

TLP CLEAR – DISSEMINATION UNLIMITED



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(TLP-C) (UPDATED) BOMB SNIPER THREAT SPRINGFIELD VA MALL 23JUN26

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

Matthew 11:12 - From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffers violence,
and the violent are taking it by force.

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SITUATION

Late yesterday afternoon, 23 June 2026, a phone call using voice distortion software to the police warned that twenty explosive devices were emplaced inside the mall and that two snipers were also enroute as part of this attack. Extensive response and EOD detection and preliminary scene investigation was completed with negative results. The Police Threat Management Unit has the case for investigation.

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IN OBSCURA ANALYSIS

While dismissed my most as a hoax or swatting call, is an attack scenario. In context and content, I assess with MEDIUM to HIGH Confidence this was a planned and complex attack scenario which was a test of security and under the recorded surveillance of the attack element. Collection on this attack also includes below a You Tube source, vetting unknown, which covered the event live including the police radio traffic as the event unfolded.

This must be taken with the context of the national threat environment, the schools recently closing, the increased daily mall population, an attractive target as a mass gathering location and other factors. It should also be emphasized that this mall has experienced several violent crimes over a prolonged period of time, including gang activity. The area has a high crime threat level. It is likely that investigative action will develop leads and intelligence of other reportable activities prior to this phone call with will all come together in an analysis.

THE CHURCH, CHRISTIAN TARGET

With each dissemination of threat intelligence, after action analysis of attacks, In Obscura pushes the application to the client; the church, clergy, congregations, foreign and domestic. The totality and context of the escalating threat has overwhelmingly included Christians as the primary target. Let me say profusely. The threat intelligence indicators are now daily and increasingly overtly in open media. This is to affect and signal the myriad unstable, the desperate, angered, depressed and demoralized who are responding to psychological stimuli. This is the ignition point which is exploited and focused on the target's indigenous population. It is war, a warfare tactic and the neutering of that population to divide in tribal formation against its government, culture, the things that has held it together, in this beloved nation, 250 years.

This bomb threat was indeed an attack and as cited probably a test of security as adversarial target surveillance under the CARVER doctrine, yet again another warfare tactic of target assessment prior to attacks. In the YouTube video below, you will see intelligence collection as it occurs. Police communications during the video are live, tactics, techniques, procedures of this response force can be heard. Limited live video on there of of the mall exterior by call phone activity as it is happening.

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Then add cellphone videos that will proliferate social networking. This video is incidental and its source I do not suspect of collaborating with the targeting. Yet even this video will be collected as part of the enemy intelligence collection of this shopping mall-or similar area targets specifically churches and related Christian targets of interest. Targeting operations are continuous. These will continue to push the enemy control element to select targets of their choice based on impact and manipulation of fear. These, from a large list of those provided by their intelligence collection cells.

Although not published, In Obscura developed actionable intelligence of a specific nature from a vetted source of highly likely pre-attack positioning targeting and suspicious activities at churches in the DC Region on Easter Sunday 2026. Law Enforcement is taking appropriate action. Operational Security will prohibits disclosing more information.

Churches and related properties are no different. As I have reported repeatedly and professional instincts have driven, our churches, people, clergy and facilities have been and will continue to be under intense largely undetected target surveillance and intelligence collection by an adversarial domestic field of insurgent groups. My reporting is continually passing earnings to ensure church security groups are motivated, equipped, spiritually and tactically prepared identify, detect, exploit an neutralize threats, and to mitigate attacks by denying access to the target, the one YOU are responsible for as the Watchman.

In this particular video and attack event, like so many others, the enemy allows you to disclose how YOU handle and mitigate false attacks; hoax bombs, unattended items, fires alarms, anomalous church power outage, audio visual system stoppage, computer, electrical, fire and intrusion alarms as unexplained events such as one this Spring 2026 at a local church, again no details.

The doctrine setting your security TTP, dictating how you react to critical incidents, how you evacuate, where you assemble and take attendance and how YOU protect the evacuated church at that location. Who is the incident commander and how your security forces deploy and that “quick reaction force,” the local police, fire, rescue deploys to assist and assume command. What does the interior of the church look like? The layout,

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construction, cover from enemy fire and intrusion to access and either terminate victims or extract them as hostages. How hardened are the rooms where we are locked down if we cannot evacuate? What about the doors and abundance of weak glass doors and windows? What about your computers and servers, how hardened are they to detect and thwart intrusion and exfiltration of information necessary for targeting successfully?

How many in your congregation are oblivious and are not trained and sensitized to recognize and properly report actual indicators, suspicious or anomalous activities, in church, on church property, even in their neighborhoods? If not, why are they not at that level. I will not provide details here but that as security you should have a constant awareness of activities outside of church property that can affect the security of your people, including Clergy residences, their families, their travel. This also includes the security environment of deployed missionaries and the host nation threat environment.

I've experienced a lack of engagement communication, contact of local churches, their security teams, the local, state and federal church security and police agencies. Yet in other parts of Virginia, other US States the opposite is factual. There is great interaction, professional liaison relationships and competent outreach and training for churches.

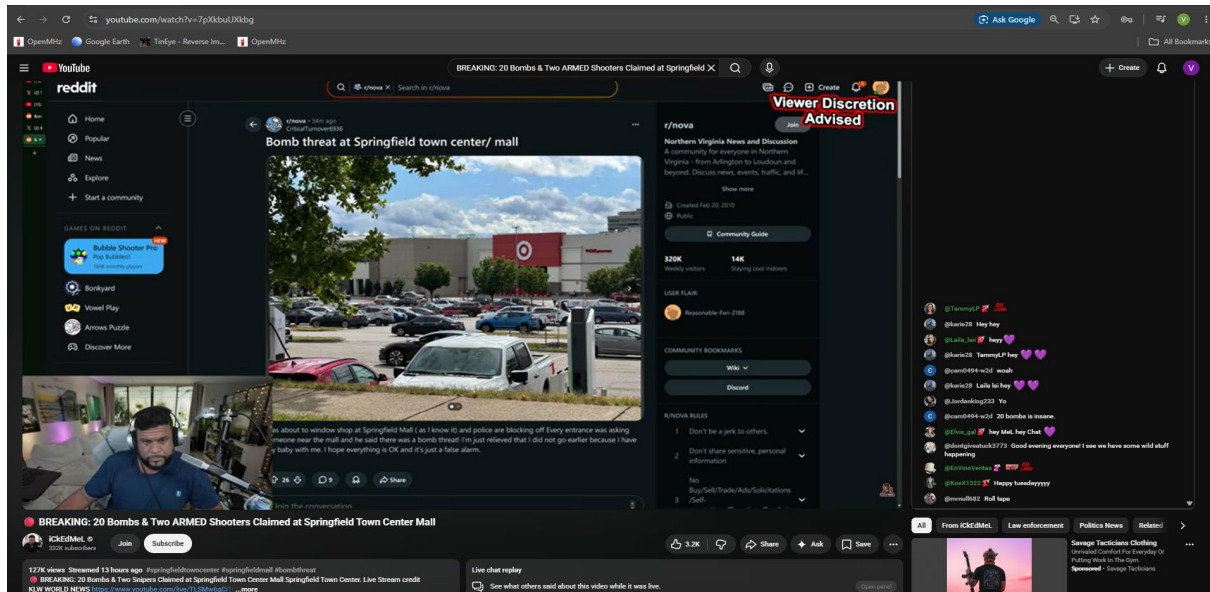
The choice is ours. On to this bomb threat that none of you better blow off.

BREAKING: 20 Bombs & Two ARMED Shooters Claimed at Springfield Town Center Mall, Bomb threat forces evacuation of the Springfield Mall in Virginia, Fairfax County, phoned in threat claiming 20 bombs inside the mall and two snipers en route. Streamed live 13 hours ago, KLV World News <https://www.youtube.com/live/TLsMw6gCj1I>ⁱ My monitoring of the police radio communications clarify the initial threat call obfuscated by voice distortion software claimed that in addition to the 20 explosive devices these snipers were enroute with "M4s" using the class of the Colt M-4 Short Barrel assault rifle.

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The caller reportedly used a voice distortion device and claimed that the mall would be targeted by bombs and other potential acts of violence, according to scanner traffic. All available units in the area responded to Springfield Town Center, which was evacuated as specialized officers swept the premises for potential threats. Store employees were also directed to exit the mall, and police blocked traffic from entering the property. “Out of an abundance of caution, the mall has been evacuated as our [Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit] conducts a search,” the FCPD said. “Please avoid the area.”

Though scanner traffic suggests the scene was initially “a mess” as officers tried to get traffic under control, video shared on social media [by DMV Live](#) around 5:15 p.m. showed people trickling out calmly, as FCPD vehicles cruised through the mall parking lot.

The Fairfax County Police Department reported that a call was received at 4:27 p.m. from an unknown number. The caller claimed that there were 20 pipe bombs hidden inside the shopping mall. **///END///**

SOURCES

ⁱ BREAKING: 20 Bombs & Two ARMED Shooters Claimed at Springfield Town Center Mall, Bomb threat forces evacuation of the Springfield Mall in Virginia, Fairfax County, phoned in threat claiming 20 bombs inside the mall and two snipers en route. Streamed live 13 hours ago, KLV World News <https://www.youtube.com/live/TLSMw6gCj1l>

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ii Bomb threat forces evacuation of Springfield Town Center in Fairfax County, By Isabel Soisson, FOX 5 DC, Published June 23, 2026, 5:41 PM EDT <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/bomb-threat-forces-evacuation-springfield-town-center-fairfax-county>

iii UPDATED: Springfield Town Center cleared after reported bomb threat

By Angela Woolsey, FFX NOW, Published June 23, 2026, at 5:55PM

<https://www.ffxnow.com/2026/06/23/breaking-springfield-town-center-evacuated-for-reported-bomb-threat/>

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