FBI says far-right antigovernment group plotted to kidnap Virginia governor



Anti-government group charged with plotting to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer also planned to target Virginia's Democratic Governor Ralph Northam. (Photo: NBC News)

Washington, October 14 (RHC)-- In the U.S., an FBI agent has testified that members of a far-right, antigovernment group charged with plotting to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer also planned to target Virginia's Democratic Governor Ralph Northam.

Members of the so-called Wolverine Watchmen were reportedly angered by Governor Northam's lockdown measures aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus.

In Richmond, Virginia, Dr. Northam blamed President Trump's rhetoric for inciting far-right violence. Northam said: "These threats are not coming and this rhetoric is not coming from another country; it's coming from Washington. And that, I regret. And it needs to stop."

As coronavirus lockdowns remained in effect last April, President Trump tweeted: "LIBERATE VIRGINIA, and save your great 2nd Amendment. It is under siege!" Trump tweeted "LIBERATE MICHIGAN" that same day.

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