

Popular Freedom Activist Harassed

• Speech before National Rifle Association earns Ted Nugent visit from Secret Service

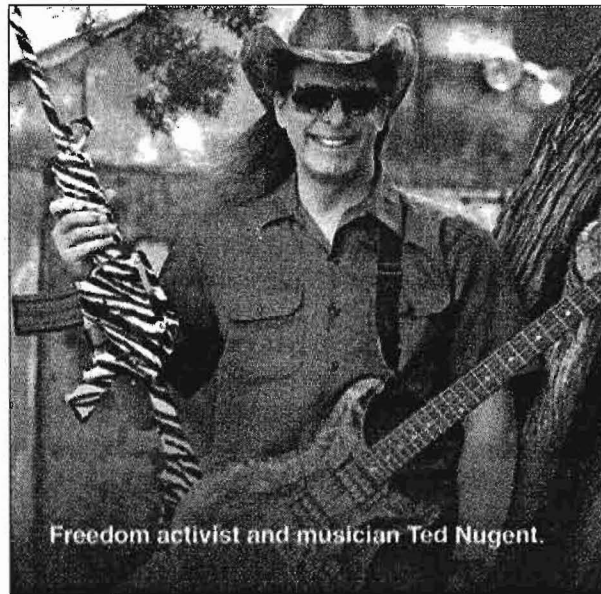
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Rock star, hunter, talk-show host and outspoken freedom advocate Ted Nugent has never been one to hold back his opinion. At a recent NRA convention in St. Louis, Nugent remarked that if Obama is re-elected, "I'll be dead or in jail in a year." According to reports, Nugent's comments prompted a full investigation by the Secret Service. But if such indirect remarks can be determined to be even a veiled threat against the sitting president and serious enough to warrant a federal probe, then why was nothing done to pursue Andrew Adler, the publisher of *The Atlanta Jewish Times*, after he editorialized for the actual assassination of Obama?

In a speech filled with firebrand remarks reminiscent of founders Sam Adams and Patrick Henry, Nugent lit another fuse to be perceived as a threat when he compared Obama and the Democrats to a coyote that "oughta be shot."

Nugent, a popular conservative talk show guest and NRA board member since 1995, has transformed himself from a longhaired, screaming hippy rock singer to a calm but emphatic, hardcore constitutionalist and staunch defender of the Second Amendment. His on-stage attire has gone from flamboyant and outrageous rock suits to neatly pressed jeans, camo hat and cowboy boots.

He told his audience of proud gun owners that if



Freedom activist and musician Ted Nugent.

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they failed to "clean house in this vile, evil, America-hating administration, I don't even know what you're made out of."

During his incendiary NRA speech, Nugent named names. He cited Attorney General Eric Holder for the "Fast and Furious" gunrunning program to Mexican drug smugglers and other offenses and railed against Obama for his engineered dismantling of the once-strong economy. He reminded everyone of how Hillary Clinton sides with the "criminals of the UN" instead of her own great nation and faulted the "good Americans" for allowing "our enemies to sneak into

the White House and take corruption to a horrible new level."

A few days later, Nugent met with two Secret Service agents in Oklahoma and downplayed the whole investigation. He described them as fine, professional agents and said that the meeting could not have gone better, concluding that he had not made threats of violence against anyone.

"We shook hands and went about our business," he said. "God bless the good federal agents."

Contrast this with Adler, whose article in January described the urgency of protecting the Israeli people, naming three options with the third being the assassination of Obama "in order to preserve Israel's existence." AFP called the Secret Service to ask why there was no official and public investigation of Adler. A press spokesman said he could not provide any official comment on that.

It still remains in doubt whether federal agents ever confronted Adler. JTA, a global Jewish news agency, interviewed Adler a week after his Jan. 13 column. As of that date, Adler told JTA that he had not been approached by the Secret Service.

In addition, the New Black Panthers have advertised a bounty on the head of George Zimmerman—the shooter of black youth Trayvon Martin—in Florida with no legal repercussion. ★

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