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# Brothers sought in shootings

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WILMINGTON, Ohio — Two Washington state brothers, described as "extremely dangerous" armed survivalists, yesterday were charged as the gunmen engaged in two shootouts with law enforcement officers in Wilmington on Saturday.

A nationwide search is under way for Chevie O'Brien Kehoe, 24, and his brother, Cheyne (pronounced SHANE), 20. Chevie Kehoe's last known address was Colville, Wash., about 70 miles north of Spokane.

They are named in a 16-count indictment returned yesterday by a Clinton County grand jury in the shootings. The shootings occurred in Wilmington after a state trooper stopped a 1977 Chevrolet Suburban for a registration violation.

Chevie Kehoe, identified as the driver, resisted a pat-down search by the trooper and fled in the vehicle. He is charged with three counts of attempted murder of a police



Chevie Kehoe

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officer and three counts of felonious assault. He is also charged with carrying a concealed weapon, possession of criminal tools, improper transportation of a firearm, and two counts of fleeing.

Cheyne C. Kehoe, identified as the passenger in the Suburban, is charged with two counts of attempted murder of a police officer, two counts of felonious assault and carrying a concealed weapon.

Federal fugitive warrants were issued for the Kehoes last night, FBI spokesman Ed Boldt said.

The two have not been accused of domestic terrorism, which could have been inferred from an agent's comments earlier this week, Boldt said.

He also said the FBI, at this point, is not investigating Chevie Kehoe's reported links to the Aryan Nations white supremacist group.

Patrol Sgt. John Born said identification of the Kehoes was made possible, in part, from more than 1,000 tips as a result of the patrol's release Tuesday of dramatic video of the shootout.

"We think it helped identify them," Born said of the videotape. "Obviously, not all our cars have video (cameras) and, we have never released a video like this in an investigation before, but it's drawing national attention (to the case.) I have handled calls (about the videotape) from every major television market in the country."

The video shows Cheyne Kehoe shooting at a trooper and a Clinton County deputy sheriff and then running off. Chevie

Kehoe is seen in the video fleeing in the Suburban during the shooting. Shortly after, the driver of the Suburban opened fire with a rifle on a Wilmington police officer, the patrol said. A Wilmington passer-by was wounded during the second incident.

Ross County Sheriff Ron Nichols said that it is believed the Kehoes left Lake Hill Campground near Frankfort, Ohio, Sunday or early Monday. The patrol said the brothers may be traveling in a white 1977 Dodge Executive box-type motorhome with green trim, possibly with Montana plates.

A woman and at least two young children were staying with the Kehoes at the campsite, said Greg Krystyan whose family owns the campground.

Chevie Kehoe knew Jacob Settle of Priest River, Idaho, the registered owner of the Suburban, because Kehoe was briefly married to a sister of Settle's wife, said Bill Wassmuth, executive director of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment, which tracks extremist groups.

Chevie Kehoe, already married, believes in polygamy and married the woman in 1993 at the Aryan Nations compound in Hayden Lake, Idaho, Wassmuth said. She left Kehoe after 54 days.

Wassmuth said Chevie Kehoe lived near his father, Kirby, who is active in the Christian Patriot movement.

The Christian Patriots are survivalists who believe racial conflict is inevitable, according to a handbook on extremism published by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

## Suspect backed white supremacist philosophy during 1992 interview

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Chevie Kehoe has been a follower of the Christian Identity philosophy for 20 years, according to a northern Washington state newspaper.

The Christian Identity philosophy, which has been embraced by many in the white supremacist movement, advocates racial separation.

Kehoe and his father, Kirby Kehoe, were interviewed in 1992 by Lorraine Marie, a reporter for the Colville, Wash., *Statesman-Examiner*, after Chevie Kehoe wrote a letter to the editor complaining about the number of race-related articles he was seeing in the paper.

"Unfortunately, there are going to be some rude awakenings to the general peoples of the world," Chevie Kehoe wrote in his letter.

"We, the Children of Yahweh, the Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples, rely on

facts, which make other people uncomfortable because of their worldly programming and sinful lusts.

"I wrote to let everyone know that there are more of us 'identity' out there than you realize. We are in the schools, government, law enforcement, health and everywhere you look. Why else would there be so much 'propaganda.' ... We have Yahweh, and we are not afraid to die."

He signed the letter, "Son of Yahweh, Chevie Kehoe."

During their interview, Chevie Kehoe and his father told Marie the Christian Identity has both hawk and dove factions.

The Kehoes said they believe in their right and duty to protect themselves from those who want to "take away their culture, ancestry and way of worship."

"It feels like most of the prejudice anymore is against the whites," Chevie Kehoe said.