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UPDATED ANALYSIS 2 FEB 2026 TO
TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS CHURCH TERROR ATTACK
ST PAUL MN 19 JAN 2026 UPDATED 26 JAN 2026

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CHURCH THREAT LEVEL – URGENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This updates the tactical analysis with a review of both the Criminal Complaint and Unsealed Grand Jury Indictment. Not included are the additional arrests made within the last 48 hours, by USDOJ Office of Public Affairs. Both case documents contain only the information cleared for release. Author experience is that most of the case information is highly classified, the case remains open including other criminal investigative leads undisclosed and assuredly a very serious counterterrorism and intelligence operations and investigations.

REVIEW OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AND UNSEALED GRAND JURY INDICTMENT

Affidavit in Support of Arrest Warrant

<https://www.scribd.com/document/986502474/FBI-affidavit-in-suport-of-arrest-warrant>

Grand Jury Indictment (Unsealed)

[fed-indictment-church-protest-unsealed.pdf](#)

There's no mention of a church security team. A major concern is the scant information of the local police response and why no apparent enforcement action was taken at the church to terminate the threat, with arrests and exploitation of the insurgent organization

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post-arrest interrogations, searches of operational locations, deployment of bomb dogs to clear the scene. The post-attack interviews of victims after unnecessary delay is also very concerning as is the injuries to victims and these criminal charges against the insurgents.

Post-attack open statements by elected officials in federal, state and local governance demanding further church attacks MUST be neutralized by arrest, removal from position and revocation of security clearances immediately. This should also lead to counter-espionage investigations to determine more issues with elected officials. These statements are not protected speech but operational activities.¹²

Peculiarly, the stated target (Senior ICE Agent, Pastor) was not present at the time, and no information is the insurgents were tracking him real time during their 'movement to contact' at the location. With HIGH confidence, considering the escalating violent TTP of the insurgents using inly open media reporting, this senior ICE executive remains a target of exploitation, kidnap, assassination and ransom as does his immediate family.

This yet another attack on Christians undergirds repeated IN OBSCURA warnings since its incorporation. While these efforts have indeed been ignored, with little to no warning here it is. An attack on a church which could have been much worse in the force of presence. Be assured that this was a warning and a capability threat.

Discussion of the insurgent team (insurgents) during the pre-attack meeting and overt actions indicate use of trained tradecraft, tactics, techniques and procedures. The use of

¹ Let me also add a personal note. IN OBSCURA direct experience as the first and now former director of security at a church. Members included two Tier 1 one targets for terrorist kidnap, ransom and assassination. One was a very senior government official who attended church without protection. The other, a globally known pastor, missionary and author. Presenting intelligence threat information and recommending the congregation be trained on these threats to churches and specific to foreign terror targeting of these two noted officials was DECLINED and rationalized away. IN OBSCURA has continually emphasized, "...passionately, annoyingly, intensely..." what has come upon the church without any concern.

² [Pastors warn of 'chilling effect' after anti-ICE agitators storm Minnesota church service](https://www.foxnews.com/media/pastors-warn-chilling-effect-after-anti-ice-agitators-storm-minnesota-church-service?msocid=3fc0202308d2639112f03616095962d4), Faith leaders demand federal action after agitators disrupt Sunday service, claiming a pastor is connected to ICE, Kristine Parks Fox News Published January 21, 2026, 6:00am EST

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the term “...clandestine operation...” and the constant reminders of to maintain operational security in not voicing sensitive information by the team lead (SUBJECT/ARMSTRONG).

“...Youtube live broadcast of the attack On Sunday morning, January 18, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m., began livestreaming in the parking lot of a shopping center located at 1440 University Avenue W, St Paul, MN 55104 “Operation Pullup” ARMSTRONG identified this as “Operation Pullup,” which she characterized as a “clandestine” operation...”

“...We’ve had a lot of success with the times we’ve done “Operation... Again, we’re not going to give any, any of the information away.” who said he was out there to support the community activists. identified himself as a current candidate for Minnesota State Senate, District 65. “duty to fight for our freedom,” “we have a duty to win,” “we must love and support one another,” “we have nothing to lose but our chains...”

“But this is the beginning of what’s going to happen here. When you violate people’s due process, when you pull people off the street and start dragging them and hurting them and, um, and not abiding by the constitution, when you start doing all of that, people get upset and angry.” goes on to suggest that according to the Constitution, there are no limitations to protesters on where and when they can exercise their Constitutional rights. That’s the whole point of it is to disrupt, and that’s what they’re doing and that’s what I believe...”

Note: There is no mention in either case document of intelligence collection (expanded target surveillance) against the specific church before attack, the how and why the target, this senior ICE official and Pastor was identified. Prior INOBSCURA experience and published intelligence reporting has asserted the insurgents have and will continue to use clandestine target surveillance and intelligence collection and that most US churches have been identified as targets for attack.

From just these tactics in these documents is with HIGH confidence the target’s residence, family members, his Pattern of Life and much, much more is in the hands of the insurgents. They call it “doxxing” when in fact, it is intelligence tradecraft taught by with HIGH confidence foreign intelligence service handlers.

Noting the choice to live broadcast the attack is serious mirroring of Islamic terrorism TTP which inculcates fear in the widest audience possible in furtherance of the group’s political, ideological and or religious goals.

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What is not known is their actions at the target objective if the target was present in that church. As it is, THEY surrounded the congregation, “...prevented freedom of movement...” predicating hostage taking, kidnap and ransom, barricade. That two physical injuries resulted from this attack from which there have been no arrests and resultant investigative actions is astounding. There is little to no information concerning the local police response, direct contact and arrests of the attack team inside and just outside that church. This includes searches and seizures incidental to arrest of the team, vehicles, left behind items, communication devices, bomb dog checks of the entire property including parked vehicles.

The inclusion into the attack operation of SUBJECT/LEMON, shows HIM to be probably a witting, recruited asset. post termination, as a freelanced, trained journalist turned recruited asset most probably long before he flew to Minneapolis. His use of journalistic cover and tradecraft skills are decades refined, and exceptionally biased. US espionage cases are awash with felony leaks to journalists, which are indicative of their proficiency in developing their own tradecraft, targeting and recruitment of sources, resulting in varying damages and compromises to national security. LEMON remains a witting participant, to magnify the desired escalation of insurgency, which he has been doing since his arrest.

The Criminal Complaint, the Case Agent discloses the rather odd local police response and actions to this attack. They did not respond to the church, yet 911 calls were made. No record of crime scene established and processed, interviews, medic response to the injured. I cannot find police press releases, news conferences. The response was only the area of the church which was not enforcement action.

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