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(TLP-C) VIOLENT ENCOUNTER GUN DETROIT CHURCH 2MAR26

KNOW THE TARGET – WATCH THE TARGET – LOOK DEEPER -EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

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HOLY WEEK 2026 AND THE THREAT ENVIRONMENT SPIKES

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EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As depicted in the media article pasted and linked below, a violent encounter during a Christian service inside a Detroit, MI funeral home. A male entered the location, brandished a firearm and “...demanded the Pastor stop speaking...” Pastor then took control of the encounter, as evacuations of the congregation took place, police arrived and took custody of the male. Details are limited, with the source for the CBN article source is a Detroit TV station and hot linked below.

CONTEXT

Although the referred TV station article noted the rapid police response The suspect was arrested soon after. Noted is the following, derived from police media contact: “...Four other people were later taken into custody for various weapons offenses...Stewart said during a news briefing. law enforcement has increasingly allocated officer resources to funeral services because of an increase of gun violence issues at funeral homes...” There is no further inquiry by media to provide deeper details of intelligence for churches. The presumption is crime of opportunity and a captive victim presence (holdup and robbery).

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To some clergy and church security officials, this incident will be disregarded as unrelated to church security. In Obscura heavily cautions in disregarding any of this as irrelevant. EVERYTHING is relevant until it is proven otherwise, even then it is still of some intelligence value. Despite the lack of more details, “...four others were taken into custody for various weapon offenses...” which is ambiguous and yet adds to the seriously dangerous and escalating threat environment of the church inside the United States. As we move forward, the excuses for blowing off these threats becomes more dangerous than ever. In this attack, that funeral home was the church.

The attacker must have presented himself in such a way that the Pastor was able to quickly and instinctively able to assess and react quickly, Praise God. Obviously, the entire incident became a Holy Spirit operation. There are many identical incidents including those of biblical historical record which have been exceptionally deadly, some of them knowingly neglected where Christians were injured and murdered. Let us NOT forget what took place right there after the neutralization of the threat. In that place, ten people have their lives to Christ in a very secure environment.

Observing the one surveillance camera image below portrays a dangerous environment with exits and exfiltration blocked by people who will become even more of a danger to security forces response to neutralize a threat. When the UNEXPECTED takes place in a thousandth of a second, the panic will become slow motion with having to physically force move in and around panicked people and the task of a now even more violent gun encounter and the use of force most of us are not trained to handle professionally, tactically, surgically. That the local police were present for such a known threat to funeral homes, I am curious as to the security countermeasures discussed with funeral homes, measures taken on the property.

Lastly, this violent encounter and the known facts from two open sources is a wisdom few will understand, and I pray over this report that your eyes will be opened. It is not the church building as much as our presence. Funerals, processions, graveyards, viewings, other venues where the Pastor may find themselves should be of interest to the security force and consultation MUST take place as a security advance review. Venues off church property, revivals, concerts, etc., MUST include security review and decisions on assigning

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officers to escort in a portable security presence somewhat like executive protection missions.

This encounter also leads to considerations of Pastoral counseling sessions. Pastors MUST be briefed on the behavioral and disclosure content of those counseled which show potential risk to the person being counseled and the congregation. The quickest example from experience is a spouse who the Pastor discovers is being abused and has or is contemplating a “protective order.” This person might also present their own mental health concerns as well. The mission here is to protect the sheep, this is why pastoral counseling is too important that it must be protected as God has directed to the Watchman. The security force must be briefed on the circumstances. To obtain photos (facial) of the spouse and vehicles used is vital for situational awareness of the security force to stop violence in the parking lot or in the church facility. There are thousands of incidents that are now an unfortunate tragedy as part of that church history.



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WJBK-TV screenshot

'I Began to Pray': Pastor Talks Down Crazy Man Who Points Gun Directly at Him, Leads 10 to Christ

<https://cbn.com/news/us/i-began-pray-pastor-talks-down-crazy-man-who-points-gun-directly-him-leads-10-christ>

Tré Goins-Phillips 04-02-2026

A pastor in Detroit is being called a hero **after successfully de-escalating** a harrowing situation when a crazy man pulled a gun in the middle of a funeral and pointed it at the minister.

The alarming situation even ended with 10 people coming to faith in Jesus.

Darthanian Nichols, pastor of Breaking Chains Outreach Ministries, **was officiating a funeral service** in late March for a teenager who reportedly **died by gun violence** when a man entered **the New McFall Brothers Funeral Home** at around 11 a.m. and began shouting obscenities before pulling out a firearm.

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“If I’m being honest,” Nichols, a licensed social worker, wrote in a Facebook post, “I braced myself. I just knew I was going to be shot.”

Reflecting back on the ordeal, the preacher said **God gave him “peace in the middle of panic.”**

“While I was officiating a funeral service,” he wrote, “I asked the room to clear the floor just in case of an emergency, just trying to keep everyone safe. In that moment, a man began yelling obscenities, pulled out a gun, and pointed it toward me, **threatening to hurt me if I didn’t stop speaking.**”

The room, he reflected, “went into chaos.” **But he stayed calm — supernaturally calm.**

“I grabbed the microphone and calmly instructed everyone to leave in an orderly way,” he wrote. “I made sure my wife and kids were removed to safety. And even in that moment, as a trained clinician, **I recognized this wasn’t just anger this was grief speaking loudly. So I began to pray!!!**”

Police confirmed Monday no shots were fired, [according to WJBK-TV](#).

After Nichols de-escalated the situation and police arrived on the scene, one man was taken into custody. **Soon thereafter, four others were arrested for various weapons offenses.**

Detroit Police Department Capt. John Stewart credited the pastor for his calm handling of the situation, calling Nichols “a hero.”

Nichols, though, is crediting God.

“He gave me wisdom when I needed it, peace when I shouldn’t have had it, clarity when everything was chaotic, and courage when fear was present,” he wrote. “The Bible says: ‘And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.’ Today, that wasn’t for money or provision, [b]ut for strength, discernment, and grace under pressure.”

And after everything was done, Nichols revealed he was able to lead 10 people to salvation.

“And even after all of that, God still moved,” he wrote. “I was still able to minister to the family and the young people... and 10 people gave their lives to Christ. That’s the kind of God we serve.”**///END///**

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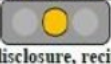


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