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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.”

TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE ANDREWS AFB 7 NOV 2025 **CHURCH THREAT LEVEL: HIGH**

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SYNOPSIS

On November 6, 2024, a suspicious package was opened at Joint Base Andrews, leading to the evacuation of two buildings and a cordon around the area. Seven individuals reported feeling ill after the package was opened, but all were treated and released without hospitalization. The investigation is ongoing, and no immediate threats were identified. The package reportedly contained negative sentiments towards the President, but no hazardous materials were found during the investigation. Because Christian Churches and related organizations have experienced similar targeting, this report incorporates this threat and attacks.

- Seven people felt ill after a suspicious package was opened at Joint Base Andrews.
- All were treated, found stable, and released; no hospitalization was reported.
- The investigation was handed over to Air Force officials and remains ongoing.
- **SPECIAL ATTENTION: A base spokesperson told Military.com the package included “negative sentiments towards the President and his actions” but no specific threats toward him or any other official. The package was opened inside a base facility last Thursday.**

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- Analysts say the stakes are always higher at Andrews. Mail rooms see strange packages; some turn out to be hoaxes. But they still shut down operations and send in hazmat crews.

As expected, few details were released because of operational security, especially in the very early stages of the investigation, no further media updates are expected. Further research is added for the reader, contained in the **SOURCES** section of this report below.

In 2024, there were 14 reported bomb threats to Christian churches and related organizations, most of which turned out to be hoaxes communicated through phone calls or emails. In some cases, suspicious packages were left on church doorsteps. Two churches in Cocoa, Florida, received packages with notes claiming that they contained bombs. The perpetrator had political motivations, saying he was targeting “wokism” and was angry about taxes, grifters, and the war in Ukraine. He was identified through security camera footage and was subsequently arrested. HIGH confidence there are many more such attacks not reported in news media.

Attack Focus. 2023, San Francisco. A disturbance at one of San Francisco’s most famous churches led police on a chaotic chase that involved a man setting off a pipe bomb and tossing a Molotov cocktail before being taken into custody in the East Bay. Officers responded to an assault call inside Saints Peter and Paul Church in the North Beach neighborhood. Police arrived and the suspect fled in a vehicle, leading to a pursuit and then suspect set off a pipe bomb from the vehicle in the 1500 block of Jones Street, a residential part of Nob Hill. Police continued to pursue the man where he allegedly ignited a Molotov cocktail on Eighth Street between Market and Mission. That suspect was convicted in 2024 and sentenced to 14 years in prison.

ANALYSIS

WMD using mail pieces (letters, packages, envelopes) is a successful attack vector whether an actual or fake device is used. The effect remains the same. The core element of terror is fear. Fear does not require an act it is the act. The violence that accompanies that fear is also that sudden evil attack, in a peaceful setting, with the message your government cannot protect you so agree to our demands.

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Terrorism is defined as the systematic and calculated use fear to achieve political, religious or ideological goals. There are many methods and techniques, but this report focuses on the ability of the terror spirit to affect the target perception and reality as they define them, thusly the constant, looming fear, anxiety and paranoia of the target population.

In this obscure mail venue, many are known as hoax bombs, and in some instances, even detection equipment cannot visually determine hoax or actual. This requires a careful inspection and or controlled detonation of item. But the desired message and effect has been sent to the target.

Hoax bombs (and swatting calls) have dual use motives fear, yes. But at the same time the enemy can and has watched the attack event as it plates out. How we respond to the scene. These are intelligence collection events as well as staged tests of security. The response forces are probably recorded and analyzed later, for further exploitation should the target be chosen for a true attack. Rather like casing a bank prior to a robbery months later. Take a look at the skillsets of criminal elements <https://abc7.com/post/wifi-jammers-burglary-home-lapd/14494252/>

This includes “Swatting.” Swatting is also terror, and achieves the same results, as well as already cited, and intelligence collection bonanza for foreign and domestic terror groups. In Obscura reporting has warned about the US terror groups under the axis known as the Red Green Alliance, which has and will attack Christian targets. Swatting usually is more than just harassment of the target. As stated, it allows for intelligence collection and exploitation later in real pre-attack planning. Among them evacuation, security, police, fire-rescue response activity. This is also exposure of the group’s intelligence cell during this operation and an opportunity to identify and detect in that area.

Equally, target surveillance during undetected visits to the church, interesting emails and phone calls can also extract useful information during pre-attack intelligence collection of the targeted church or related equity such as pregnancy counseling centers, emotional or mental health counseling, day care children’s sites and outside mass activities. Some of

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In Obscura has assessed previously with HIGH confidence most churches are very soft targets, meaning most consciously disregard security or are either misinformed or unaware of the world threat environment targeting them.

Suspicious items on church property. Prior to services or use of facilities the staff and security, including ushers, should do a visual check to identify unattended items or containers, large plastic bags appearing to be abandoned or garbage dumped there with these checks inside and outside the buildings. Unfamiliar vehicles parked and unoccupied in parking lots. Depending in the circumstances, fast, accurate police reporting is crucial. Other examples are backpacks, boxes, large plastic bags that might be yard waste, or dumped garbage on the roadside. Which brings a second point, the same items off church property near the roadway or street.

Experience with one US mail piece received at the church, contained no overt but a notional threat. A handwritten letter and a long hand-written question about the church and its abortion stance. This needs to be treated as possible threat communication and immediately reported. This is known as an anomaly, and you must be alert and detect similar indicators-things that are just not right.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- It is to have a vital consciousness (situational awareness) that detects the unusual or concerning activity out of place, unusual, which just don't seem right, because they are not. These need to be addressed and professionally evaluated quickly. Most people self-rationalize and do nothing. Much of reconstructing an attack, or other crime these come to light during interviews.
- Prayerful direction to become passionately serious about defending the flock, as the manifested threat materializes when it could have been intercepted proactively.
- Unexpected packages, envelopes; any mail that at first view makes one uncomfortable, stop. Do not touch or move the mail piece and contact law enforcement. Included below are poster images about package indicators.

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- This guide was my very first reading about securing my church. Highly recommended. **Mitigating Threats to Houses of Worship**
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7 treated after suspicious package opened at Joint Base Andrews

By Melanie Alnwick Updated November 7, 2025 1:29pm ESTD.C. Politics FOX 5 DC

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Man allegedly sets off bombs in San Francisco

A man reportedly set off multiple bombs in San Francisco while being pursued by police

By Josh Koehn, San Francisco Standard, Updated Nov. 07, 2023 • 3:30pm, Published Oct. 29, 2023 • 7:58pm

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Military.com | By Darius Radzius Published November 10, 2025 at 10:15am ET

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Anthrax, a Time of Terror.

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Suspicious package interrupts prayer vigil for Afghan refugees

By KCCI, Published: Jun. 5, 2025 at 7:38 AM EDT

<https://www.kcrg.com/2025/06/05/suspicious-package-interrupts-prayer-vigil-afghan-refugees/>

Downtown La Grande avenue reopens following the removal of a roadside bomb

Published 10:52 am Wednesday, April 23, 2025, By ISABELLA CROWLEY | The Observer

Read more at: <https://lagrandeobserver.com/2025/04/23/la-grande-police-shut-jefferson-avenue-due-to-suspicious-device/>

FBI investigates 'IED attack' at California church targeted by protesters over anti-LGBTQ views

Danielle Wallace By Danielle Wallace Fox News, Published January 24, 2021 10:08am EST

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Man in van filled with explosives, guns intended to attack a North Texas church, report states, By Caroline Vandergriff

Updated on: December 5, 2024 / 8:31 PM CST / CBS Texas

<https://www.cbsnews.com/texas/news/man-in-van-filled-with-explosives-guns-intended-to-attack-a-north-texas-church-report-states/>

Investigators say explosion at Lone Oak First Baptist not work-related

WEST KENTUCKY STAR STAFF Jun 17, 2025, Updated Jun 18, 2025

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PRELIMINARY REPORT: Assault at Saints Peter and Paul Church in North Beach. Responding officers encountered a suspect with an improvised device. A pursuit occurred. Suspect apprehended by SFPD in another county. If you are a witness or have video, contact SFPD at 415-575-4444.

Officers Encounter Suspect With “Improvised Device”

Report of assault at
Saints Peter & Paul
Church

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FBI Los Angeles

@FBILosAngeles



The FBI responded overnight with @elmontepolice & @LASDhq to an #IED attack at the First Works Baptist Church in El Monte, CA. Bomb Techs & the FBI's Evidence Team continue to process the scene. If you have a tip about the responsible party, please call 3104776565. #SeekingInfo



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Elkhorn Media Group's Post



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THE SUSPICIOUS DEVICE FOUND IN LA GRANDE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED.

According to the La Grande Police Department, the "suspicious device was an improvised explosive device (IED) and was safely seized and destroyed following its discovery earlier today. The device, approximately 8 inches in length and 3 inches in diameter, was a homemade explosive constructed within a pressurized container wrapped in electricians tape. It contained explosive material and BBs, posing a threat to public safety."

More information is available at <https://elkhornmediagroup.com/suspicious-device-reported.../>



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SUSPICIOUS MAIL INDICATORS

SUSPICIOUS MAIL OR PACKAGES

Protect yourself, your business, and your mailroom.

If you receive a suspicious letter or package:

- Stop. Don't handle.
- Isolate it immediately.
- Don't open, smell, or taste.
- Activate your emergency plan. Notify a supervisor.

If you suspect the mail or package contains a bomb (explosive), or radiological, biological, or chemical threat:

- Isolate area immediately
- Call 911
- Wash your hands with soap and water

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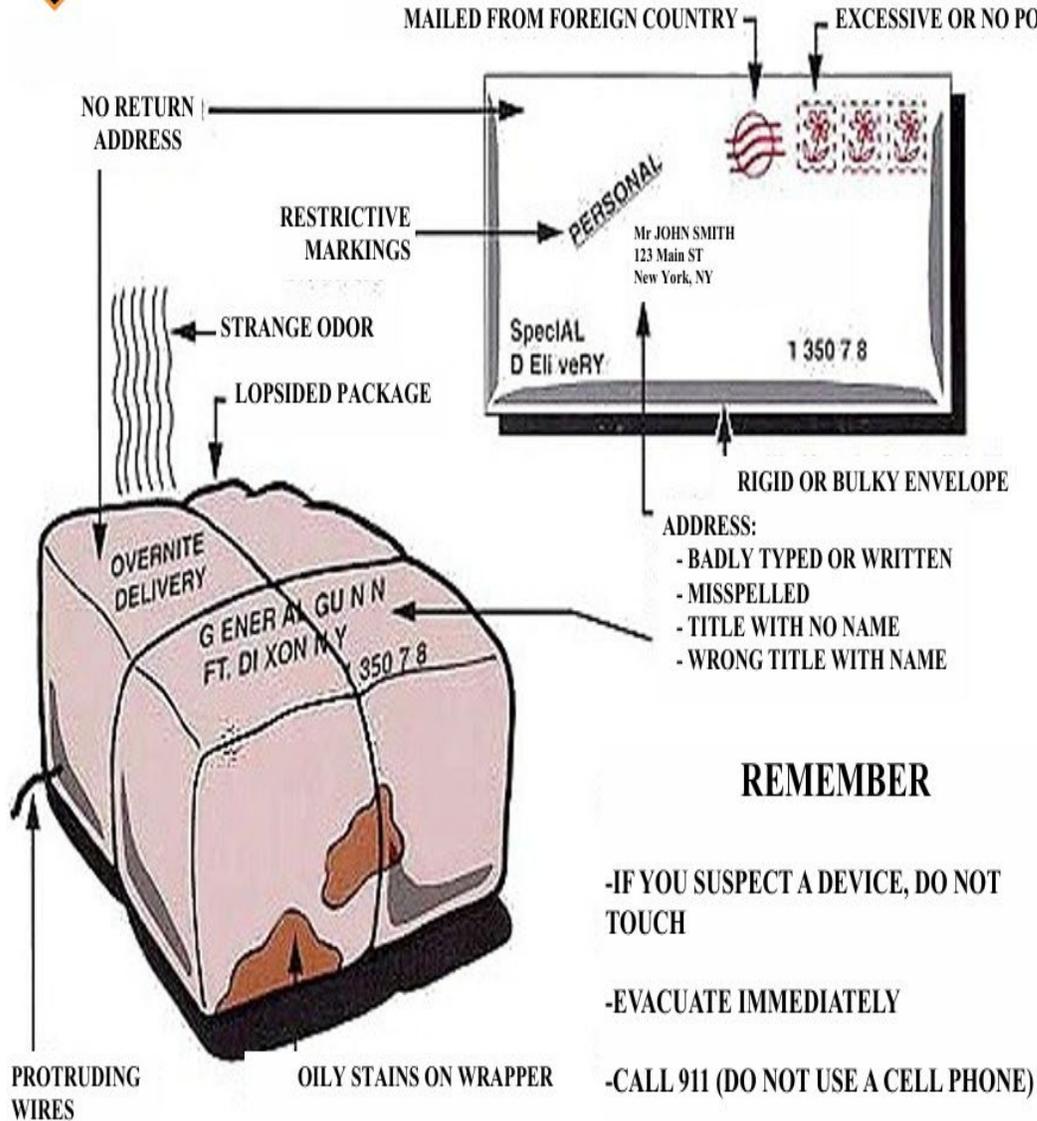
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SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE



REMEMBER

- IF YOU SUSPECT A DEVICE, DO NOT TOUCH
- EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY
- CALL 911 (DO NOT USE A CELL PHONE)

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