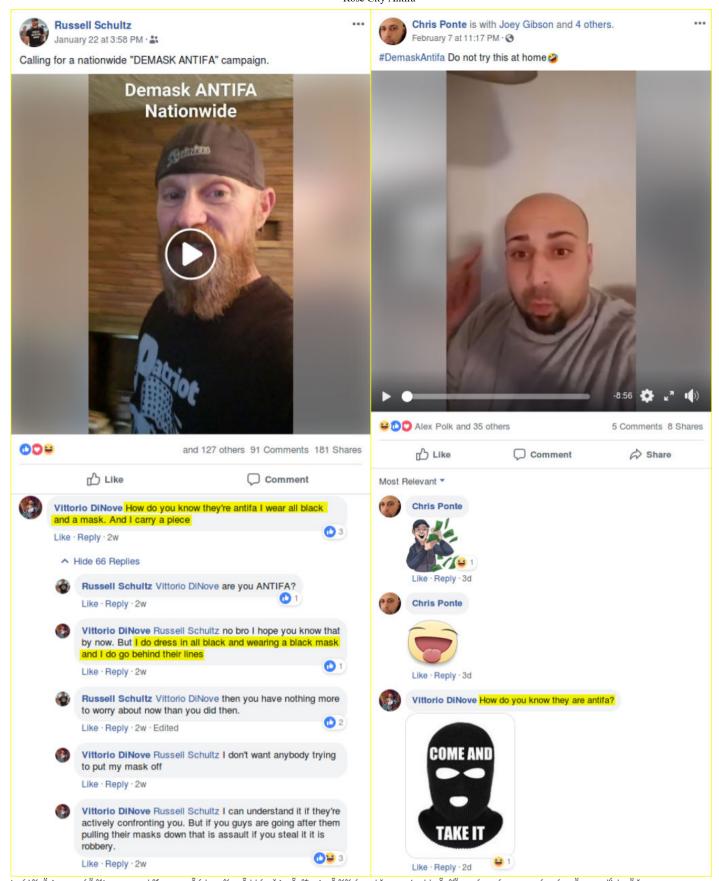
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Disagreements and Drama

In <u>January of 2019</u>, Patriot Prayer's proto-fascist followers <u>began showing up</u> at various union, leftist, and anarchist spaces in order to harass and threaten the Portlanders who gathered there. This pattern escalated with the <u>vandalism of community spaces and businesses by Patriot Prayer members in the early hours of January 24, 2019</u>, as well as Joey Gibson's initiation of <u>a series of flagrant assaults which he, Steve Patrick Drury, and other Patriot Prayer followers perpetrated against Portland residents under the <u>guise of "de-masking" them</u>. Gibson's <u>campaign</u>—a euphamism for assault—proved controversial even among his most steadfast followers. Kim Costello objected too, but his reasoning revealed that he was still adhering to <u>Gibson's earlier instructions that his followers should attempt to infiltrate, blend in with, and frame anti-fascist activists. Costello doesn't so much disagree with Gibson's plan to assault and "de-mask" activists, he just doesn't want to be <u>summarily assaulted by Patriot Prayer's violent members</u>.</u></u>



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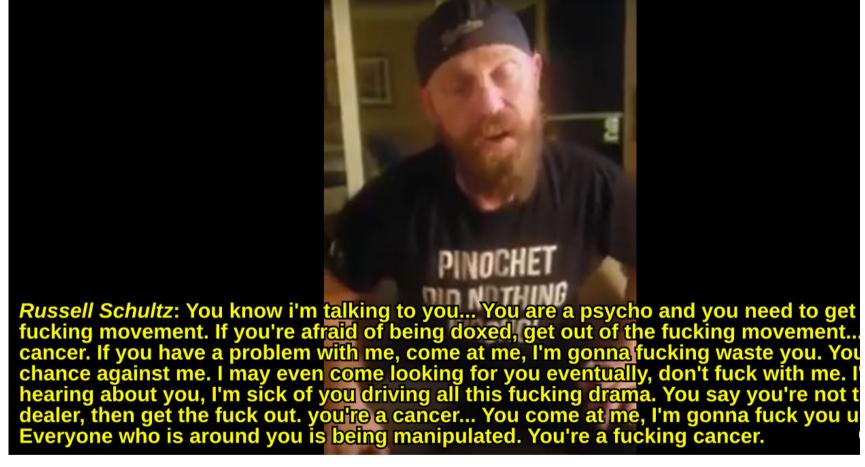
Joey Gibson also threatened to disrupt a three-day "Rock Against Fascism" music festival in late January, but, predictably, did not show up, knowing that the event would be filled with committed anti-fascists who would have no problem chasing him off. On the final day of "Rock Against Fascism," a new Proud Boys splinter group called "Deathgrip," apparently spearheaded by Costello, made several appearances around the Portland metro area to wave flags and hold another of Costello's poorly-designed banners. In witless defiance of Joey Gibson's supposedly city-wide "de-masking" decree, members of the group covered their faces for the demonstrations. Embarrassingly, local television station KATU provided "Deathgrip" with a platform for their incoherent, anti-guncontrol posturing, by giving Kim Costello (using the pseudonym "V") an on-camera interview.





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During the time that Patriot Prayer and Proud Boys began openly attacking leftist spaces in Portland, internal tensions and recriminations increased among leadership and members, all of whom were clearly becoming paranoid about their respective status within the fracturing groups' hierarchies. Members were disavowed by various factions, warnings were issued, and middle-school bravado blossomed into open threats. On-again-off-again Proud Boy Russell Schultz, who often speaks as a proxy (or foil) for both Joey Gibson and Tiny Toese in varying turns, issued another of his "bad cop" Facebook videos, which ended with Schultz emphatically addressing and threatening an un-named enemy in some far-right internecine struggle.



Very shortly after Russell aired his grievances, Tiny Toese made a post in which he conspicuously put forward somewhat exaggerated and compensatory public support for "Vittorio DiNove," aka Kim Costello, indicating that Costello had been the subject of controversy.



Vittorio DiNove is my brother and if you have a fucking problem with that you can leave my FB we are gonna do us y'all can do you CR PBs are still active and will still be antifa worst nightmare and if you think otherwise then you have lost your God damn mind just because we don't want to act like idiot's doesn't mean we gave up we are approaching things the smart way for the safety of our brothers but we will still be out there and we are still doing PATRIOT SHIT!!!!!!!!

Kim Costello, clumsily attempting to consolidate power in his corner, and under the impression he was supported by far-right allies, began calling out his enemies among Patriot Prayer and the Proud Boys and challenging them to fight. On-again-off-again member of the Proud Boys hate group Skyler Coy was eager to join in the internet tough-talk.



Bolstered by confidence in his questionable political alliances, Kim Costello has also begun producing explicitly anti-Joey-Gibson propaganda.



Regardless of the internal drama among far-right activists in the Pacific Northwest, a violent neo-fascist Proud Boy activist like Kim Costello should not be welcome to conduct business in the Portland neighborhood of Montavilla.

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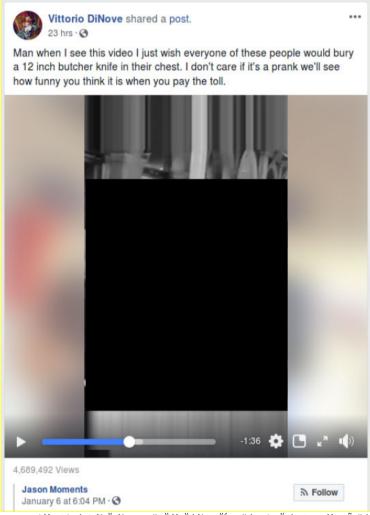
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If you have any information about racist or fascist organizing in your area or if you are interested in learning more about Rose City Antifa and getting involved in our work, please get in touch with us.

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