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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.”

///FLASH THREAT WARNING///

CHRISTMAS AND THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY ATTACKS

24 NOV 2025

CHURCH THREAT LEVEL: HIGH

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SUBJECT: Spike in 2025 holiday season related kinetic attacks nationwide as of this reporting during the period 20-24 Nov 2025. Time element close cropped. Unknown at this time of any cogent relationship or control element. This Flash Message is sent as indications and warning.

URGENT COUNTERMEASURES

Using these tree lighting and neighborhood attacks, known terrorist attack anniversaries, and Christmas-Thanksgiving-New Year successful attacks. Escalating church attacks, especially the complex nature and destruction during 2025 in totality. Known and reported target surveillance of churches, a dead pan indicator of coming attacks, there is no excuse to ignore and permit these successful planned attacks.

This surge of attacks on mass gathering attacks on the Christian high-holy day of each year is noted as the threat spike, amidst already escalating attacks.

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Clergy MUST take personal responsibility for the safety and security of their congregations in a pro-active, seizure of the moment. Reaching out to law enforcement to acquire threat briefings and an understanding of steps they can take NOW to detect, deter, defend - and destroy threats posted to life, property, and ministry. Immediate action is heightened situational awareness and surveillance to detect and report suspicious activities. Prior IN OBSCURA reporting and analysis provided established heavy emphasis on this defensive measure that is valuable to Christians in their neighborhood and daily lives but also in detecting threats and risk of attacks and crimes to not become a victim OR put Christian lives at risk. I am unaware of a US Government Holiday Threat Assessment at this time,

IMMEDIATE ACTION RECOMENDATIONS

- Contact Law Enforcement, meet and discuss immediate actions
- Contact State Fusion Center
- Posting Private Security Guards
- In Obscura remains ready for support local congregations

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

ATF

Press Release



Boston Field Division

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For Immediate Release
November 8, 2024
www.atf.gov

ATF Boston Field Division Urges Increased Vigilance For Houses of Worship Amid Rising Arson Incidents

In light of a recent increase in arson incidents over the past six months targeting Houses of Worship, in Franklin, MA, Kingston, MA and Woonsocket, RI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), in collaboration with local law enforcement, urges all religious institutions to take enhanced security measures to protect their congregations and facilities. While there are currently no specific threats, ATF and local authorities recommend vigilance and proactive steps to prevent potential incidents.

Recommended Security Measures for Houses of Worship:

1. Enhance Surveillance and Security Systems: Ensure security cameras are functional and positioned to monitor all entrances, exits, and parking areas. Consider upgrading lighting around the premises.
2. Engage with Local Law Enforcement and ATF: Maintain open communication with local police and ATF, report any suspicious activity immediately, and explore options for regular patrols in the area.
3. Restrict Facility Access: Limit access to certain areas, especially during off-hours or when unmonitored, to minimize potential risks.
4. Raise Awareness Among Congregation Members: Encourage congregants to stay alert, report unusual activity, and support one another in staying vigilant.
5. Review and Update Emergency Plans: Ensure that emergency procedures, including evacuation plans, are current and that key staff know how to contact emergency responders promptly.

ATF and local law enforcement agencies are committed to thoroughly investigating each incident and providing support to religious institutions to enhance their security. Community leaders, clergy, and facility managers are encouraged to reach out with any questions or concerns to help ensure the safety and well-being of their congregations.

Anyone with information about the arson is encouraged to call ATF's toll-free, 24-hour hotline at 1-888-ATF-FIRE (1-888-283-3473); or Arson Watch Reward Program at 800-682-9229.

ATF is the federal law enforcement agency with jurisdiction for investigating fires and explosions. More information about ATF and its programs can be found at www.atf.gov and by following ATF on Twitter at [@ATFBoston](https://twitter.com/ATFBoston) and [@ATFHQ](https://twitter.com/ATFHQ).

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SOURCES

9 shot, 1 fatally, hours after Christmas tree lighting downtown Chicago

Less than an hour after the initial shooting, two people were shot near South Dearborn and West Adams streets, police stated.

By Matt Stefanski, Izzy Stroobandt and Randy Gyllenhaal • Published November 22, 2025 • Updated on November 22, 2025 at 2:20 pm

<https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/9-shot-1-fatally-hours-after-christmas-tree-lighting-downtown-chicago/3854686/>

4 injured in shooting near Christmas tree lighting ceremony in North Carolina

Three people were reported in critical condition.

By Jason Volack, Jon Haworth, and Ahmad Hemingway

November 22, 2025, 12:40 PM

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/4-injured-shooting-north-carolina-tree-lighting-ceremony/story?id=127772621>

1 person shot at Partridge Creek mall; police searching for suspect

Police are urging residents to lock their windows and doors as the search for the suspect continues

By: WXYZ Web Team Posted 7:46 PM, Nov 23, 2025 and last updated 6:29 AM, Nov 24, 2025

<https://www.wxyz.com/news/1-person-shot-at-partridge-creek-during-malls-annual-tree-lighting>

Police identify 3 suspects in Concord tree lighting shooting, say it wasn't random

A WCNC Charlotte photographer heard the shots, and saw emergency crews respond to the scene.

Author: Matthew Ablon (WCNC), Diamond Carroll

Published: 7:53 PM EST November 21, 2025

Updated: 8:51 AM EST November 22, 2025

<https://www.wcnc.com/article/news/crime/shots-fired-concord-nc-christmas-tree-lighting-11-21-2025/275-03881d5a-b91d-4eb0-a44c-058f094bec99>

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Queens neighborhood furious over car meetup that turned violent

By Sonia Rincón WABC 7 NYC

Sunday, November 23, 2025 11:16PM

<https://abc7ny.com/post/queens-neighborhood-furious-car-meetup-turned-violent/18199259/>

ATF urges churches to adopt ‘enhanced security measures’ amid arson incidents

Firefighters work to extinguish a fire at St. Mary’s Parish in Franklin, Massachusetts, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024. | Credit: Franklin Fire Department

Daniel Payne

By Daniel Payne CNA Staff, Nov 16, 2024 / 08:00 am

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/260515/atf-urges-churches-to-adopt-enhanced-security-measures-amid-arson-incidents>

Bloodstained Holidays: Why Does Terror Strike During Festive Seasons?

by Itamar Tzur, Algemeiner (GERMAN) January 3, 2025 10:49AM

<https://www.algemeiner.com/2025/01/03/bloodstained-holidays-why-does-terror-strike-during-festive-seasons/>

11 Brutal Christmas Terror Attacks That Shook The World

By The Commune - December 23, 2024

<https://thecommunemag.com/11-brutal-christmas-terror-attacks-that-shook-the-world/>

Authorities warned of vehicle-ramming attack danger in US during holiday season

Multiple people were killed in a New Year's ramming attack in New Orleans.

By Josh Margolin and Meredith Deliso

January 1, 2025, 2:48 PM

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/vehicle-ramming-attack-threat-holiday-season/story?id=117247044>

2023 - FBI, DHS warn of risk of violence during holiday season

The conflict between Israel and Hamas could inspire lone actors

Foreign terror groups have also called for lone wolf attacks

Domestic terrorists may take advantage of rising antisemitism, Islamophobia

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Steph Whiteside Updated: Dec 14, 2023 / 06:39 AM CST

<https://www.newsnationnow.com/us-news/holidays/fbi-dhs-warn-risk-violence-holiday/>

9 Violent Attacks on Churches in 2025

Tyler O'Neil Daily Signal | September 29, 2025

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2025/09/29/attacks-churches-9-incidents-shooting-arson-bombings-us-houses-worship/>

"God is in control": Pastor speaks out after church arson

by Lisbeth Ramirez Fri, November 21, 2025 at 5:05 PM

Updated Sun, November 23, 2025 at 11:28 AM

<https://abc45.com/news/local/god-is-in-control-pastor-peaks-out-after-church-arson>

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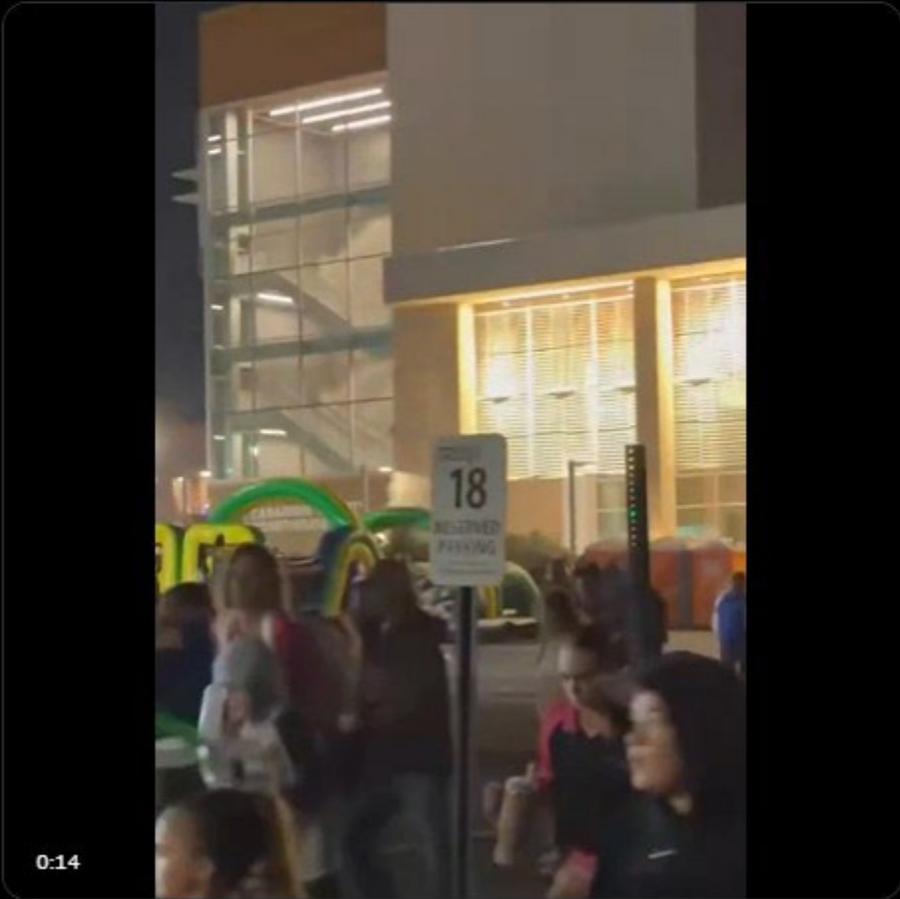
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I am angry, but most of all, I am heartbroken.

You can't even TAKE YOUR KIDS to a CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY in a small town in North Carolina anymore without fear of getting shot in the streets.

We don't have to live like this.

We can't, something has to change...



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Vickie Paladino for NYC's Post

Vickie Paladino for NYC
19h

Last night in Malba, a large group of individuals from outside my district conducted an illegal 'takeover' of a quiet residential street at approximately 12:30am. This is not the first time it's happened.

A private security guard attempted to calm the situation -- he was assaulted by the mob and his vehicle was set on fire. He suffered significant injuries. A local resident was also assaulted.

Response to this incident was less than ideal. Residents reporting the incident to 911 were told that 'quality of life team' and 311 should handle the situation. Unacceptable. In fact, these violent street takeovers should be met with maximum force by the police department.

We have NEVER had these problems before. Now it's an epidemic. What changed? We stopped arresting criminals.

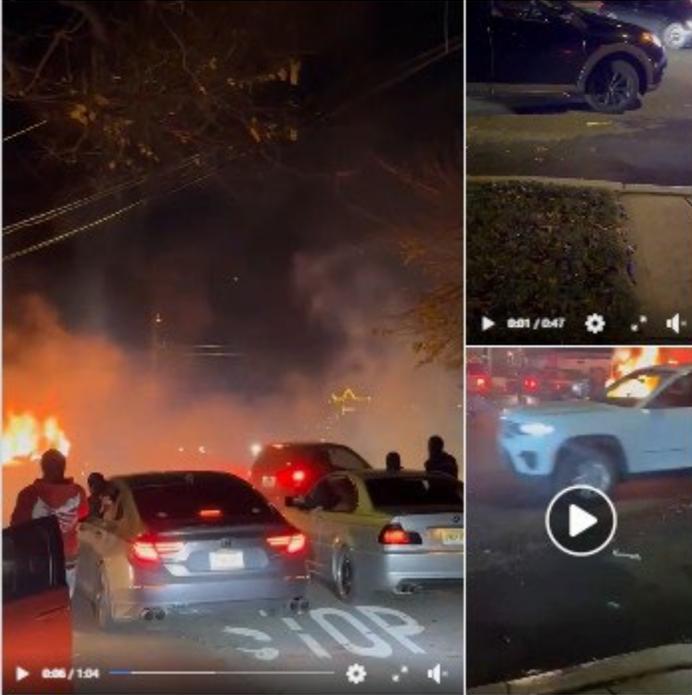
I am meeting this morning with the chief of department and the local precinct at the scene to discuss exactly what happened last night. I have already been assured that Malba will receive four dedicated patrol cars from this point forward, as well as additional security upgrades that we cannot disclose.

However, the city MUST do something to stop this lawlessness. All the speed cameras in the world do absolutely NOTHING to prevent these incidents -- we need police response and the most severe consequences for these criminals, not to simply allow them to drive away after they've completed their mayhem.

These incidents are happening citywide, and they're happening because there are no longer any real consequences to this kind of criminality. But let me make something very clear to the criminals -- you are risking your lives bringing this chaos into our neighborhoods.

I know for a fact there were multiple armed residents who exercised extreme restraint last night, however that level of restraint is not guaranteed. If the city refuses to do what's necessary, the people might.

Once again I want to urge any residents of my district who are interested in obtaining their carry or premises permits to contact my office. We are offering assistance with the application process and legal fees to all who wish to exercise their constitutional right to self protection.



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