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Sovereign Citizen Extremists
Sovereign citizen extremists are individuals and/or groups adhering to sovereign ideology who further their political or social goal through activities involving force or violence and a violation of federal criminal law.

**General:**
- Reject U.S. citizenship
- Fail to recognize the authority of the US government (anti-tax, etc.)
Exist today in two distinct forms:

**Organized:** Groups of sovereign citizens conducting schemes together, or as part of a group initiative.

**Independent:** Have learned sovereign ideology from trainers, the internet or an organization. They do not belong to any organized group. (Harder to detect than large organizations)
• Threats against USG and Law Enforcement
• Fraudulent filings, financial damage, targeting judges
• Redemption Schemes
• Teaching sovereign tactics/selling documents
• Military/Law Enforcement involvement
• Prison tactics
• Lone offenders
• Inciting violence
• Common law courts
• Selling Bills of Exchange/Paying bills using Treasury Direct Accounts

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• Conduct seminars on the Redemption Theory, Corporation Sole & tax avoidance methods.
• CD/DVD sales on Redemption Theory & avoiding taxes.
• Consult & preparing sovereign paperwork
• Sell fraudulent documents to include:
  – drivers licenses,
  – passports,
  – diplomat identification,
  – vehicle registrations,
  – concealed carry permits,
  – law enforcement credentials
• Use American Liberty Currency a.k.a. “Liberty Dollars”
• Claim $20 million in circulation
• National Organization for the Repeal of the Federal Reserve Act and the Internal Revenue Code (NORFED)
• Activities outside and inside of prison
  - Sovereign documents
  - Continued targeting of judges

• Identity theft of fellow prisoners

• Obtaining credit using fraudulent businesses

• Involving other inmates in sovereign citizen extremist schemes
  - Threads into other programs

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Sovereign extremists often create their own law enforcement. Members falsely claim to be legitimate police officers.

- Wear badges
- Display fake law enforcement credentials
- Place the insignia on the sides of their cars

Several individuals across the country are known to be affiliated with a similar law enforcement agency (County Rangers)

- Liberty Bell Network
Many sovereign citizen extremists claim diplomatic status since they maintain they are not part of the United States.
- Diplomatic badges and credentials
- Passports
- License plates, identification

State and local law enforcement do not always recognize them as fake.

Known uses:
- Provided at traffic stops
- Bypass court security
- Bypass airport security screening

Violations:
18 USC 912 (False personation of an officer)
18 USC 915 (False personation of a diplomat)
18 USC 713 (Use of likeness of the great seal of the United States)
HYBRID WITH MILITIAS
- Recruitment of militias (not necessarily successful)

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POTENTIAL INCREASE IN VIOLENCE
- Almost daily encounters at traffic stops

DEBT ELIMINATION AND MORTGAGE FRAUD
- Largely driven by foreclosures
- Potential gateway into the movement
• 18 U.S.C., Section 111 (Assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers or employees)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 115 (Threats against a federal official)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 371 (Conspiracy)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 372 (Conspiracy to impede or injure a federal officer)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 373 (Solicitation to commit a crime of violence)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 485 (Making/Forging/Counterfeiting coins or bars)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 513 (Securities of the state and private entities)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 514 (Fictitious obligations)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 876 (Mailing threatening communication with intent to extort)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 924 (Carrying a firearm in connection with a crime of violence)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 1017 (Government seal/instruments wrongfully used)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 1028 (Fraud and related activity related to identification documents)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 1114 (Murder of officers and employees of the United States)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 1117 (Conspiracy to commit murder)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 1341 (Mail fraud)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 1343 (Wire fraud)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 1344 (Bank fraud)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 1521 (Retaliating against a Federal judge or Federal law enforcement officer by false claim) – Court Security Act
• 18 U.S.C., Section 1956 (Money laundering)
• 18 U.S.C., Section 2385 (Advocating the overthrow of the Government)

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