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Judges 6:12 ESV And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, “The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor.”

THREAT INTELLIGENCE REORT CHURCH ARSON (CONVICTION) SEATTLE (MALTBY) WASHINGTON 24 OCT 2025

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SYNOPSIS

During August 2024, Natasha Marie O’Dell (SUBJECT) 38 years of age, was arrested for setting fire to Seattle Laestadian Lutheran Church, Maltby, a suburb of Seattle and charged with the arson fire she set 12 months earlier. The fire destroyed the church. Review of open-source reporting and available court documents this is an isolated attack attributed to SUBJECT. Motive is unidentified anger with churches, not further elaborated. Although the church was unoccupied at the time of this attack, a firefighter was injured, enhancing the criminal charge, as a federal offense. Bureau of Tobacco, Alcohol, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) was the lead agency.

ANALYSIS

In August 2024, Natasha Marie O’Dell 38 years of age, was arrested for setting fire to Seattle Laestadian Lutheran Church — a church in Maltby, a suburb of Seattle — 12 months earlier. The fire destroyed the church. As in most arson fires, evidence remains and is properly collected. The existing church video surveillance system recorded revealed O’Dell “moving around the church with the red gasoline container during the attack. She “empties the container on the exterior walls of the church and items around the church,” before moving out of frame as fire erupted in the areas where she poured the liquid. Evidence was also collected from her cell phone and credit card records. SHE purchased over a gallon of gasoline in a container and lighters at a service station in the area, according to the news release. She took an Uber to the church to start the fire. SUBJECT “told various acquaintances that she was angry about churches” and “specifically” with Seattle Laestadian Lutheran Church, the release states. No further motives were given. She pleaded guilty today in U.S, District Court in Seattle to three

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felonies related to the arson, in custody since her arrest in Texas in August 2024. O'Dell pleaded guilty to Arson, Damage to Religious Property and Obstruction of Persons in the Free Exercise of Religious Beliefs. She is scheduled for sentencing by U.S. District Judge Jamal N. Whitehead on August 7, 2025. One firefighter was injured fighting the blaze and was transported to an emergency room.

The fire did more than \$3.2 million in damage to the church. The church has incurred additional costs renting a nearby middle school to hold their services two to three times a week. Whitehead after considering the sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors. The case was investigated by the Snohomish County Fire Marshall's Office and the Bureau of Tobacco, Alcohol, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Open-source reporting has several information gaps leading to this successful attack. While expected in such cases, due to operational security of the investigation and or prosecutive stance, or it could mean an investigation is still open or in a different but related direction. Motive for this attack is simply reported as hatred for the church. Seattle is a very notorious Islam-Communist (Red Green Alliance) region for over ten years. This arson fire is a classic attack.
- The Church had a persistent video surveillance system, indicative of a security conscious clergy. Although damaged in the fire, this revealed critical material evidence in identification of SUBJECT and conviction at trial. That SUBJECT missed this security countermeasure is noted.
- No explanation why SUBJECT traveled over a distance to “visit” relatives then used an Uber with no information how the Uber part fitted into the of the gathering of supplies at the gas station, and transport to the crime scene. It is unknown what that driver did with what she or he knew as a witness, assuredly they must have been interviewed.
- No information to suggest or refute SUBJECT'S membership in a larger anarchist organization known for such attacks.
- No information concerning the Pre-Attack phase at a minimum, that SUBJECT conducted pre-operational surveillance of the target, had ever been a member, visited or had any derogatory contact with the church.

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Within the preceding 6 months of this attack, In Obscura was formed by Almighty God's answer to prayer. Church security has grown into a profession with all the collective interest and concerns, including professional associations. Despite these moves, attacks and the sophistication of these attacks continues to escalate in gravity and battle damage. In previous communications and reporting, In Obscura has established the complex threat includes Communist and Islam combined operations, tactics, techniques and procedures rising to unconventional and guerilla warfare, in expansion of the very same combat operations inside the US and across Europe during the antiwar Viet Nam.

In Obscura assesses with HIGH confidence that Christians, Churches, Clergy, Congregations, and organizations are HIGH RISK targets for the escalating violence since at least the Roe v. Wade SCOTUS decision. The Red-Green Alliance, the mutual aid concept of communists and Islamic terrorist organizations active across the US and Europe have been rabidly ant-Christian. The proliferation of genocide, arson, bombings have for almost ten years continue to climb.

Churches, clergy, congregations MUST awaken to the scriptural and historic mandates to protect their flocks. But beyond with proactive and innovative methods suggested by In Obscura. There MUST be an educated congregation, serious and skilled security forces, and a totality of a sensitized and vigilant security culture

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Texas woman accused of arson in Maltby church fire

Herald Net, Everett, by Jake Goldstein-Street, December 12, 2024, 1:15pm

<https://www.heraldnet.com/news/texas-woman-accused-of-arson-in-maltby-church-fire/>

Woman pleads guilty to intentionally setting fire that destroyed Snohomish Co. church

KIRO 7 News Seattle, By Jonah Oaklief, My Northwest.com

September 04, 2025, at 5:09 pm PDT

<https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/woman-pleads-guilty-intentionally-setting-fire-that-destroyed-snohomish-co-church/IKNBRVPBFZFS3HSNSYJX6YHBAE/>

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Texas Woman Indicted for Allegedly Setting Ablaze a Washington Church, Faces 40-Year Sentence

Hoodline, By Emily Tran December 13, 2024

<https://hoodline.com/2024/12/texas-woman-indicted-for-allegedly-setting-ablaze-a-washington-church-faces-40-year-sentence/>

Woman Took an Uber to Church to Set the Building on Fire. Now, She’s Spending Years in Prison for the ‘Devastating’ Act

Yahoo, By Bailey Richards, People Magazine Published on September 7, 2025 03:20PM EDT

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/woman-took-uber-church-set-192022896.html>

Texas woman pleads guilty to arson that destroyed Snohomish County church

Thursday, April 24, 2025, For Immediate Release

U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Washington

Admits she told others about her anger with the church before the arson

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdwa/pr/texas-woman-pleads-guilty-arson-destroyed-snohomish-county-church>

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