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(TLP-C) SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY WEEKLY 20 JULY 2026

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

Matthew 11:12 "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

IN OBSCURA THEAT LEVEL – IMMINENT

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KEVIN RIDEOUT (ABDUCTED) October 2025

This will be a continual weekly reminder

CONTINUAL FERVENT PRAYER REQUEST

SIM International, Pilot, Missionary, Niamey, Niger - Nothing Significant to Report (NSTR)



In Obscura News Report, 25 Oct 25

<https://inobscura.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/TLP-CLEAR-INOBSCURA-NEWS-FOR-25-OCT-2025.pdf> Source: Niger | Kidnapping of American Pilot in Niamey: Renewed

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Gunfire Rattles Phoenix ICE Office as Feds Hunt Shooter

By Kim Tran, Hoodline, Published on July 16, 2026

<https://hoodline.com/2026/07/gunfire-rattles-phoenix-ice-office-as-feds-hunt-shooter/>

Source: X/FBI Phoenix

Gunfire hit the outside of a federal immigration office in central Phoenix on Tuesday afternoon, and the FBI says it is now leading the hunt for whoever pulled the trigger. Multiple rounds struck the exterior of the Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) building on North Central Avenue, according to federal officials. No injuries were reported.

In a post on X, FBI Phoenix said “unidentified people discharged **several rounds that struck the exterior of the structure**” and urged anyone who noticed suspicious activity in the area Tuesday afternoon to contact investigators. The post listed the bureau’s tip line and asked witnesses to call 1-800-CALL-FBI or submit information online. As of this writing, the bureau has not released any details about possible suspects or a motive.

What Investigators Say

Investigators are treating the incident as a shooting that hit the outside of the building, but they are keeping operational details close to the vest for now. The FBI is asking anyone who was near North Central Avenue on Tuesday afternoon and has photos, video, or other information to come forward, according to the bureau’s public notice. Even small details, they say, could help piece together what happened.

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FBI PRESS RELEASE

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DATE: July 16, 2026

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FBI Phoenix Investigates Shooting Incident at Federal ERO Building

PHOENIX, Ariz. — The FBI Phoenix Field Office is investigating a shooting incident that occurred on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at the Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Building located on North Central Avenue in Phoenix.

According to the FBI, one or more unidentified people discharged several rounds that struck the exterior on various parts of the structure.

No injuries were reported in connection with this incident.

Because this is an ongoing investigation, no further details or updates will be available.

Seeking Public Assistance

The FBI relies significantly on community cooperation. Anyone who witnessed suspicious activity in the area of North Central Avenue on Tuesday afternoon, or who has information regarding this shooting, is urged to contact the FBI:

- Call the FBI Toll-Free Tip Line: 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324)
- Submit an Online Tip: Visit tips.fbi.gov

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Michigan churches strengthen safety after recent attacks on houses of worship
Similar to programs Detroit Police and Michigan State Police have run over the last
year <https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/local/2026/07/12/michigan-churches-strengthen-safety-after-recent-attacks-on-houses-of-worship/>

IN OBSCURA COMMENT

As I Praise the Lord, my experiences in praying and efforts to have the very same if not enhanced cooperation and collaboration among churches has met with silence as I am

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ignored for almost five years. While unconscionable, it is reality. Local, state and federal attempts by phone and email have gone unanswered with no official refusals. It remains my intent to network, professionally, church security teams for cooperation, collaboration, communication; training, threat information and intelligence sharing. Annual Church Security Summits, Police relationships, all to proactively detect, identify, exploit and neutralize threats. This in order to Deter, Detect, Defend and Destroy these threats coming at us with accuracy and bloodletting. Again, I remain in prayer heavily. Michigan is to be blessed. One member of my current congregation, aware of security position once said to me “now that I know you are here, I feel safe.”

THE ARTICLE

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. – Whether it’s a church, mosque, synagogue, houses of worship have long been viewed as sanctuaries and safe havens. But with violent incidents such as the attack on the LDS Church in Grand Blanc last fall and the attack on the Temple Israel in West Bloomfield back in March, they are facing a new and scary reality balancing safety with worship. “People in congregations like to feel when they come to church, that they’re safe,” Rev. Chris Yaw, the pastor at St. David’s Episcopal Church in Southfield, said on Sunday morning. **“They wanna feel like this a place I can come to where I can be myself, not have to worry about gun violence...”**

He brought members of the Southfield Police Department after 10:00 a.m. service to talk about emergency planning and situational awareness, all to help parishioners stay vigilant in the off-hand chance something bad happens. **“Because (violence) is such a new and disheartening unfolding of events, we wanna make sure to bring the experts in to tell us what we should be looking at,” he said.**

While crime overall in houses of worship remains low, according to the non-partisan [Violence Prevention Project](#), there were 399 violent incidents in houses of worship here in the United States between 2000 and 2025 – resulting in 512 deaths and 213 injuries.

“The thing that people need to understand is that you cannot stop living,” Southfield Police Lt. Teresa Young said. “You do need to be more aware of your surroundings. **If something doesn’t feel right in your heart, your soul, your belly, then follow those instincts.**”

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Young helped lead the event this morning. It's similar to programs that the Detroit Police and Michigan State Police have run over the last year. **"I feel safe coming here," parishioner Elizabeth Greene said. She was flanked by her little sisters and is relatively new to this church. While she feels safe worshipping here, it is a new experience that won't change things for her.**

Police Investigate Suspicious Package in Stafford

By Uriah Kiser, Potomac Local News, Published July 14, 2026, at 11:48AM Updated July 14, 2026, at 1:46PM <https://www.potomaclocal.com/2026/07/14/police-investigate-suspicious-package-in-stafford/>

1:40 p.m. UPDATE: Route 1 northbound near Telegraph Road in Stafford County is now open. One lane on Route 1 southbound has also reopened. Right lane on Route 1 southbound remains closed due to police activity. Delays are minimal. Check 511.vdot.virginia.gov for updates.

Stafford County authorities are investigating a suspicious package near Joy of Living Water Church on Richmond Highway, prompting a large police presence and evacuation of the immediate area. Route 1 is closed from the intersection of Tracey Street to Merryview Drive, with a detour in place via Telegraph Road. The Virginia Department of Transportation reported the closure near Telegraph Road due to police activity, with no estimated reopening time. Travelers should seek alternate routes and follow directions from officers at the scene. This is an active investigation, according to the Stafford County Sheriff's Office. More updates will be shared as they become available

ISIS detainees confess to Mar Elias church bombing and other planned attacks

Syrian Arab News Agency, Published: 2026/07/16 10:50 AM, Updated: 2026/07/16 10:50 AM **FOREIGN SOURCE. URL OMITTED.**

Damascus, July 16 (SANA) Syria's Interior Ministry on Thursday released video confessions from detained ISIS members involved in the June 2025 terrorist bombing of Mar Elias Church in Damascus, saying the group sought to exploit the post-liberation security vacuum to destabilize the country and inflame sectarian tensions. According to the confessions, the detainees said ISIS redeployed fighters from the Syrian desert into cities

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following the fall of the deposed regime, establishing sleeper cells across several provinces to launch attacks against the new Syrian government and undermine public confidence in the state.

One detainee, identified as Abd al-Ilah al-Jumaili from the Damascus suburb of al-Hajar al-Aswad, said he joined ISIS in 2017 and later transported two operatives from al-Nabk in the Damascus countryside to the capital, adding that he later learned one of them had been assigned to carry out the church bombing.

Another detainee, identified as Abu Waqqas, said an ISIS operative known as Abu Mujahid had outlined a plan to attack Mar Elias Church by opening fire on worshippers before detonating an explosive vest. He also described a separate plot targeting the Sayyida Zainab shrine. A third detainee said ISIS initially planned to target government positions to portray the new authorities as incapable of maintaining security, adding that each provincial branch of the group had military and security commanders responsible for selecting targets.

FBI investigating possible hate crime after Indiana home displaying US, Israeli flags set on fire | The Jewish community in Indiana rallied outside the Zionsville home, after a fire caused more than \$150,000 in damage. Jewish News Service, <https://www.jns.org/news/u-s-news/fbi-investigating-possible-hate-crime-after-indiana-home-displaying-us-israeli-flags-set-on-fire>

(July 13, 2026 / JNS) The Jewish community in central Indiana held a rally on Sunday after a home in Zionsville bearing Israeli and American flags was set on fire. The Zionsville Fire Department responded to a fire at the home, a former antique shop on South Main Street, on July 10. It was unoccupied at the time of the fire.

Zionsville Mayor John Stehr said during a Friday press conference that investigators believe someone set fire to an Israeli flag that was hanging from the home. The fire, which the FBI is investigating as a possible hate crime, caused more than \$150,000 in damage, according to the fire department.

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Community members gathered outside the former antique shop on Sunday, waving Israeli and American flags. “The founding fathers founded a country where we have the ability to resolve differences among each other,” said David Schiller, who organized the rally. “We don’t do it by firebombing homes.” Sen. Jim Banks (R-Ind.) stated that “antisemitism will not be tolerated. Not in Zionsville. Not in Indiana. Not anywhere.”

EXCLUSIVE: US Jewish leaders receive threatening and vulgar, handwritten letter at their homes

| The Anti-Defamation League told JNS that “the letter contains explicit, threatening language targeting Jewish people and relies on vile antisemitic tropes that have historically been used to incite violence.” Jessica Russak-Hoffman

<https://www.jns.org/news/u-s-news/exclusive-us-jewish-leaders-receive-threatening-and-vulgar-handwritten-letter-at-their-homes>

“We are aware of the incident and are in touch with law enforcement and other relevant authorities,” the AJC spokesman told JNS. The AJC leader said that other leaders at the nonprofit and at AIPAC received the same letter. “The letter contains explicit, threatening language targeting Jewish people and relies on vile antisemitic tropes that have historically been used to incite violence,” the spokesman said. “We will continue to monitor this situation closely and work with community partners to support those targeted.”

JNS has viewed the letter, which has been shared on social media. Among other statements, it refers to God angrily destroying the Jews and to Jews extorting and blackmailing the U.S. government. JNS is not posting or linking to the image due to its graphic and vulgar nature.

Justice Barrett recounts swatting incident in testimony before Congress

Justices Elena Kagan and Amy Coney Barrett appeared before congressional committees as the Supreme Court seeks additional funding for security amid a rise in threats. July 14, 2026, 10:39 AM EDT / Updated July 14, 2026, 4:25 PM EDT NBC News, By Lawrence Hurley and Gary Grumbach <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/supreme-court/supreme-court-justices-ask-congress-additional-security-funding-rcna353329>

Supreme Court justices, as well as judges throughout the federal judiciary, have increasingly been the targets of threats, harassment and “swatting” incidents, in which

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false calls are made to police about violence at their home addresses. At the House hearing, Barrett confirmed details of the incident in May at her home in Fairfax County, Virginia.

“One of my teenage sons opened the door to go out with friends and saw in our street, it was full of police cars who had responded to a false report of gunshots and raised voices in my home,” she said. “I was very, very grateful that I had Supreme Court police outside my home, because they were able to stop and meet with and explain to the county police that it had been a false alarm, and so the police did not actually attempt to enter our home,” she added.

Deep Analysis: The Islamic State is Using the Bondi Attack to Inspire Violence in the West, Militant Wire (Substack), [Lucas Webber](#) Jun 09, 2026

[Deep Analysis: The Islami https://www.militantwire.com/p/in-depth-analysis-the-islamic-statec State is Using the Bondi Attack to Inspire Violence in the West](https://www.militantwire.com/p/in-depth-analysis-the-islamic-statec-State-is-Using-the-Bondi-Attack-to-Inspire-Violence-in-the-West)

IN OBSCURA CONNECTED REPORT(S)

- **UPDATE - ANALYSIS BONDI BEACH ATTACK TEAM 20 DEC 2025** [TLP-C-UPDATE-ANALYSIS-BONDI-BEACH-ATTACK-TEAM-20-DEC-2025-2.pdf](#)
- **(TLP-C) BONDI BEACH ATTACK UPDATE – ALLEGED INTELLIGENCE FAILURES 25 MAY 2025** [\(TLP-C\) BONDI BEACH ATTACK UPDATE – ALLEGED INTELLIGENCE FAILURES 25 MAY 2025 - In Obscura LLC](#)

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Since December 2025, the Islamic State (IS), its Khurasan affiliate (ISKP), and aligned pro-IS media outlets have been waging a coordinated propaganda campaign around the [Bondi Beach attack](#) in Sydney, in which a father and son opened fire on a Jewish Hanukkah gathering, killing and wounding approximately 15 people. The campaign repeatedly [invokes the Israel-Palestine conflict](#), framing the attack as retaliation for Israeli actions in Gaza and positioning violence against Jewish civilians in the West as inseparable from the broader struggle over Jerusalem.

Across four major publications spanning December 2025 through June 2026, the outlets have moved from an initial celebration of the attack to systematic operational incitement, theological argumentation, and direct calls to replicate attacks against Western targets. Running beneath and alongside the formal publications, and even praise given to the shooters in the IS spokesman's latest audio address, IS supporter networks have amplified the campaign online, producing unofficial propaganda content, [circulating](#) attack footage set to nasheeds, and calling for more media producers to assist prospective attackers.

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The publications analyzed here are the Islamic State’s al-Naba newspaper (Issues 526 and 527), ISKP’s Khurasan Voice (Issue 48), and the Al-Iman Media Center’s article “Attacks in Australia.” Together, they constitute not a media echo chamber but a division of labor, with each outlet contributing a distinct layer of a unified radicalization architecture.



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Mamdani orders historic Christian church to be demolished after arson

By Ben Tumulty The Post Millennium Jul 14, 2026

https://www.thedesertreview.com/news/mamdani-orders-historic-christian-church-to-be-demolished-after-arson/article_3b4d406d-0102-4934-ad56-d159b502f310.html

A 174-year-old Brooklyn church that was torched in a suspected arson attack is set to be demolished by the Mamdani administration after it rejected efforts by the congregation to preserve the historic building, which had landmark status and was built in 1853. Police are investigating the blaze "as an arson incident" and just before the fire began, a "person of interest" was seen running from the South Bushwick Reformed Church.

The devastating blaze at South Bushwick Reformed Church, located on Bushwick Avenue, required nearly 200 FDNY firefighters to fight the flames for more than two hours. Following the fire, church leaders asked the city to delay demolition while engineers evaluated whether the structure could be restored. They wanted to save at least part of it to retain landmark status.

According to the church, an independent structural engineer concluded the building remained structurally sound and could be repaired. The congregation also requested that demolition be postponed while preservation options were explored. These requests were unsuccessful. In a statement, Pastor John Steward said: "It is with extremely heavy hearts that the South Bushwick Church reports that, despite its best efforts, we have been informed that demolition of the remaining structures at 855 Bushwick will commence tomorrow."

IN OBSCURA COMMENT

Contrasting with the open arson investigation in NYC posted in this report, now there is a lawful order from the Office of the Mayor and the subordinate buildings office to be demolished. It is unknown the status of this church as special class of historic icon, locally or federally like so many elsewhere. As for terroristic, insurgent, guerilla targeting, they prefer the symbolic and pragmatic. Combined with my consistent analysis with HIGH confidence of aggressive and escalating target surveillance and intelligence collection against all thing's churches and Christian inside the U.S, this is likely another arson attack.

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Please refer to my first analysis of the only documented reporting by a police department of target intelligence collection:

TARGET SURVEILLANCE //CHURCHES//MULTIPLE IVO BEAVER COUNTY - HOPEWELL, PA JUNE – JULY 2025 <https://inobscura.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/TLP-GREEN-THREAT-INTELLIGENCE-WARNING-CHURCHES-BEAVER-COUNTY-HOPEWELL-PA.pdf>



Muslim NYC official seals Mamdani plan to demolish historic Brooklyn Christian church destroyed in arson attack–despite church's attempt to save it. The New York City

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Department of Buildings has determined the church will be demolished, overseen by practicing Muslim Ahmed Tigani, hand-picked by Mayor Zohran Mamdani. The church will be billed for the demolition. Muslim NYC official seals Mamdani plan to DEMOLISH historic Brooklyn Christian church destroyed in arson attack—despite church's attempt to save it.

A 174-year-old Brooklyn church that was torched in a suspected arson attack is set to be demolished by the Mamdani administration after it rejected efforts by the congregation to preserve the historic building, which had landmark status and was built in 1853. Police are investigating the blaze "as an arson incident" and just before the fire began, a "person of interest" was seen running from the South Bushwick Reformed Church.

THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS FIRE INVESTIGATION

Investigators probing possible arson in blaze that tore through landmarked, 173-year-old NYC church, NY Post, [Joe Marino](#) and [David DeTurris](#)

Published July 12, 2026, 10:17 p.m. ET <https://nypost.com/2026/07/12/us-news/investigators-probing-possible-arson-in-blaze-that-tore-through-landmarked-173-year-old-nyc-church/>

Officials have yet to rule out arson as the cause of [a fierce blaze that destroyed a landmarked Brooklyn church](#) last month – and are eyeing a suspicious person of interest, sources said. The fire that tore through the wooden, 173-year-old South Bushwick Reformed Church on Bushwick Avenue on June 19 has yet to be given an official cause, the FDNY said.

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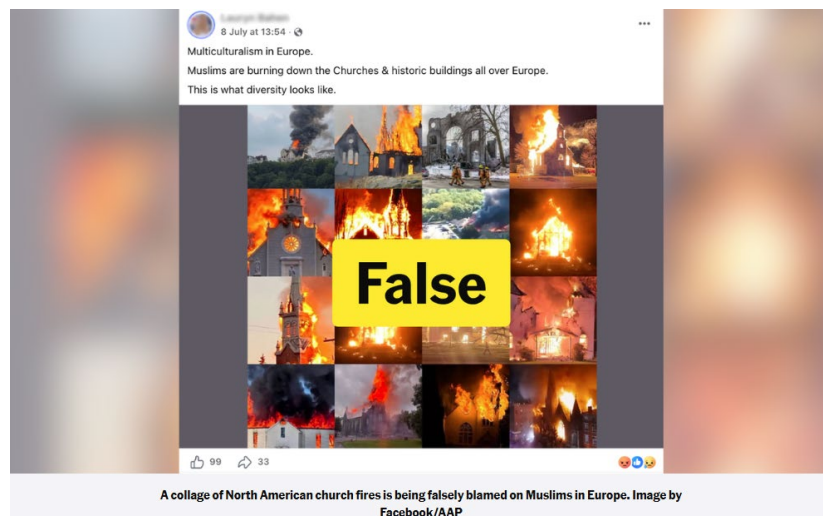
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Parishioners are trying to raise money through a GoFundMe to make repairsX / @FDNYBut investigators haven't ruled out the possibility of a firebug setting the place alight, according to sources. Authorities are looking at a suspicious person of interest who was seen on video fleeing the historic church not too long before it went up in flames, the sources said.

Church fire photos miscaptioned as Muslim arson attacks, Kate Atkinson, AAP, July 15, 2026 <https://www.aap.com.au/factcheck/church-fire-photos-miscaptioned-as-muslim-arson-attacks/> **Who we are** <https://www.aap.com.au/factcheck/who-we-are/>

IN OBSCURA COMMENT

This article is provided as context, yet I have not vetted the source itself, but I wanted my intelligence consumers to be aware of several threats of perception management and subordination of reality. It is possible if not expected in this time Jesus and the prophets have warned us about, the spheres of spiritual wickedness (Eph 6:13) is also a weapon of this war. Please review one of my cherished personal intelligence resources on this topic of spiritual evil at Subverting Reality: The Role of Propaganda in 21st Century Intelligence at <https://inobscura.org/tlp-c-subverting-reality-the-role-of-propaganda-in-21st-century-intelligence/>



WHAT WAS CLAIMED Photos show churches in Europe set alight by Muslims.

OUR VERDICT False. The photos show church fires in the US and Canada and there's no evidence Muslims were involved.

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AAP FactCheck - Dramatic photos of North American churches on fire are being falsely labelled on social media as Muslim arson attacks in Europe. The images show incidents in the US and Canada and there are no credible reports that Muslim people were involved. The claim is in a Facebook post¹ by an Australian-based user that showed a collage of 15 different churches ablaze. "Multiculturalism in Europe," the post reads. "Muslims are burning down the Churches & historic buildings all over Europe. "This is what diversity looks like." However, Google reverse image searches reveal none of the 15 churches is in Europe.

(FOREIGN SOURCE) British Government to Designate Iran's IRGC a National Security Threat in Sweeping Crackdown on Foreign Terror Networks by Ailin Vilches Arguello, The Algemeiner, July 13, 2026 2:03 pm <https://www.algemeiner.com/2026/07/13/british-government-to-designate-irans-irgc-a-national-security-threat-in-sweeping-crackdown-on-foreign-terror-networks/>

Britain has announced that it will designate Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a threat to national security, marking a major escalation in its efforts to counter hostile state-backed activity and foreign terror networks operating on British soil. Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood said on Monday that the government would use new counterterrorism powers to outlaw support for the IRGC — the elite arm of Iran's armed forces responsible for overseas operations and the coordination of proxy groups — citing its alleged role in terror plots, death threats, and intimidation campaigns targeting the United Kingdom. Under the measures, expressing support for, promoting, or assisting the group will become a criminal offense punishable by up to 14 years in prison.

Alongside the IRGC, the government will proscribe two other organizations: the Islamic Movement of Companions of the Right (IMCR), an Iran-backed group that has claimed responsibility for a string of attacks on Jewish and Israeli-linked sites in Britain, and the **GRU Volunteer Corps, a network controlled by Russia's military intelligence agency, the GRU, which British officials say has a long record of covert operations against the UK and its allies.**

Federation and the Secure Community Network expand their regional security partnership — bringing advanced threat intelligence, AI-powered monitoring and

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closer coordination with law enforcement to protect the community, Secure Communities Network and Jewish Federation of Detroit, Steven Ingber and John Hardwick
14 Jul 2026

https://www.thejewishnews.com/community/jewish-federation-of-detroit-expands-security-network-following-temple-israel-attack/article_73677742-d9e1-4274-996e-553efb53a22b.html

The Secure Community Network (SCN), in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Detroit (JFD), announced the expansion of its Regional Threat Capability initiative, a landmark advancement in the community's longstanding investments to protect Jewish life. Launched in the wake of the attack on Temple Israel in West Bloomfield, the expansion builds on JFD's proven track record of community security, incorporating its existing analyst, adding personnel and increasing capability by connecting the greater Detroit Jewish community to **SCN's Regional Threat Capability initiative** — which now includes more than 40 participating Federations nationally — and the Ohio Regional Threat Center (ORTC), a collaboration between the eight Ohio Jewish Federations working in partnership with SCN.

Through this effort, JFD, the ORTC and SCN's efforts will be **seamlessly integrated, ensuring more efficient and effective management of threats, monitoring of bad actors and response to incidents**. This will include providing JFD with direct connectivity to the national network and regional network via the ORTC. Supporting this is SCN's national **infrastructure, notably Project RAIN (Realtime Actionable Intelligence Network™)**, SCN's proprietary, AI-enabled threat management and information-sharing technology stack, which includes the only national database of Persons of Interest. The integration also enhances direct coordination with key partners, to include the Federal Bureau of Investigation and U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

"The safety of our community is our highest responsibility," said Steven Ingber, CEO of JFD. "This expansion reflects our unwavering commitment to staying ahead of evolving threats — leveraging powerful partnerships and cutting-edge capabilities to safeguard Jewish Detroit today and into the future."

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Iran: UN experts urge reversal of Tehran church compound seizure and return of its Christian residents 15 July 2026, <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/07/iran-un-experts-urge-reversal-tehran-church-compound-seizure-and-return-its>

GENEVA – UN experts* today condemned the confiscation of the compound of St Peter’s Evangelical Church in Tehran and the eviction of the 27 members of the country’s recognised Armenian and Assyrian Christian minorities who lived within it.

“Twenty families, most of whom are low income, long-standing residents of the compound, were reportedly given just two weeks to leave their homes. The church’s leaders were threatened with arrest if they failed to comply. The final resident left on 12 July, prompting fears that the complex may be demolished,” the experts said. “Forced evictions are incompatible with international human rights law and risk leaving members of recognised religious and ethnic minorities homeless.”

For its residents, the ten-acre compound in central Tehran was far more than property. It was their home, their school and their place of worship. It included the church building, two schools, residents’ homes and offices, including those of the Bible Society and of the Council of Evangelical Churches of Iran, which owns the land. In 1998, a Revolutionary Court ordered the compound’s transfer to the Execution of Imam Khomeini’s Order, a state body operating under the Office of the Supreme Leader. This ruling has been used to block the Council’s re-registration, though the Council only learned of it in 2008.

“This is not an isolated incident, but the culmination of a long pattern of measures directed against Iran’s Christian community, and in particular against Persian-speaking Christian worship,” the experts said. They also cited the closure of Tabriz’s Assyrian Presbyterian church in 2019, as well as the demolition of a Presbyterian church in Mashhad in June 2026, which had been forced to close decades earlier.

Nashville church employee charged with aggravated child sexual exploitation, police ask for more info, Jason Douglas Ford was a facilities coordinator for Midtown Fellowship’s Central Ministry Team, according to the church’s website. By Chasity Maynard
Published: Jul. 8, 2026 at 12:50 PM EDT|Updated: Jul. 10, 2026 at 12:58 PM EDT
<https://www.wsmv.com/2026/07/08/nashville-church-employee-charged-with-aggravated-child-sexual-exploitation-police-ask-more-info/>

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (WSMV) - An employee of a Nashville church is one of two men arrested Tuesday by Metro Nashville Police after investigators allegedly found they shared videos depicting the sexual abuse of children. In the first case, 34-year-old Jason Douglas Ford is charged with aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor after detectives conducted a seven-month investigation, per a police press release. Police say he is the facilities coordinator at Midtown Fellowship, and the church's website lists a Jay Ford as a facilities coordinator for the Central Ministry Team. "Anyone with information or concerns about his interactions around children is asked to contact detectives at 615-862-7540," MNP said.

Taylor County man indicted after fire damaged Abilene church

by Brenna Gibbons Thu, July 9, 2026 at 9:40 AM Updated Thu, July 9, 2026 at 2:37 PM

<https://ktxs.com/news/local/taylor-county-man-indicted-after-fire-damaged-abilene-church>

ABILENE, Texas — A Taylor County man has been indicted after investigators said a fire he started at a homeless campsite spread and damaged an Abilene church. According to court documents, Terry Lloyd Griffith is accused of starting a fire in a charcoal barbecue grill behind Church On The Rock and then leaving it unattended. Investigators said the fire spread to the church, burning paint off two exterior walls. The investigation began after someone called 911 to report smoke coming from the roof of a home on North 12th Street. When firefighters arrived, they discovered the smoke was actually coming from a homeless campsite behind Church On The Rock on Grape Street.

Former staff say they gave Las Vegas church leader their concerns over youth pastor's behavior with children

By Akiya Dillon, Las Vegas Review-Journal, July 15, 2026 - 5:00 am, Updated July 15, 2026 - 5:55 am <https://www.reviewjournal.com/crime/homicides/former-staff-say-they-gave-las-vegas-church-leader-their-concerns-over-youth-pastors-behavior-with-children-3850654/>

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Bolded text in the article below is mine. This is an odd read, and ambiguous at best. It appears the subject in question has a perceived nexus to his wife's death. The outcome is not mentioned as is the reason for declining a second media interview or refusing to

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comment on the subject's (alleged) misconduct. There is no indication that law enforcement was or is involved. I'm seeing increasing reports concerning Church staff and or those with access to children in criminal and suspicious behavior. This portrays to me and insufficient level of active oversight and minimum requirement before ANY access to children is even contemplated by Clergy.

If the church security director is not part of this and every church leadership aspect, WHY ARE THEY NOT? Background Investigations and Fingerprints are at minimum, another requirement. Caution must be used in the outsourcing of background investigations to ensure accuracy. Church insurance providers must be consulted, as many are tailored to churches already address issues of child and church security protection.

THE ARTICLE

Leaders at a **now-closed Las Vegas church** rehired David Vander Meer as a youth pastor despite concerns relayed to at least one of them about his behavior with children, according to former staff. Jess, 45, and Evan Valentine, 49, said they shared those concerns with Legacy Vineyard Church pastor Denise Diamond **after Vander Meer sought to work for the church again following what was then believed to be the accidental hiking death of his wife.**

Denise Diamond could not be reached for comment. Her husband and the church's retired senior pastor, Barry Diamond, **declined to address the Valentines' allegations in a follow-up interview.** Through an attorney, the Diamonds objected to accounts the Valentines gave. Barry Diamond previously told the Las Vegas Review-Journal that he was **not aware of David Vander Meer's alleged misconduct until after he was rehired.** At the time of Bernadette Vander Meer's death, however, the Valentines said neither they nor others in the congregation suspected foul play.

Sex offender attending church youth events in Starke sentenced to prison

A sex offender involved in youth church events in Bradford County will serve five years in state prison after violating probation, By WCJB Staff, Published: Jul. 9, 2026 at 4:24 PM EDT <https://www.wcjb.com/2026/07/09/sex-offender-attending-church-youth-events-starke-sentenced-prison/>

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STARKE, Fla. (WCJB) — A sex offender involved in youth church events in Bradford County will serve five years in state prison after violating probation stemming from a 2021 child pornography conviction. Kenneth Flournoy, 42, had unsupervised contact with children and attended youth events at First Christian Church in Starke, most recently within the past month, according to a report. Flournoy was previously convicted of child pornography in 2021. He also violated probation in 2023 for using a cell phone to view pornography.

Angry Pawleys Island parents question how registered sex-offender allowed to volunteer at church-run school, by: Jordan Titus, Dennis Bright, Camryn Townsend,

Posted: Jul 16, 2026 / 11:00 AM EDT, Updated: Jul 17, 2026 / 09:12 AM EDT

<https://www.wbtw.com/georgetown-county-news/angry-pawleys-island-parents-question-how-registered-sex-offender-allowed-to-volunteer-at-church-run-school/>

PAWLEYS ISLAND, S.C. (WBTW) — Emotions boiled over Wednesday night in Pawleys Island, where a local pastor faced a crowd of angry parents to answer questions about how a 70-year-old registered sex offender was allowed to volunteer at the church's school.

Warren Perry was arrested on Tuesday in Georgetown County and accused of violating his parole by volunteering at the Pawleys Island Christian Academy, which opened in 2001. The school, operated by the Pawleys Island Community Church, offers programs for children from 6 weeks old through kindergarten.

Eliza Perez, a former teacher at Pawleys Island Christian Academy, discovered Perry's status by accident while scrolling Facebook and finding a link to the registered sex offender's website. "I just get on there and type in my zip code, and there he is. It is Warren," she said. "I go into full, like, honestly probably shock. My stomach dropped, and I immediately screenshot it, send it to two of my coworkers, and I'm like, this can't be real, right? I got on the phone, and I immediately called my boss, which is my pastor's wife. And her response to me was, 'I know. We know.'"

Perry was convicted in 2023 of third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor, a charge that stemmed from an incident in 2020. Church leaders said they were aware of Perry's conviction but believed he was following the conditions of his probation while under what

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they called “strict supervision.” Parents vocally questioned church leadership, with one unidentified parent at the meeting even alleging that Perry had molested their child.

“I reported to Nicky that my child was molested,” the woman said. “Nicky told me that nothing like this would ever happen.” Williams said there’s no evidence of any wrongdoing by Perry while he volunteered at the school. “At this point we have absolutely no evidence that any child was abused by Mr. Perry, none,” Williams told the crowd.

Williams acknowledged that church leaders made a mistake in their decision-making, adding that Perry was removed from campus. He also announced immediate policy changes, including expanded background checks and a review of safety and communication processes.

SC man who set Byron church ablaze sentenced to prison. What to know

By Alba Rosa July 10, 2026 11:39 AM, Macon.com

<https://www.macon.com/news/local/crime/article316459125.html>

A South Carolina man will serve prison time for setting the Byron United Methodist Church on fire in 2024. Luke Westefeld, 35, of North Augusta, SC, was sentenced Thursday to five years in prison after pleading guilty to setting the Byron United Methodist Church on fire in August 2024.

After he was denied water by the church’s choir members, Westefeld broke into the church later that day and set it on fire, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Georgia. His prison time will be followed by three years of supervised release. Westefeld approached choir members near the Byron United Methodist Church’s parking lot on Aug. 20, 2024, and asked for water. The members denied him, “telling officers they were concerned about their safety,” according to the news release.

He broke into the church later that night. Westefeld became angry at was angered by several things he saw while walking around the church, including unlit candlesticks they because he believed they should be lit throughout the night. He also saw food in the office’s pantry, which he thought should have been given to the poor, and cash and checks. He came across a Bible on the pulpit opened to Ezekiel 24:21, “which spoke of the

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desecration of the sanctuary due to sin,” according to the news release. “Westefeld took it as a sign for him to burn the Church,”

Tawas City police investigate bag left during church service; no threat found

A suspicious package left during a Sunday worship service at a church in Alabaster Township. By Zain Omair Published: Jul. 12, 2026 at 7:43 PM EDT| Updated: 13 hours ago
<https://www.wnem.com/2026/07/12/tawas-city-police-investigate-bag-left-during-church-service-no-threat-found/>

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This was probably a terrorist test of security using a “Hoax Bomb” IED. This TTP also could have been target intelligence collection, to observe and record church and clergy security reaction, evacuation of the congregation and details to exploit in a planned future attack.

The source of this attack could be anyone ranging from an insurgent cell to an emotionally disturbed person. Church security has become a very serious and exceptionally deadly mission field. business for church security and clergy MUST ensure secure environments as much as is possible. This church reacted superbly.

I have experience with this particular attack vector in my career and as a church security professional, but unfortunately the clergy could not understand the threat of an unattended, unusually large pocketbook placed near the front door from which dozens of people exit after services. I discovered this item right before service ended.

They did not want the police to respond, and the item was retrieved by its owner. I patiently briefed the clergy, as we stood observing this pocket book, and why security needs to be attentive. The reply: “...You won’t be able to do that here...” This after I found out that some in the congregation complained about my walking around inside and outside the church was weird. The security director was fully aware of my background and also made rounds himself.

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ARTICLE

TAWAS CITY, Mich. (WNEM) - A suspicious package left during a Sunday worship service at a church in Alabaster Township was examined by the Michigan State Police bomb squad and determined not to pose a threat, authorities said. Tawas City police were dispatched to Alabaster Bible Church shortly before 11:30 a.m. Sunday after a report of a possible bomb inside the building on Benson Road, police said.

Witnesses told officers that an individual entered the church during the service, placed a bag near the entrance and immediately left, according to police. Parishioners looked inside and reported seeing what appeared to be a small box with wires and a possible triggering device, prompting church members to call 911. Officers established a perimeter and requested help from neighboring agencies. Portions of Benson Road, Turtle Road and the Alabaster Bike Path were temporarily closed as a precaution while the scene was investigated, police said.

The bomb squad found the bag contained a small box with switches and wires attached, along with a speaker. Investigators said the box appeared dirty and wet and may have been outdoors for an extended period before it was brought into the church. The intentions of the person who left it remain unknown, police said.

Police said there is no ongoing danger to the community but urged residents to remain vigilant and report unattended or suspicious items. The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with information, including people who were at the church, is asked to contact the Tawas City Police Department.

PRAISE REPORTING

AG Nominee Todd Blanche Promises Action on Abortion Pills: We Will “Protect the Unborn” <https://www.lifenews.com/2026/07/15/ag-nominee-todd-blanch-promises-action-on-abortion-pills-we-will-protect-the-unborn/?cmid=7c49bc10-f740-4cff-9ec9-fc829a790c99>

Hawley asked Blanche for a solution to get out of this “mess” where red states are in court against a Republican administration.

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“I don’t want to talk about litigation strategy here, it’s not appropriate. We are not defending what Biden did and will not. The FDA has a process that we’re letting them go forward in, and that — this is, again, in our briefing — takes a year. They’ve committed to do it in significantly less time than a year,” Blanche said. “And we will always—and when I say we, I’m not just saying the Department of Justice, **I’m saying President Trump’s administration in its entirety—protect the life of the unborn and work with states to make sure we do that in the best way.”**

When pressed further about a solution to these issues, Blanche told Hawley that the DOJ is trying to let the FDA “do their work” so that the lives of the unborn and states’ laws can be protected. “Remember, we have to have studies that we can defend in court. Because we have to be able to say to a judge — probably in this district — that our change was not arbitrary and capricious,” Blanche said.

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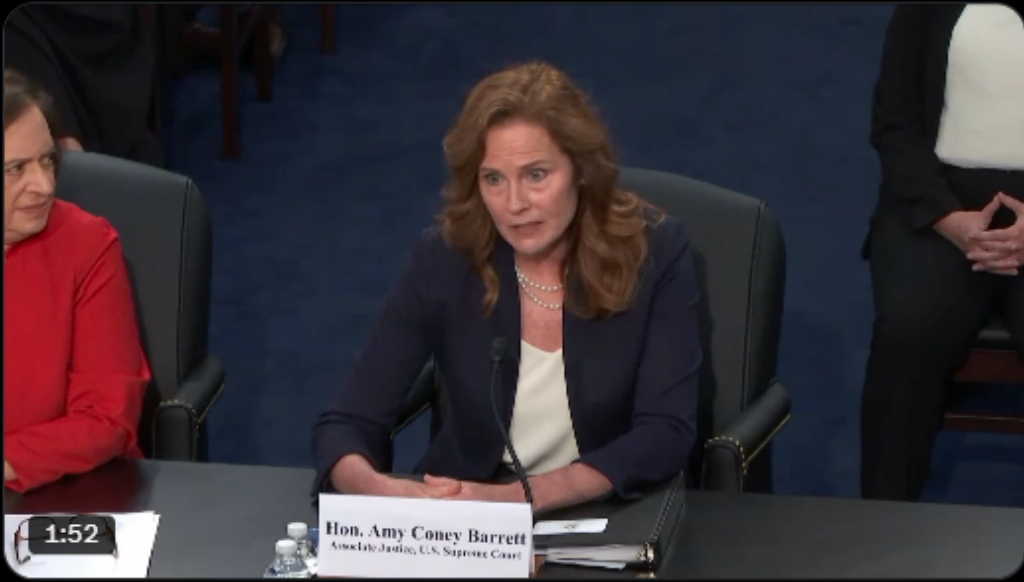
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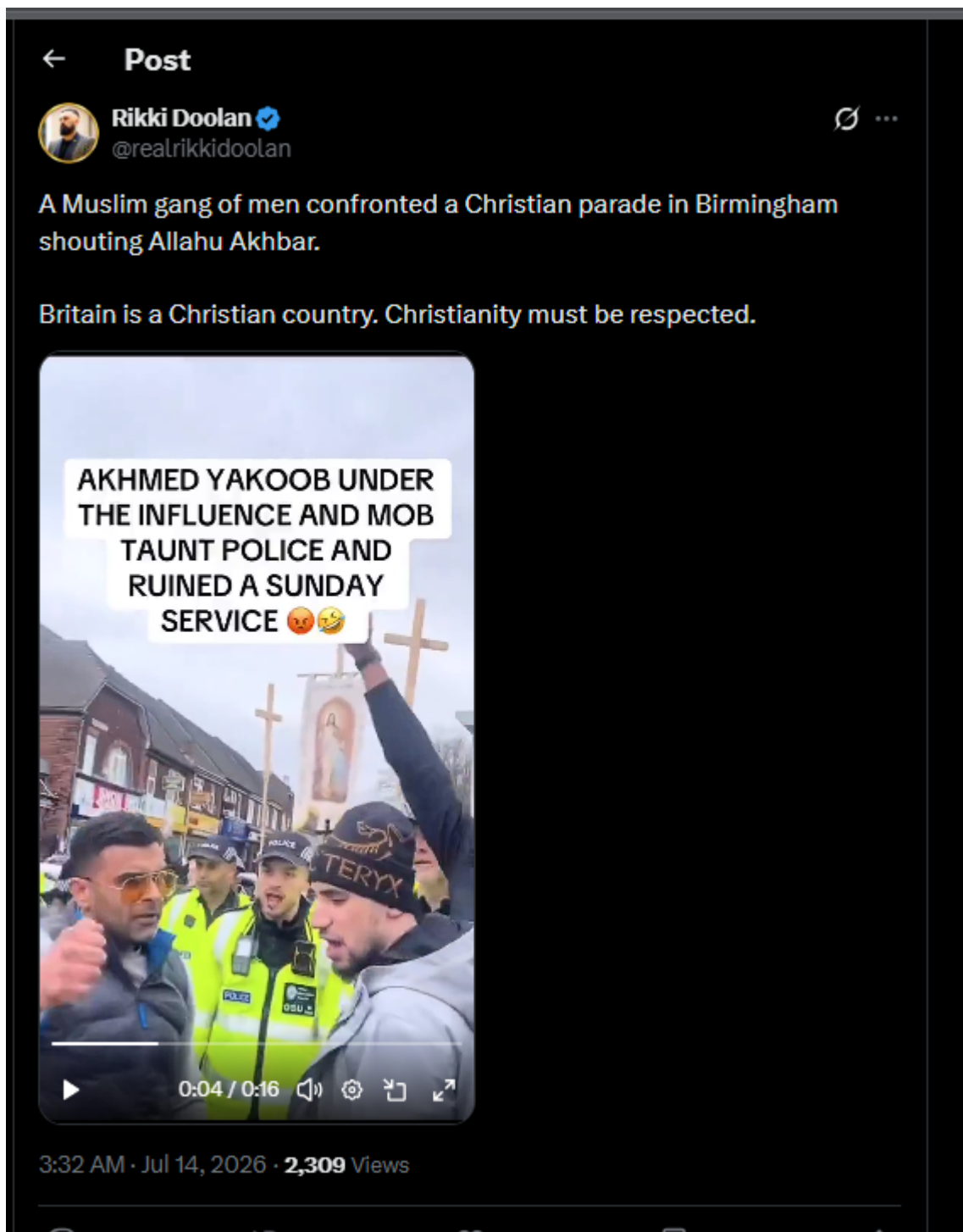
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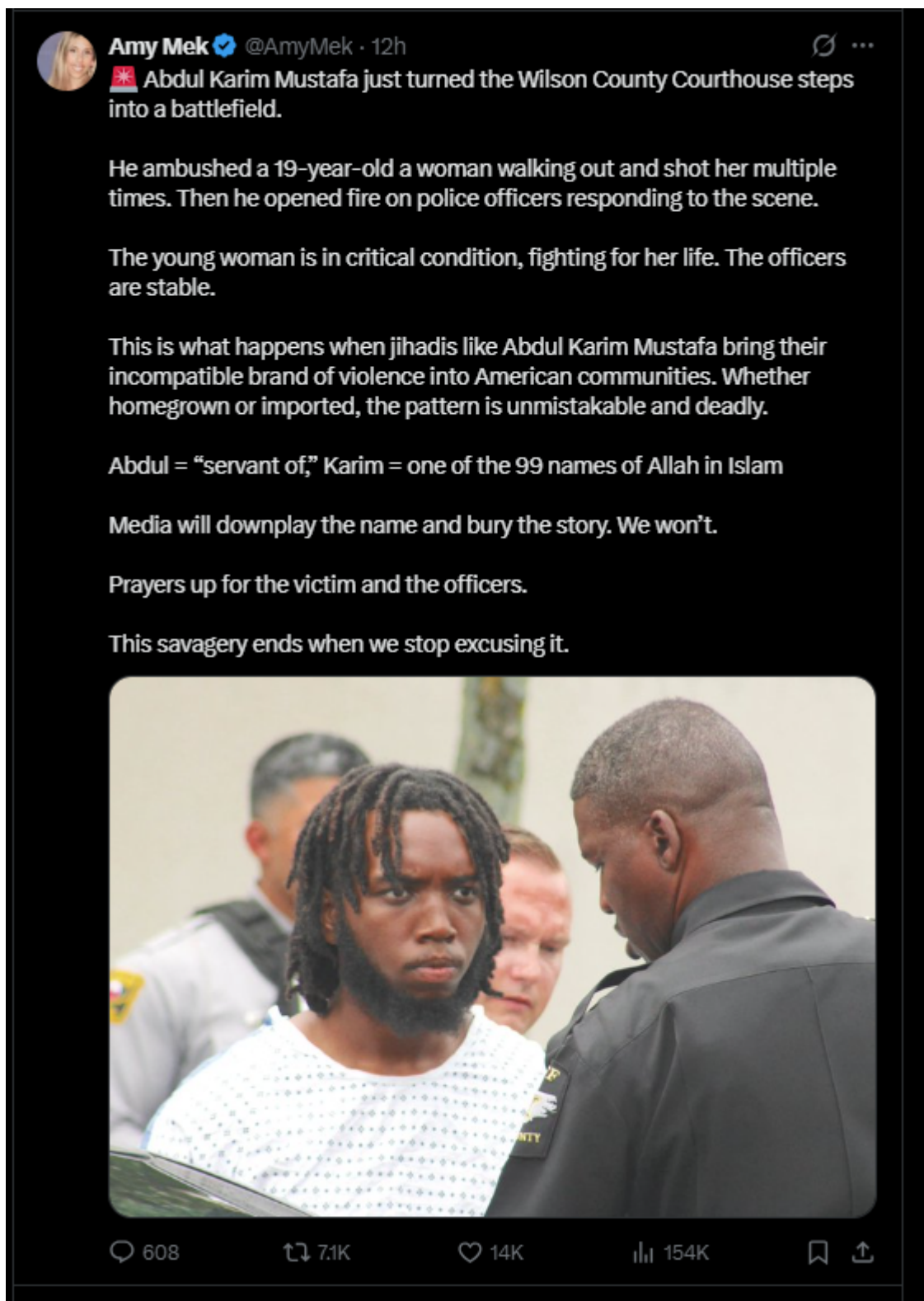
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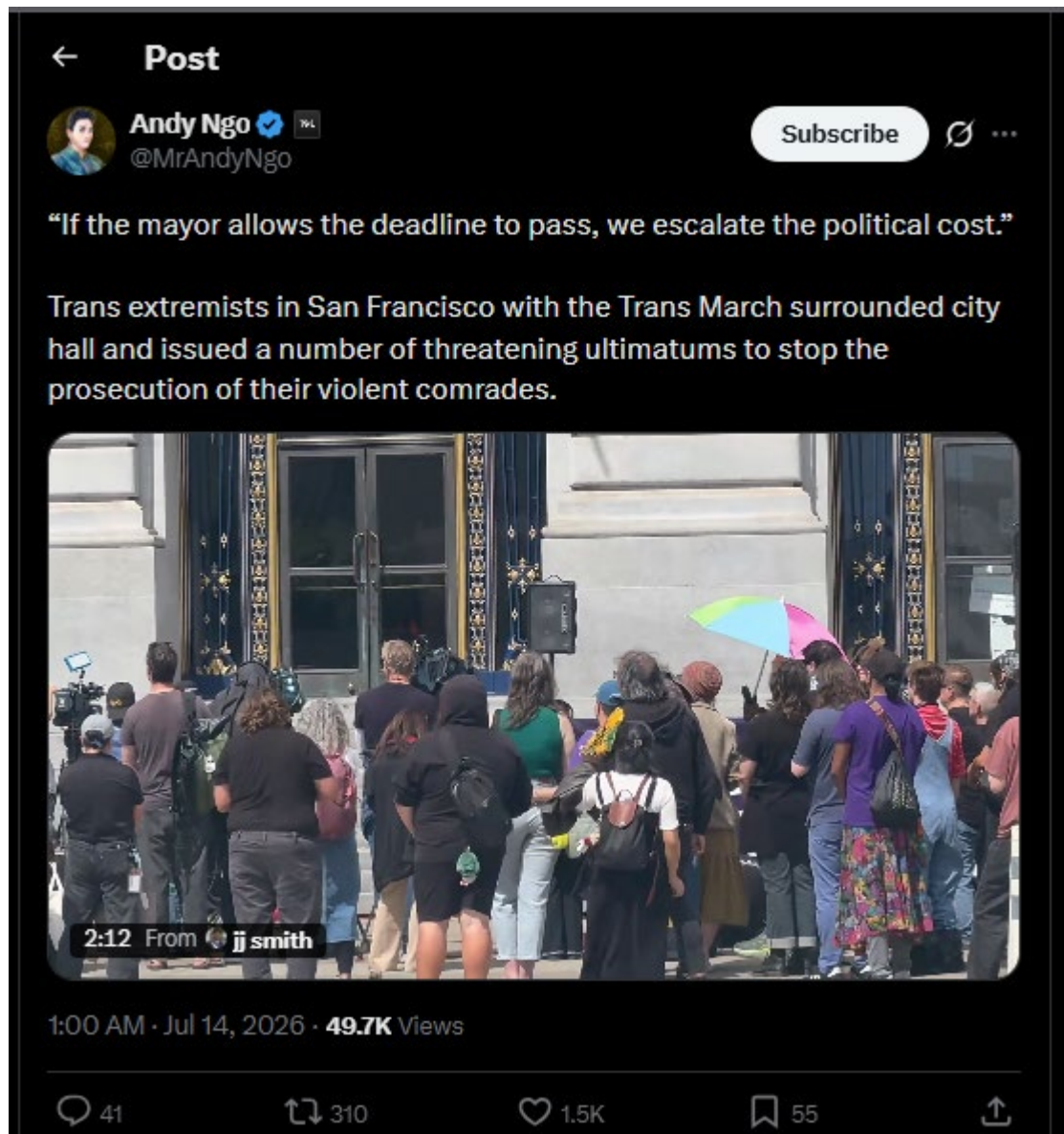
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300 people evacuated in the #Paris suburb of #Sarcelles after police discovered weapons in a stolen car parked near a #synagogue.

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- Weapons recovered: a Kalashnikov-variant assault rifle with multiple magazines and a loaded Beretta pistol with a magazine. No explosives were found.
- The vehicle was a stolen Toyota, unoccupied, with partially removed license plates.
- France's National Anti-Terrorism Prosecutor's Office (PNAT) has opened an investigation into a suspected terrorist plot (criminal association with a view to committing terrorist offenses and illegal possession of war-grade weapons).
- Motive and suspects remain unknown at this stage.
- The incident occurs amid heightened concerns over antisemitism and terrorism in #France 🇫🇷.



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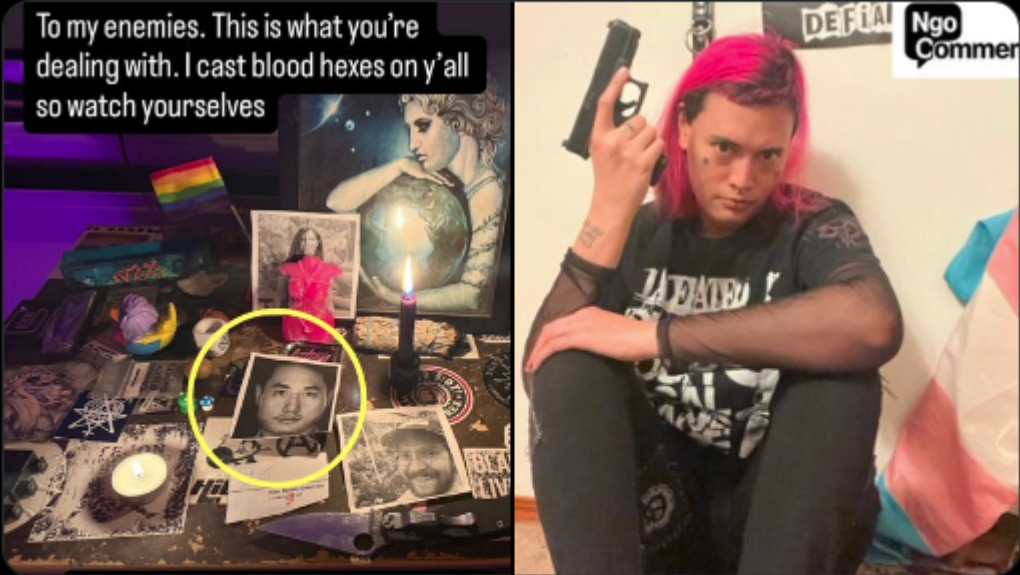
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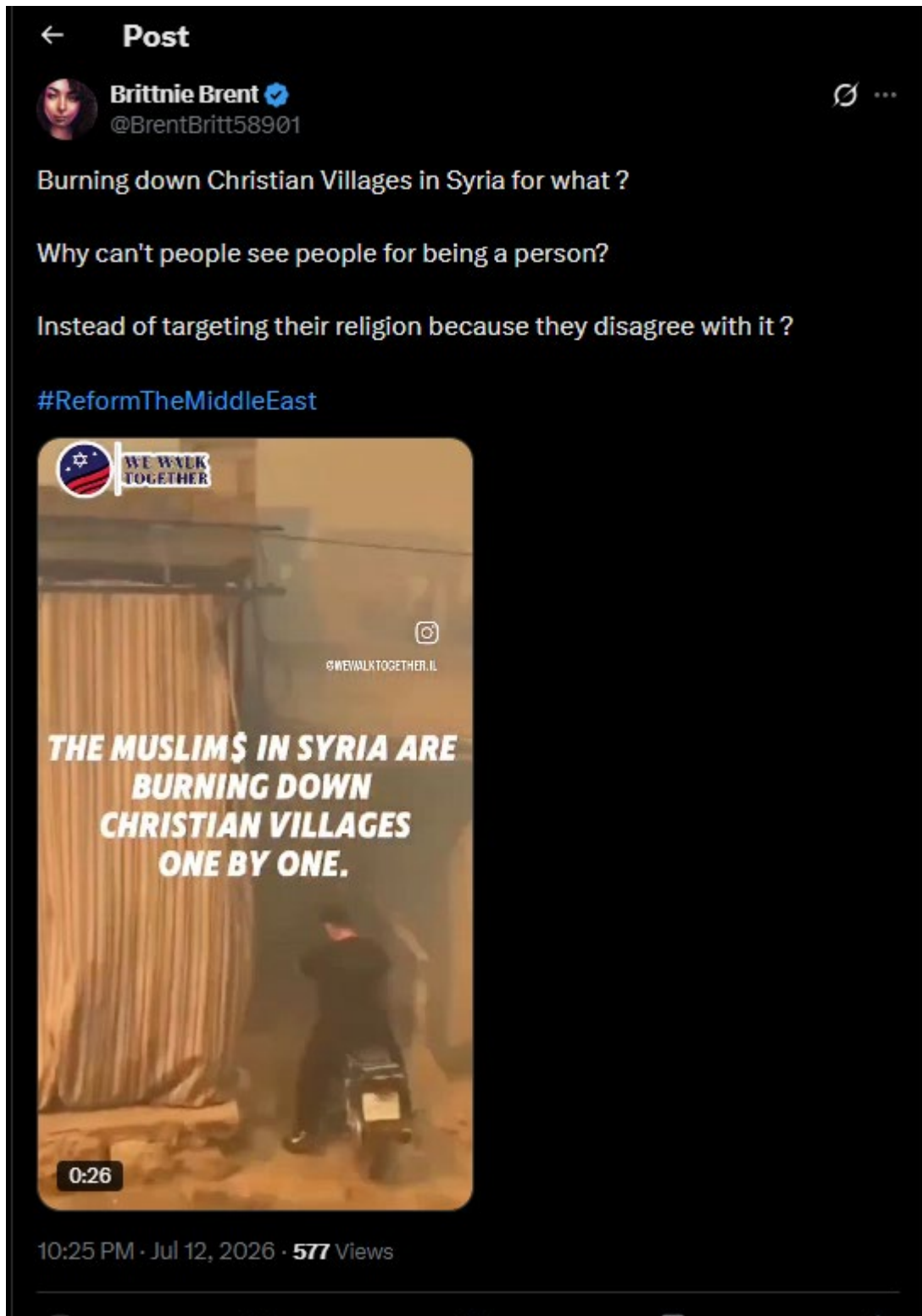


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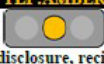
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