The Coalition for Immigrants’ Rights at the Community Level (CIRCL) is a Pennsylvania non-profit committed to protecting the rights of immigrants and their families by helping them to navigate the immigration process, to receive social services, to find housing and gainful employment and to obtain legal advice. Numerous immigrants for whom CIRCL has provided services have been detained at the York County and Berks County Prisons. On three separate occasions in April 2004, individuals were seen outside of CIRCL’s offices photographing people as they entered and exited the building. During a pre-protest planning meeting in December 2003, two individuals attended the meeting who were later identified by CIRCL volunteers as being undercover police officers.

Kathleen Ann Lucas is the Executive Director of CIRCL and is involved in her community and in numerous organizations including the Refugee Steering Committee for Amnesty International, the Pennsylvania Prison Society and the NAACP. On three separate occasions in April 2004, individuals were seen outside her residence taking pictures.

The Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern (LEPOCO), a founding member of the Lehigh Valley Peace Coalition, sponsors a library of books and other materials relating to peace and social justice for public use and works with national and local organizations to promote peace and justice. During recent peaceful demonstrations against the war in Iraq, LEPOCO members and organizers have been photographed and monitored by state and local law enforcement personnel.

Lake Erie Region Conservancy is a Land Trust that works with property owners to assist them with conservation easements and is actively involved in sustainable planning for the community and water shed protection issues. In the Fall of 2004, the FBI visited the Conservancy’s office, purportedly for the purpose of a criminal investigation involving a local political official, but also to ask about the organization.

The Erie County Environmental Coalition is a coalition for environmental and social justice issues and education in Erie, Pennsylvania. In 2003, several members of the Coalition were questioned by the FBI relating to various community events.

The Allegheny Defense Project (ADP) is actively involved in public education on issues affecting the Allegheny National Forest. ADP is also involved in protecting the Allegheny River watershed and encouraging public involvement in management issues concerning both the Allegheny National Forest and the Allegheny River, and has been involved in various lawsuits against the federal government. During a recent board meeting, a person was seen taking pictures of people entering and leaving the ADP office from inside a parked car.

Bread and Roses Community Fund is a public charity that makes grants to social justice organizations and provides them with board governance education, management skills development and training in community organization and political education. Numerous grantees of Bread and Roses have been followed, stopped and generally harassed by local, state and federal law enforcement agents.

Joseph Wilfinger is a Native American community activist who is actively involved in the American Indian Movement and labor relations. As a member of his local Crime Watch, Wilfinger attended a meeting in 2002 at the local police station in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania at which he disclosing that he has worked with the American Indian Movement. Since then, Wilfinger has been informed his name is on an FBI surveillance list.
The Thomas Merton Center is a peace and justice resource and organizing center that is actively involved in organizing non-violent resistance to war, racial and economic justice, and works with local mosques regarding the detaining of Arabs and Muslims in the greater Pittsburgh area. The Merton Center office has received numerous visits from the Secret Service, and some agents have visited members and employees at their homes.

Timmy John Vining is a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and is an active member of the Merton Center. Vining has been involved in numerous protests and rallies and has been visited by the Secret Service to discuss Merton Center activities.