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(TLP-C) SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY WEEKLY 27 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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'Off the charts': Secret Service director says threat environment most challenging he's ever seen, Officials handled 10,000 threat-related cases for protectees this year.

By Pierre Thomas and Luke Barr, ABC News, July 22, 2026, 5:57 PM

<https://abcnews.com/Politics/off-charts-secret-service-director-threat-environment-challenging/story?id=134993309>

U.S. Secret Service Director Sean Curran said the current threat environment is the most challenging he's ever seen. "The numbers at this agency, and certainly I've never seen in my 24-year-career, they're off the charts," Curran said in response to a question from ABC News Chief Justice Correspondent Pierre Thomas at a media briefing on Wednesday.

"I think the environment has become very volatile and that's just across the board, not just to our protectees but local officials. The threat picture and environment is as large as I've ever seen it," Curran said. The director's concern comes as senior Secret Service officials told reporters they've handled 10,000 threat related cases for their protectees this year, including President Donald Trump, noting the threats are increasing in volume and complexity.

The numbers reflect a 40% increase in threats this year compared to last, officials said. One common denominator of concern: many of the threats involve people who are battling mental illness, according to officials.

Tuesday fire at former St. Ann's Church determined to be arson

by: Gabriella Baiano, WIVB, Posted: Jul 21, 2026 / 06:46 PM EDT Updated: Jul 22, 2026 / 08:17 PM EDT <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/buffalo/tuesday-fire-at-former-st-anns-church-determined-to-be-arson/>

IN OBSCURA COMMENT

Noting an escalation of nationwide church arsons, including abandoned church buildings, and the increased use of fire as an attack weapon deployed in growing guerilla attacks using the cover of anti-ICE activities.

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THE ARTICLE

BUFFALO, N.Y. (WIVB) — Officials have determined a fire at the former St. Ann's Church on Tuesday to be arson, four days after crews contained a three-alarm fire at the site.

Crews responded to the Emslie Street site around 5:45 p.m. and brought the fire under control. In January, crews contained a [four-alarm fire](#) at the site that caused \$600,000 in damages. Buffalo Common Council Member and Majority Leader Leah Halton-Pope shared her reaction to Tuesday's fire, saying that she had a conversation about securing the former church earlier in the day.

SW Florida toddler dies in hot car at south Fort Myers church

USA Today, Tayeba Hussein, Alexa Ryan Fort Myers News-Press & Naples Daily News

Updated July 22, 2026, 6:37 p.m. ET

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/local/2026/07/22/toddler-found-dead-in-hot-car-at-sw-florida-church/91014841007/>

IN OBSCURA COMMENT

While the obvious is here, church officers need to be tenacious in surveillance and at the very same time non-alerting. It is not indicated this church has a security team. It is claimed 65 percent of critical security incidents occur in parking lots.

THE ARTICLE

A toddler has been found dead in a hot car outside of a Southwest Florida church and school. The Lee County Sheriff's Office launched an investigation on Tuesday, July 21, after deputies located a deceased child in a hot car at 7806 College Parkway. The child was 17 months old, according to the sheriff's office. The address where the child was found is the location of Vine Church and Vine Christian Academy.

Who Is Andrew Arrabaca? Man Accused of Deploying Incendiary Device Outside NYC's 26 Federal Plaza Identified

Edited by: Rounak Bagchi, Updated Jul 21, 2026, 00:04 IST,

The FBI said its Joint Terrorism Task Force is investigating the incident as a possible act of terrorism. <https://www.timesnownews.com/world/us/us-news/who-is-andrew-arrabaca-suspect-identified-incendiary-device-nyc-26-federal-plaza-article-155142382>

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The man accused of deploying an incendiary device outside 26 Federal Plaza in New York City on Monday morning has been identified by US media as Andrew Arrabaca. Two law enforcement sources confirmed Arrabaca's identity to Fox News Digital and said he had "anti-ICE stuff on him" at the time of the incident. The FBI said the suspect was taken into custody shortly after the attack.

IN OBSCURA COMMENT

Every church security officer **MUST** develop a professional passion to be current in threats that have, again have, and will occur on church property, from so much of the same insurgent/guerilla groups. In Obscura reporting underscores, emphatically the Red-Green Alliance and the merger of all, all leftist anarchist groups inside the US and Europe, the Communist-Islamist axis. The hatred of Christians is also a constant threat intelligence emphasis of In Obscura.

"This morning an individual deployed an incendiary device outside of 26 Federal Plaza in New York. The individual is in custody and two minor injuries reported thus far. FBI [Joint Terrorism Task Force] is investigating the incident," FBI Director Kash Patel said in a post on X.

"He put the liquid down, set some fireworks on top of it," Barnacle said, adding that it caused "a little fire." Barnacle said the suspect was armed with a pellet gun. Two people — a federal employee and a civilian — sustained minor injuries and were treated and released. The incident took place outside 26 Federal Plaza in Lower Manhattan, which houses a US Citizenship and Immigration Services office.

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released additional details, alleging that "at approximately 8:20 am, an anti-ICE rioter launched fireworks outside of 26 Federal Plaza, grazing a bystander and poured what is believed to be gasoline on the stairs of the entrance of the building and set it on fire." The department said a Federal Protective Service officer "swiftly tackled and detained the agitator," sustaining minor injuries during the arrest. DHS also said officers recovered a bag containing "what appeared to be two pellet guns and a manifesto." The FBI, New York Police Department and emergency services are continuing to investigate the incident.

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Police presence outside Laredo church draws attention before Mass

By Maria Ruiz, Staff Writer, July 19, 2026, <https://www.chron.com/local/article/laredo-police-respond-incident-st-john-neumann-22351260.php>

Parishioners at St. John Neumann Catholic Church waited for Sunday Mass after the Laredo Police Department responded to the church early Sunday morning. (A)ccording to police, preliminary information indicates a man in crisis was outside the church, located off West Hillside Road. The man was detained by officers at about 9:12 a.m. Police said no weapons were found and the incident occurred outside the church. No additional information was immediately available.

MORE EMPHASIS ON THIS THE ENVIRONMENT. THIS IS NOT POLITICS



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Cuba-linked groups plan ‘nationwide actions’ against US bases, ICE facilities: State Department, By Josh Christenson, NY Post, Published July 20, 2026, Updated July 20, 2026, 3:59 p.m. ET <https://nypost.com/2026/07/20/us-news/cuba-linked-groups-plan-nationwide-actions-against-us-bases-ice-facilities-state-department-report/>

IN OBSCURA COMMENT

This is absolutely the axis In Obscura has emphasized in repeated raw and analytical products warning well before of the current insurgency now transitioning into guerilla tactics. The threat is overtly pointed right at Christians, Churches and Clergy, including the massive target surveillance conducted by these groups of and inside out facilities which proves the intent to attack.

THE ARTICLE

The National Network on Cuba (NNOC) — an umbrella organization of groups including the Democratic Socialists of America, Communist Party USA, [CODEPINK and more than 50 others](#) — released the plan last month, stating its goal would be to make it “politically and materially costly for the U.S. government to wage war on Cuba” within 24 hours of a threat or attack.

President Trump has suggested the US military “[may stop by](#)” the communist island after Iran, where a prolonged conflict has erupted due to Tehran’s closure of the Strait of Hormuz, a critical chokepoint for oil exports.

ISIS-K-Linked and Pro-ISIS Propaganda Groups Call for Lone Actor Terrorist Attacks on TikTok, Communications Apps, and File Download Sites Counter Extremism Project, 20 Jul 2026, <https://www.counterextremism.com/press/extremist-content-online-isis-linked-and-pro-isis-groups-call-lone-actor-terrorism-multiple>

On July 14, ISIS-K-linked al-Azaim Media released a poster on RocketChat and Matrix that called for lone-actor terrorist attacks. The poster, which featured the slogan “Kill them,” depicted the United States Capitol and the Eiffel Tower in the background.

CEP researchers also located a TikTok account on July 16 that advocated for attacks. Uploads contained audio taken from official ISIS videos that promoted terrorism, and

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accompanying text encouraged contacting the account to gain access to an archive of explosives manuals and guides for homemade weapons and poisons.

Six videos posted between July 13 and 15 received an average of 339 views each by July 16. CEP reported the account to TikTok on July 16. As of July 20, it was still online. CEP researchers previously found a similar TikTok account in April 2025.

On July 17, CEP researchers also reported a pro-ISIS account and a bot on Telegram that were being used to share manuals for the homemade construction of explosives and drones. The same account was also linked to a Meta-owned Instagram profile. As of July 20, the Telegram account and bot were still online, as was the Instagram account.

On July 12 and 13, a pro-ISIS channel on SimpleX re-released two videos from the ISIS supporter propaganda groups Tala'i' al-Ansar Foundation and al-Adiyat Foundation, respectively. The videos called for individuals to carry out acts of terrorism and contained footage from official ISIS videos, as well as news footage from ISIS-inspired attacks committed by the terrorist group's supporters around the world.

CEP researchers located both videos in 16 uploads on the file-sharing sites GoFile, file.kiwi, files.fm, FromSmash, Mega.Nz, and Ufile.io. The sites GoFile, FromSmash, file.kiwi, and Mega.Nz removed the videos for violating their terms of service after CEP reported them.

Islam as a Mirror: What Europe's Migration Crisis Reveals About the West's Loss of Faith Raymond Ibrahim, Substack, Jul 19, 2026

<https://raymondibrahim.substack.com/p/islam-as-a-mirror-what-europes-migration>

The following was written by Solène Tadié for the National Catholic Register after she interviewed Raymond Ibrahim.

Mass migration has become one of the defining flashpoints of Western politics, from the United States to Europe. For three decades, the Catholic Church has tried to bring moral clarity to the question, with each pope shaping that response through his own background and theological sensibility. Pope Leo, infused with his longtime experience as a missionary in Latin America, has repeatedly pressed the Trump administration over its treatment of

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migrants, suggesting that opposing abortion while supporting harsh deportation policy is not, in fact, a pro-life position.

That universal moral framework, however, encounters a particularly complex reality in Europe, where migration is overwhelmingly Muslim and where a long history of conflict with Islam still shapes political debate. Many European Catholics often feel torn between a desire to defend a culture and a faith they see eroding and a Church whose leadership has consistently called for welcome and mercy toward migrants regardless of origin and religion.

Few people have spent as long studying those relations as Raymond Ibrahim, a U.S. historian of Christian-Muslim relations and author of a number of internationally acclaimed books, including *Sword and Scimitar: Fourteen Centuries of War Between Islam and the West* and *Defenders of the West: The Christian Heroes Who Stood Against Islam*. Speaking with the Register in the context of a series of conferences in Europe in May, he offered a reading of the current moment that takes the crisis seriously while challenging the terms in which it is most commonly framed.

The Red-Green Alliance on Parade

By Mahyar Entezari, Focus on Western Islam Bulletin for 20 July 2026

The funeral of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei attracted Western Islamists and Marxists, reflecting the “Red-Green Alliance” between these groups and the Iranian regime.

<https://middle-east-forum.read.axioshq.com/p/fwi-newsletter/6345e4f6-77c6-4821-91bb-31f42cac864d/50140a1a-5a33-4f0f-8b0e-99c438418057>

Why It Matters: Khamenei’s funeral underscored the alliance between Islamists and Marxists in the West,

revealing their support for a regime accused of human rights violations. **The event coincided with America’s 250th birthday and drew Western figures to Tehran.** Calla Walsh and Jackson Hinkle among others praised Khamenei, overlooking his oppressive regime. Calla Walsh Whitewashes Crimes: Walsh’s statements glorified Khamenei, ignoring reports of repression in Iran.

She described him as a leader for oppressed people, despite evidence to the contrary. Jackson Hinkle: Anti-American Apologist: Hinkle’s visit to Iran was marked by praise for

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Khamenei and anti-American rhetoric. His comments overlooked the regime's persecution of minorities and political dissidents.

The Dearborn Contingent: Shia Islamists from Dearborn, Michigan, participated in Khamenei's funeral, praising his leadership. Ahmad Charara and Hassan Salamey honored Khamenei in their religious services and social media posts. The Big Picture: The funeral highlighted the ideological use of Shia Islam by the Iranian regime to justify its rule and the collaboration of Western supporters. It exposed the reality of the "Axis of Resistance" and its network of terror proxies.

Maryland houses of worship increase security spending amid rising safety concerns

UPDATED by John Gonzalez Mon, July 20, 2026 at 3:30 AM Updated Mon, July 20, 2026 at 5:47 AM <https://wjla.com/news/local/maryland-house-worship-faith-security-increase-funding-cameras-budget-congregation-annapolis-synagogue-churches-kneseth-hate-crimes-jewish-community-political-tensions-israel-war-congregations>

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (7News) — Across Maryland, houses of worship are investing more money into security as faith communities said protecting congregations has become a growing priority. Synagogues, churches, mosques and other religious organizations are adding measures including surveillance cameras, access control systems, security personnel and other safety upgrades as they respond to concerns over hate crimes, threats and heightened political tensions.

At Congregation Kneseth Israel in Annapolis, security has become part of the synagogue's annual budget. Security measures there include cameras, restricted-access entrances and security personnel. According to Maryland Matters, the synagogue spends about \$90,000 each year on security.

Muslim Brotherhood-Tied Operative Main Al Qudah Exposed: Deep Bin Laden & Al-Qaeda Ties – Now Building Islamic City in Texas as Part of 'The Project' to Conquer America, Renee Nal May 6, 2026 <https://rairfoundation.com/muslim-brotherhood-tied-operative-main-al-qudah-exposed/>

By leveraging deep Muslim Brotherhood roots and extensive terror-linked networks, imam Main Al Qudah is spearheading an \$80 million, 30-acre Islamic mega-compound

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in Katy, Texas – complete with mosque, K-12 school, university, housing, and commercial facilities, while positioning affiliated institutions to tap Texas taxpayer voucher funds. This exemplifies the Brotherhood’s documented strategy laid out in the 1982 “The Project”: building self-sustaining parallel societies designed to reject assimilation, insulate Muslim communities from Western laws and culture, and serve as long-term bases for the gradual imposition of Sharia and eventual Islamic dominance.

The peaceful, rural landscape of Katy, Texas, is currently being [transformed](#) into a strategic beachhead for the global Islamic movement. At the center of this transformation is Main Al Qudah, a man whose deep roots in the Muslim Brotherhood and academic training at the extremist-breeding Al-Azhar University have culminated in the construction of an \$80 million, 30-acre Islamic mega-compound, known as the Al-Huda Islamic Center.

Before delving into Al Qudah’s current foray into building an Islamic parallel society in Texas, his deep terror-tied history and that of his associates must be addressed. Main Al Qudah [entered America](#) from Jordan in 2000 on a temporary religious worker visa at the invitation of the Islamic Society of Arlington in Texas (ISAT).

It is unclear exactly who extended that initial invitation to Al Qudah. But it is known that he was coming to the ISAT when they were under intense scrutiny pre-9/11 for their ties to the founder of al-Qaeda, Osama bin Laden.

Chicago-area church stands ground on sign after LGBT activists protest

Democratic state official linked to group behind demonstration

By Ian M. Giatti, Christian Post Reporter Thursday, July 02, 2026

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/chicago-area-church-stands-ground-on-sign-after-lgbt-protest.html>

The event drew dozens of protesters with rainbow flags and signs to the approximately 100-member church, including the Northwest Suburban Pride Network (NWS Pride), according to local ABC affiliate WLS-TV. The organization posted a flyer on social media announcing the protest.

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The flyer for the “all ages” event featured the headline, “Real hope includes everyone” and accused New Hope Church of spreading “messages of division, confusion and hate” with its electronic display.

A Facebook post promoting the rally from a reported member of NWS Pride accused the church of “hateful messages on their electronic sign in front of the church,” which the group claimed were “targeting the [LGBT] community and the celebration of Pride Month.”

New Hope Community Church was previously affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention until 2021, when it became a non-denominational Evangelical congregation, according to Pastor James Pittman Jr.

After sharing a screenshot of a social media post with a composite of New Hope’s various digital displays from an NWS Pride activist, Pittman told CP he believes the protesters “had a problem with several of our signs” over the course of June, which LGBT activists typically celebrate as pride month.

“We use our sign to challenge the culture to think about eternity and hopefully get people to **repent and turn to the Savior,**” the pastor said. “The external groups think that they are free to say whatever they want but somehow churches should remain silent on issues in the culture. We disagree.”

Interfaith Action for Palestine gathered around 200 people to protest Christians United for Israel and US military support for Israel. Pro-Palestinian interfaith coalition protests Christian Zionist summit. David Katibah Religious News Service, July 8, 2026 at 4:31 p.m. ET <https://religionnews.com/2026/07/08/pro-palestinian-interfaith-coalition-protests-christian-zionist-summit/>

WASHINGTON (RNS) — Demonstrators gather to hear speakers during a march organized by **Interfaith Action for Palestine**, in protest of the Christians United for Israel national summit, on Monday, July 6, 2026, outside the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C.

Marchers from a variety of religious backgrounds walked across Capitol Hill on Monday (July 6) as part of a demonstration organized by Interfaith Action for Palestine in protest of

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the Christians United for Israel national summit taking place at the same time. CUFI describes itself as **“the largest pro-Israel organization in the United States”** and **boasts a membership of 10 million people**, according to its website. Interfaith Action for Palestine is a coalition of 11 Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Buddhist organizations opposed to CUFI.

Denouncing what they called American support for “genocide in Gaza,” the marchers sought to offer an alternative vision of freedom and interfaith collaboration while demanding an end to U.S. support for the Israeli military. Protesters carried painted banners with slogans like **“Fund Care Not Warfare,” “Send Bread Not Bombs”** and **“No God Bombs Children.”**

“It’s largely about helping the public to awaken to what our role is,” said Steven Sellers Lapham of Gaithersburg, Maryland, and a board member of Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East. At 70, he marched for hours to demand an end to U.S. “diplomatic cover and funds” for Israel, which he said are used to “slaughter (Palestinian) children.”

“We are building an alternative to CUFI’s Christian supremacist, Christian-Jewish exclusive, exploitative form of interfaith work with an interfaith gathering that is built on equality, care and solidarity for all people,” said Jonathan Brenneman, who is part of the national leadership team of Christians for a Free Palestine, one of the action’s convening organizations.

CHRISTIAN WARRIOR TRAINING

Social Media Channels: linktr.ee/christianwarrior



A COLLEAGUE’S SUBSTACK GROUP, SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTED BY SUBSCRIBERS EVERY WEEK. THIS IS 12-20 JULY 2026...

California

Orange County — Restroom Request Captured on Camera On Sunday, July 12, 2026, a safety team member watching the parking lot at a Bible church in Orange County was approached by an unknown man who parked, gave a first name, and asked to use the

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restroom. Permission was granted; the man used the restroom near the sanctuary and left in his vehicle. The driver was described as a male, possibly 30s, dark hair with a trimmed beard, wearing eyeglasses, possibly Middle Eastern or South Asian as observed by the reporter, driving a small dark gray four-door wagon or SUV with alloy wheels. The church's new 4K camera system captured the car, the driver, and the plate, and the safety team confirmed the captures on review that afternoon.

 Takeaway: Log unusual access requests even when they are probably innocent. Here, it could be a person looking for a bathroom, or it could be someone trying to get a free look around to do something nefarious later on. Also, verify that your camera system actually captures faces and plates before you need them.

CWT case 20260712-91B252F2

Rural Northern California — Sanctuary Scout During Second Service On Sunday, July 12, 2026, as second service began at a small rural congregation in Northern California, a young male, roughly 16 to 25, slim build, olive skin with a dark tan, wrap-around sunglasses he never removed, black ball cap, and dress loafers inconsistent with cycling, rode up on a gray mountain bike, locked it opposite the entrance, and entered the darkened sanctuary carrying a large black backpack. He moved with apparent familiarity to a corner seat beside a side exit that gave him a view of roughly 90 percent of the sanctuary and clear egress, changed his shirt in the seat, wore a small black pouch on a neck cord in his lap, repeatedly checked a wrist watch and a device inside the pouch, dropped something small into the offering plate, and left promptly at the end of service, declining engagement from a team member on his way out. Multiple members flagged the behavior independently, and the safety-minded volunteers set up overlapping observation throughout.

 Takeaway: Seat selection covering sightlines and egress, repeated time checks, and refusal of contact are a scouting profile; document everything and brief your greeters. This congregation had no formal safety team in place.

CWT case 20260713-51504F25

Hawaii

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Island of Hawaii, Kona Side — Agitated Visitor Leaves Before Service On Sunday, July 12, 2026, a safety team member with 25 years of law enforcement experience at a congregation on the Kona side of the Island of Hawaii observed a first-time visitor enter with a focused, borderline aggressive demeanor, bypass the greeters, read the sanctuary bulletin boards, then seat himself in an empty section directly beside an unattended purse. The team member made contact while the purse owner quietly retrieved her bag, then assigned coverage on the man through worship. The subject was a male, 5’10” to 6’0”, 180 to 200 pounds, with gray shaggy hair, driving a gray Toyota Tundra with the Ten Commandments and the phrase “sinners will be punished” posted on the tailgate. Just before service he asked whether the church has female pastors, objected on scriptural grounds when told it does, and abruptly left the building.

 Takeaway: Ideologically agitated visitors deserve assigned, low-profile coverage from first contact, and a distinctive vehicle is often your most durable identifier for a return visit. CWT case 20260713-D2AF695B

Massachusetts

Brighton (Boston) — Attempted Entry and Elicitation at a Synagogue, Subject at Large On Tuesday, July 14, 2026, per a public alert from the CJP Communal Security Initiative, a man knocked on the door of a small Chabad synagogue in Brighton and tried to gain entry, asking whether the building was a synagogue, requesting a tour, and asking inappropriate questions of a congregation member. He is described as approximately 6’0”, 180 pounds, with a close-cropped Mohawk-style haircut and stubby beard, both changeable, and video shows he walks with a pronounced limp. Boston police are actively looking for him and have increased patrols in the area; the public is advised to dial 911 if he is observed. Law enforcement partners report no specific, imminent credible threat to the region’s Jewish or interfaith community at this time.

 Takeaway: Probing questions about the building paired with an entry attempt are classic elicitation; train your door team to politely deny access, get a description, and call it in, and remember that hair and beard change while a limp does not. CWT case 20260714-CJPCSI01 · Source: CJP Communal Security Initiative

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Nebraska

Omaha Metro — Late-Night Vehicle in Church Lot On Thursday, July 16, 2026, at about 10:30 PM, a security team member at a church in the Omaha metro area observed a suspicious vehicle in the church parking lot with three occupants: one young male and two unidentified back-seat passengers. The vehicle was a small silver car, partial plate YSR. The report reached CWT second-hand from a fellow team member; no ongoing threat was reported and law enforcement was not notified.

 Takeaway: An occupied vehicle sitting in your lot at 10:30 PM is worth a plate note and a call to the non-emergency line every time; late-night loitering is a common pre-operational indicator.

CWT case 20260717-1E9BC6C6

Pennsylvania

Eastern Pittsburgh Suburbs — Cyclist Pass-Through with Chest Pack On Sunday, July 12, 2026, at about 10:00 AM, ushers at a church in the eastern Pittsburgh suburbs watched a young male on a bicycle, dressed entirely in black and wearing a pack on his chest rather than the usual rear hydration position, ride through the parking lot and carport as members were arriving, then U-turn onto a side street and continue into town. The church sits well back from the road, so the pass-through required a deliberate detour.

 Takeaway: A deliberate ride-through of arriving worshippers with no stop and no business on the property reads as a look, not a shortcut; log it with time and description and compare notes if it repeats.

CWT case 20260713-17679CD5

Washington

Vancouver, Washington Area — Follow-Up: Surveillance Subject Identified as “Auditor” In a follow-up to a report published here previously, local law enforcement identified the individual who had been surveilling a Messianic congregation in the Vancouver, Washington area from across the street. The Clark County Sheriff’s Department advised he is affiliated with “I.A.M. Free,” also known as Inland Auditing Media, a YouTube “First

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Amendment audit” group that targets churches, police stations, and other institutions, attempting to provoke a reaction it can record, post, and use as grounds for a rights-violation lawsuit. The congregation was instructed not to engage in any way and agrees with that guidance.

Takeaway: If a camera-carrying stranger seems to want a confrontation, do not give them one; verify with local law enforcement whether known audit crews are working your area, and let a no-engagement policy protect both your people and your legal position. More than likely, you’ll need to protect the auditors from your congregation.

CWT case 20260713-C9A82EA3

Patterns This Week

Three of this week’s seven reports came from Sunday morning services on July 12, and two of those, in Northern California and the eastern Pittsburgh suburbs, involved young males on bicycles carrying bags worn on the front of the body making deliberate entries or pass-throughs during arrival and worship. That is either coincidence or a behavior worth watching for; either way, brief your lot and door teams on it. Separately, two incidents this week, the Brighton synagogue entry attempt and the Orange County restroom request, were access tests of one kind or another, and both underline the same lesson: control entry politely, document faces and vehicles, and let cameras do the remembering.

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The Urgent Case for Better Church Safety

By John Boch< Shooting News Weekly, July 17, 2026

<https://www.shootingnewsweekly.com/concealed-carry/the-urgent-case-for-better-church-safety/>

Sunday morning, July 5, 2026. St. John’s Lutheran Church in Effingham, Illinois, sat peaceful under a quiet sky. Volunteers had just begun to arrive to prepare for services. Just the ordinary rhythm of a house of worship going about its day. Then a man driving a stolen car slipped inside, asking for the pastor.

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Church security didn't blink. They noticed the out-of-state plates and saw the man approach. Safety team members made contact as he entered. The man asked for the pastor, but the safety volunteers sensed something was wrong. They called 911.

Police rolled in. There was a struggle. A gun was produced. One shot was fired. From the details it sounds like it might have been an attempted suicide. Either way, the intruder went down with life-threatening wounds. A few days later, he died of his injuries.

Thankfully no innocents were hit. No blood on the pews. No parents clawing through wreckage crying out for their kids. The pastor lived. Tragedy was averted, prevented by extraordinary vigilance.

Unlocked side doors. Nobody watching the parking lot or the doors. No radios calling out warnings. Chaos explodes where hymns should rise. Gunfire shatters stained glass and the pastor and others go down. Children scream from the daycare area. Paramedics arrive to heartbreak. A community is gutted, forever asking, "Why didn't we see it coming?"

That nightmare is one lazy policy choice away. **Churches aren't fortresses, they're sanctuaries. Open doors, welcoming smiles, coffee and cookies. But evil doesn't check the welcome sign. It walks right in.**

FBI patterns show Sundays hosted the most active shooter incidents than any other day in 2022. It shouldn't surprise that Sundays reliably top the day for the most violent religious activity incidents pretty much every year. Barely half of Protestant churches have a real plan for such horrors.

Researching this, I initially found the number of churches with "church safety" as higher, but that's because researchers counted the 21% of houses of worship with "No Firearms" policies as among those with safety programs. "Gun-Free Zone" signs have no preventative or survival value. The rest? Hoping and praying. **Winging it. That's not faith. That's playing Russian roulette with your flock.**

Picture the mom dropping her little ones at children's ministry, trusting you've got their backs. The widow finding peace in the back pew. The young family singing together. They

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come seeking refuge, not risk. **Your church's safety team's job is to make sure they find it.**

Five shot at funeral held at Greater Love Tabernacle Church

By FOX 2 Staff and Dave Herndon FOX 2 Detroit Crime and Public Safety

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<https://www.fox2detroit.com/news/detroit-police-respond-shooting-scene-plymouth-road>

(FOX 2) - A gruesome scene broke out outside the Greater Love Tabernacle Church Friday evening when a shooter showed up and opened fire, striking multiple victims. Police said that five people, including the alleged shooter, were shot, all of them in lower extremities. All five are expected to survive.

Detroit Mayor Mary Sheffield said there had been threats made prior to the service, so police were on hand. "My thoughts are with the victims, their families, and this congregation. I am grateful that all of the victims are expected to survive," she said.

Sheffield said an officer returned fire as soon as the shooter began, injuring him, and stopping a worst incident from taking place. "The officer saw that, took action and returned fire," Bettison said.

"That response saved lives," she said. "A place of worship should be safe. I want to thank the Detroit Police Department for the intelligence work that put officers in position to protect this congregation, and for the courage they showed today."

Central Coast pastor accused of child sexual assault; deputies seek additional victims

By Tim Fang, July 17, 2026 / 2:24 PM PDT / CBS San Francisco,

<https://www.cbsnews.com/sanfrancisco/news/central-coast-pastor-accused-child-sexual-assault-monterey-san-benito-counties/> **AND**

Monterey County Sheriffs Office, Press Release (Facebook)

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PRESS RELEASE - Monterey County Sheriff's Office Believes There Are Additional Victims Following Child Sexual Abuse Arrest -

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office has arrested a Hollister man following an investigation into the ongoing sexual abuse of a child. Detectives believe there are additional victims who have not yet come forward and are urging anyone with information to contact investigators.

On July 5, 2026, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office was made aware of allegations involving the ongoing sexual abuse of a child. The case was immediately assigned to investigators, who conducted interviews with witnesses and quickly identified several additional victims.

As the investigation progressed, detectives obtained and served multiple search warrants. Based on the evidence gathered, 51-year-old Emmanuel Marchica of Hollister, was arrested and booked into the Monterey County Jail on July 10th, 2026.

Investigators have identified victims whose disclosures date back to 2012. Based on the evidence developed thus far, detectives believe there are additional victims and witnesses within the community. Mr. Marchica was currently serving as a pastor and offering religious services on a regular basis at a community gathering center in the Hidden Valley Community of San Benito County on Cienega Road. He has also previously owned bakery businesses in Prunedale and Monterey, as well as gyms in Sand City, Seaside and Prunedale where he was offering physical therapy and massage therapy services. He was also a Jiu Jitsu instructor.

Marchica has been booked on multiple felony charges, including:

- Lewd or Lascivious Acts with a Child (Penal Code § 288(a))
- Sexual Penetration of a Child (Penal Code § 289(a)(1)(B))
- Oral Copulation Child (Penal Code § 287(B)(1))
- Annoying or Molesting a Child (Penal Code § 647.6(a)(1))

His bail has been set at \$17.5 million.

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office is asking anyone who may have been victimized by Marchica, or anyone with information that may assist investigators, to contact us. Detectives understand that victims of sexual abuse often delay reporting for many years. Regardless of when the abuse may have occurred, investigators encourage victims to know that they will be treated with dignity, compassion, and respect throughout the investigative process.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Detective Janelli Arroyo at (831) 755-7261 or Detective Sergeant Nicholas Kennedy at (831) 755-3773.

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office remains committed to thoroughly investigating these allegations, identifying any additional victims, and holding those responsible accountable. Even information that may seem minor could be critical to this investigation.

Fairfax County pastor accused of sending illicit photos to Pennsylvania teen

by Thomas MatesThu, July 23, 2026 at 3:57 PM, Updated Thu, July 23, 2026 at 5:53 PM

<https://wjla.com/news/local/fairfax-county-pastor-accused-of-sending-illicit-photos-to-pennsylvania-teen>

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (7News) — A Fairfax County pastor is facing charges in Pennsylvania after he sent illicit photos of himself to a teen there, according to state police. Troopers said

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Kenny Baldwin faces charges of unlawful contact with a minor, corruption of minors, indecent exposure and open lewdness.

Investigators said Baldwin met the victim when they were 15 years old in November 2024. Baldwin was visiting the victim's church in York County to deliver a sermon, according to Troopers. Baldwin was employed as a senior pastor at Crossroads Baptist Church in Bailey's Crossroads at the time. 7News has reached out to the church for more information on whether Baldwin is still employed there. This story will be updated if we receive a response.

Troopers said Baldwin and the teen exchanged numbers and began communicating. Investigators said Baldwin would send the victim pictures of genitals over WhatsApp. Investigators said this persisted multiple times a week until December 2025. Troopers began investigating in May when they were contacted by the victim, now 17 years old. Investigators questioned Baldwin in June. Troopers said he confessed to sending the images and exposing himself to the teen in person on at least three occasions. Troopers believe there may be more victims.

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 **NOW:** It's midnight here in DC, and Christians from all 50 states have set up tents and are singing worship songs at the National Mall

This is beautiful.

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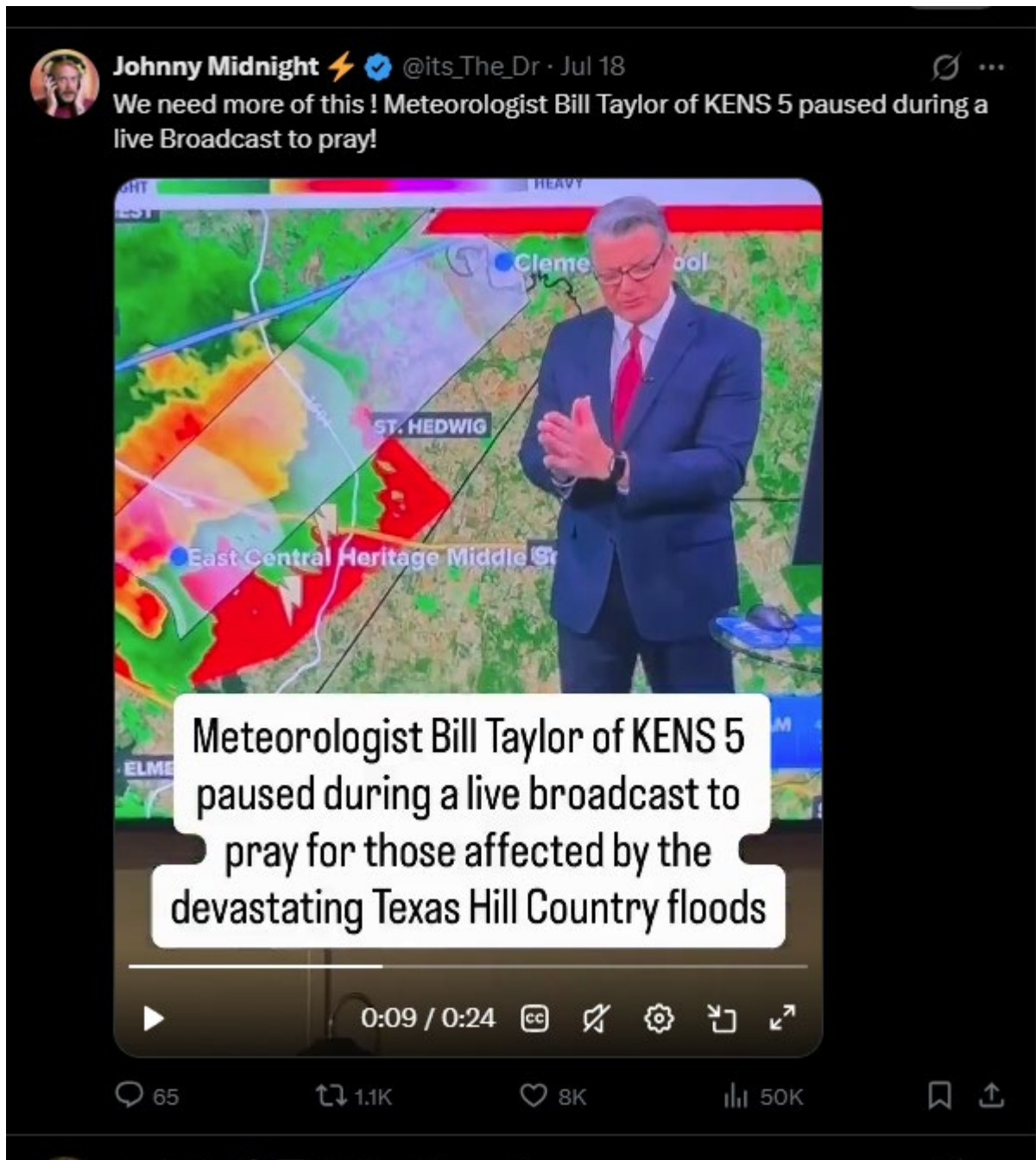
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Islamic scholar Uthman Farooq, speaking in America:

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They want to Islamize America and Europe.

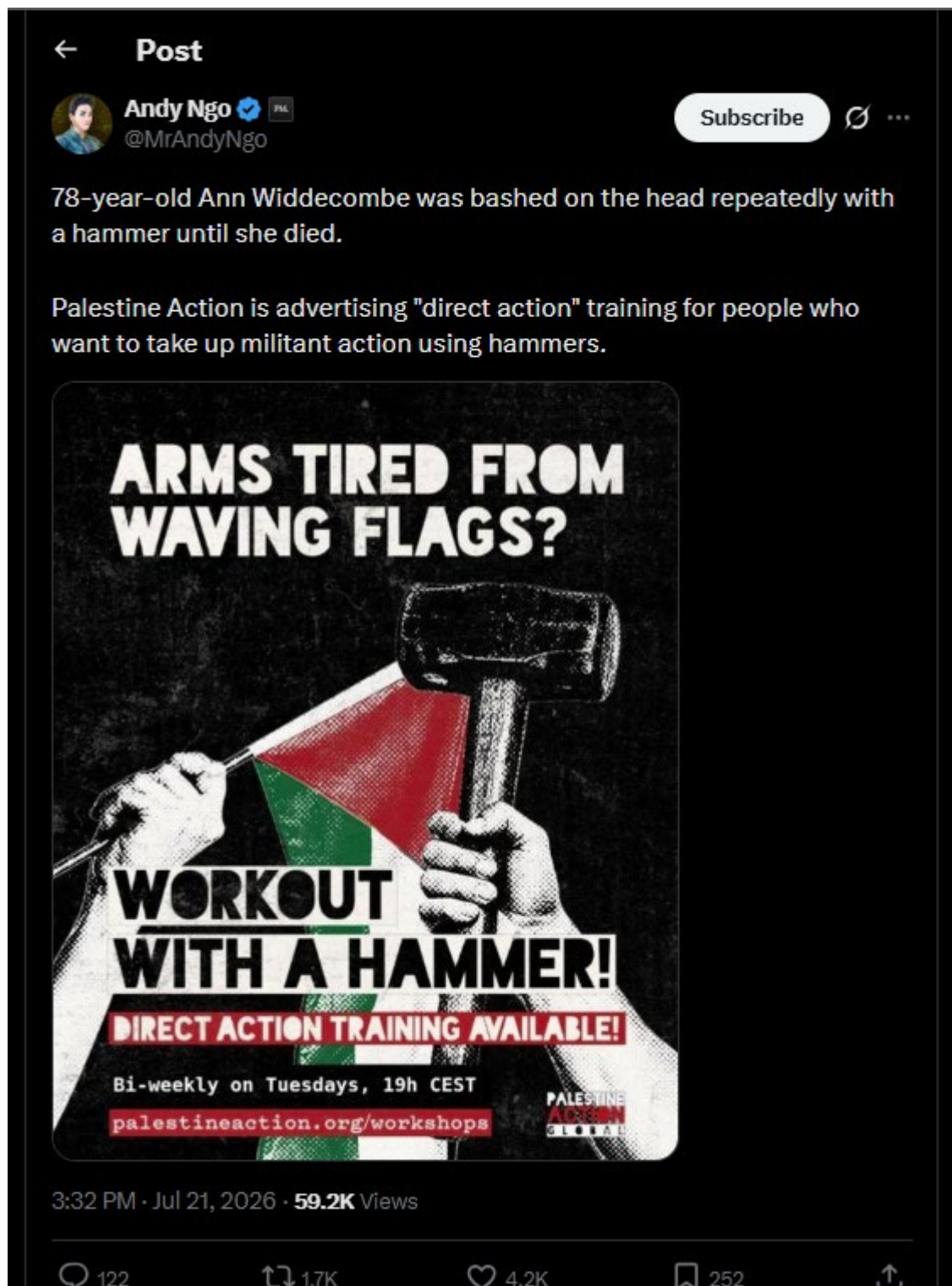


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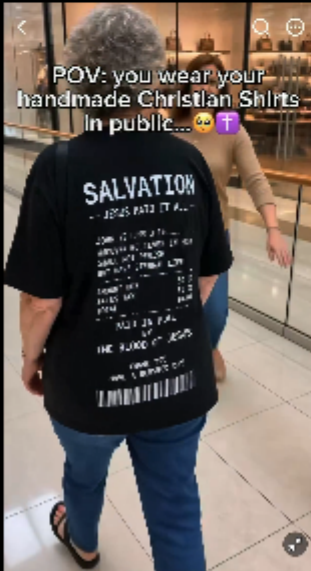
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The growing hatred towards our Lord Jesus Christ and his followers he's pretty alarming these days! 🙏

Pray for courage, strength and conviction!

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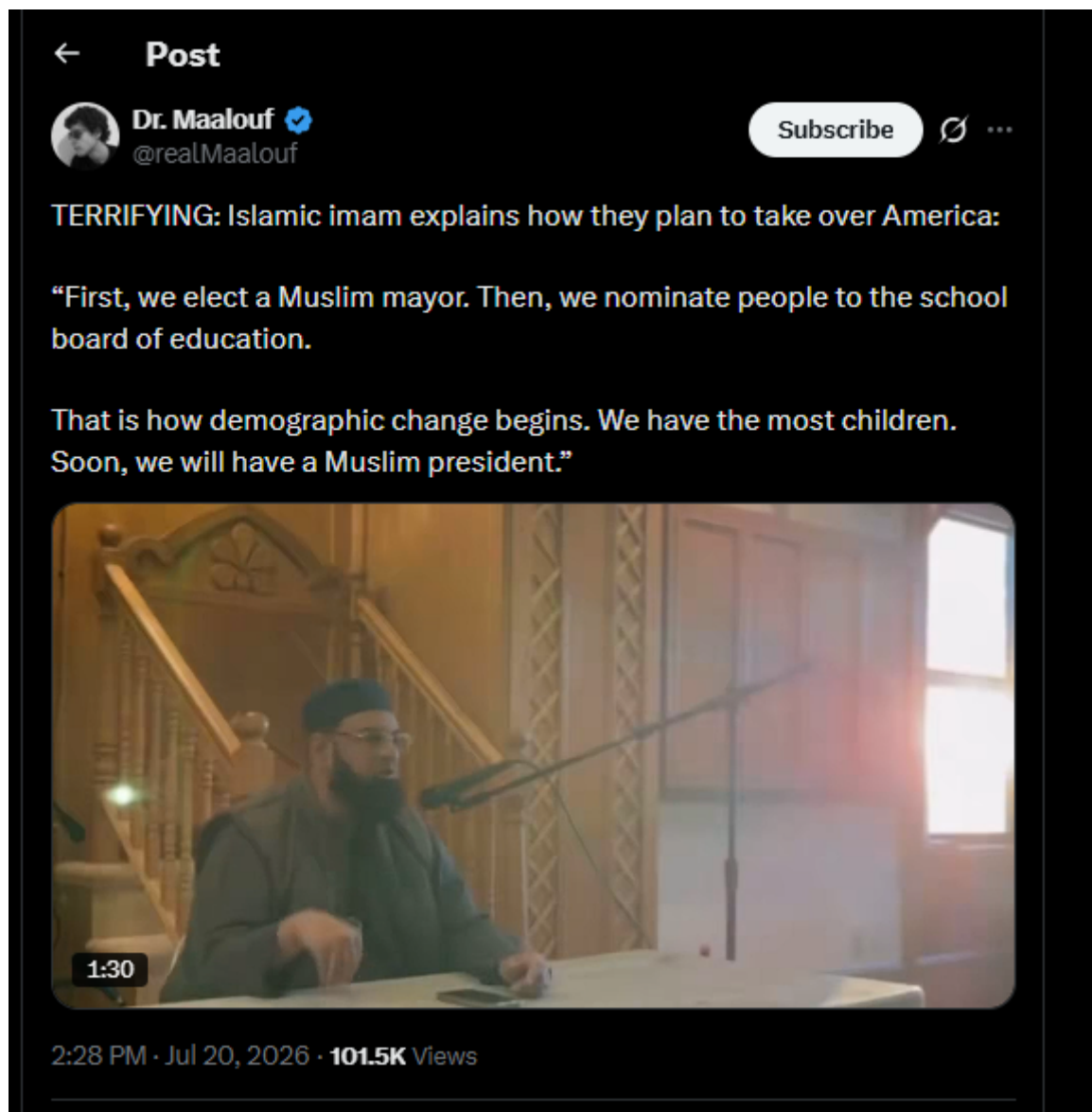
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 **Allie Beth Stuckey** ✓
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A South Carolina pastor is causing buzz online by telling his aging congregants that hell isn't real and that "queer is God's design."

How does a Christian refute such wild statements by progressives? The same way that Jesus refuted Satan: "It is written" and to the Pharisees: "Have you not read?"

God's Word tells us exactly how to debunk these kinds of "sermons."

I go through each of His claims with responses you can use with those in your life who believe this nonsense.

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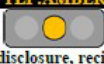
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