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THREAT INTELLIGENCE – SECURITY COUNTERMEASURES-INVESTIGATIONS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

THREAT INTELLIGENCE WARNING

**TARGET SURVEILLANCE //CHURCHES//MULTIPLE IVO BEAVER COUNTY - HOPEWELL,
PA JUNE – JULY 2025**

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PREDICATION

Target surveillance (intelligence collection) of churches reported in open media is rare. Mainly because church security teams not professionally trained to the threat. Secondly, most churches are incredibly soft targets, and it is assessed that least 90 percent of churches, clergy and congregations are oblivious. This means most target surveillance operations have not been detected. During 2023-2024, In Obscura detected and reported suspected surveillance by behavioral cues and elicitation. These were thoroughly reported to local police. During January 2025, in Fairfax County, Virginia, the location of In Obscura, two overt surveillance operations were interrupted by church staff.¹

¹ [Virginia Church Disrupts Pre-Attack Surveillance: Are Churches Being Targeted?](https://www.christianwarriortraining.com/p/virginia-church-disrupts-pre-attack)
Keith Graves, Christian Warrior Training (Substack), Jan 17, 2025
<https://www.christianwarriortraining.com/p/virginia-church-disrupts-pre-attack>

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The Christian community is implored to be alert and report suspicious events (people, vehicles, email, packages, US Mail, computer-internet activity, questionable unattended items in and outside on church property) among others.

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SYNOPSIS

Target surveillance of three identified churches IVO Beaver County and Hopewell Township, Pennsylvania. EXHIBIT (1) The local police memorandum, disseminated on social media, dated 8 July 2025. This cites suspicious events, late June to early July 2025. Note the Independence Day period.

- One SUBJECT gained access to the church, engaged in elicitation, left behind an electric bicycle battery in a pew and later departed on an electric bicycle.
- Four male SUBJECTS occupants of a sedan wearing hijabs were observed using possible mobile phones they drove by the church, likely video intelligence.
- SUBJECT in a second vehicle (Ohio plates) and passenger(s) remained in a church parking lot for an extended period and departed.
- Also reported is "...similar activity at the airbase at Pittsburgh Airport..." not further elaborated.

3. COMMENT

The indication of similar activity reported IVO airbase at Pittsburgh Airport is genuinely concerning. This indicates potentially multiple teams in a coordinated collection mission to provide intelligence satisfying collection requirements for future attack or further collection to select and plan an attack one or all identified locations.

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The other aspect concerning concern is the number of locations, unknown where probable intelligence collection was successful yet not detected or reported. Hopewell Township, located in Beaver County, the Pittsburgh, PA metro area. Identified churches are, including Latitude/Longitude locations follow. These churches appear large congregations based on size of the facilities. It is not known if any of them have a security cadre of their capabilities. It is noted that police were notified.

- **New Bethlehem Church, Independence** 40.549592420137955, -80.28346307435994
- **Genesis Church Hopewell** 40.563786003365564, -80.2743141332639
- **Ridgepointe Church, Brighton** 40.70622484680499, -80.31670952916383

4. KEY TAKEAWAYS

- It is the mission and vision of In Obscura that heightened, trained vigilance and clandestine observation skills and immediate reporting by church attendees, clergy, staff, and security MUST happen without alerting the operators. This reporting to local or federal law enforcement from a trained observant mindset, with facts and information on what was detected after the fact, or currently in-progress. Learned observation skills and techniques which will not be “alerting behavior” to the SUBJECTS, must be perpetual. In Obscura is trained and certified and poised for much more than consulting.
- It is also recommended that church security staffs with police assistance start sharing information on security TTP and concerns, in effect a threat working group.
- Churches have been TARGETS which MUST BE HARDENED NOW. Clergy MUST ensure the entire church body be trained on suspicious activity, persons and most importantly anomalies. Enhanced by upgrades in physical security hardware and procedures. A starting place is Mitigating Attacks on Houses of Worship Security Guide at <https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/mitigating-attacks-houses-worship-security-guide>

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- Police disclosure of reported multiple reported target surveillance operations and evident tradecraft is exceptionally serious and considered by In Obscura as a warning of a coming attack.
- Consider the police memorandum cleared for public release at EXHIBIT (2) is NOT a clear picture of the real threat environment. Assuredly FBI JTTF is the lead operating agency as well as Air Force Office of Special Investigations on the indicated activity at the Air Reserve base at Pittsburgh Airport.
- HIGH confidence that other churches were surveilled but were not detected. Noted that while the activity that was reported might have been deliberately overt and meant to be detected, softer targets might have already been selected, and these three churches were a deflection and ruse to draw police and security enhancements.

5. SOURCES

KDKA-AM Radio Pittsburgh (MSN Page) Hopewell Police aware of several suspicious incidents at churches Story by Andrew Limberg, 9 July 2025

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/hopewell-police-aware-of-several-suspicious-incidents-at-churches/ar-AA1lhckX?ocid=BingNewsSerp>

Debate sparked after Hopewell police post letter regarding 'suspicious activity'

Chandi Chapman, WTAE Updated: 8:36 PM EDT Jul 9, 2025

<https://www.wtae.com/article/debate-hopewell-police-department-letter-suspicious-activity/65357160>.

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EXHIBIT (1)



Hopewell Township Police Department - Aliquippa,
Pennsylvania

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Please report any suspicious activity to 911.
If you see something, say something!



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July 8, 2025

Dear Sir/Madam:

There have been three separate incidents reported regarding suspicious activities involving males that appear to be, were reported as, of Middle Eastern or of Hispanic ethnicity. These incidents have been reported to the police in the Beaver County area in the last eight days. One incident occurred at New Bethlehem Church in Independence, one at Genesis Church in Hopewell, and one at Ridge Point Church in Brighton Township.

At Ridge Point in Brighton (29JUN) a Middle Eastern male claiming he was from Israel, and looking for a new mosque, left an electric bicycle battery in one of the pews and left by an electric bicycle. In Independence at New Bethlehem (02JUL), four males in hijabs were observed in a silver sedan driving by slowly with their phones up (possibly taking pictures). In Hopewell, at Gensis Church (06JUL), a Middle Eastern/Hispanic male was caught off guard in the parking lot by a member leaving service early, sat in his car for five minutes, then left the area in a blue-gray Subaru Legacy with OH registration. There has apparently been similar activity near the Airbase at the Pittsburgh Airport.

Please be observant of your surroundings. We strongly advise you to call 911 and report anything suspicious, especially anything similar to these events. Hopewell Township Police will be conducting extra patrols at the churches of Hopewell Township.

Sincerely,

Chief of Police
Hopewell Township

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EXHIBIT (2)



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