
Detroit Police Claims Obama Poster Artist ‘Feels Motivated’ by Illegal Act

WASHINGTON, June 27 (Sputnik) - Obama ‘Hope’ poster artist Shepard Fairey is inspired by committing illegal acts, Detroit police lead investigator in charge of Fairey’s case Rebecca McKay told Sputnik. “He [Fairey] gave an interview on camera saying he was planning on illegally tagging and to one of the local papers,” McKay said on Friday. “He feels motivated by the illegal act.” On Thursday, the Detroit Police issued a felony arrest warrant, alleging that while Fairey was in Detroit working on a commissioned mural, he vandalized other properties around the city. McKay said she could not imagine an artist of his stature would vandalize buildings to disrespect the community of Detroit. “I really think there may be an inner struggle going on with Mr Fairey with the amount of money he is making based off these giant murals and keeping his underground graffiti street followers impressed by him,” she explained. McKay said their investigation was concluded and the case is now in the hands of the Wayne County prosecutor. “It’s extremely disappointing to us because he is looked up to by many of the street artists we are having issues with currently,” she said. The investigator expects Fairey to turn himself in once he returns from his out of town trip.