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Secure Community Network Condemns Deadly Hate Crime in Buffalo; Provides Support for Law Enforcement Investigation

*National Director and CEO Michael Masters Expresses the Jewish Community's
Solidarity with the Black Community Against Violent Extremism*

The Secure Community Network (SCN), the official safety and security organization for the Jewish community in North America, is working to provide information to law enforcement agencies following the murder of 10 people in Buffalo, N.Y., today, and to ensure appropriate security protocols are in place at Jewish facilities. The FBI is investigating the mass shooting as an act of racially-motivated violent extremism.

“The Secure Community Network condemns in the strongest terms today’s horrific shooting in Buffalo,” said National Director and CEO Michael Masters. “SCN has reviewed the attacker’s manifesto, which is overflowing with anti-Black and antisemitic rhetoric. The Jewish community stands united with the Black community in fighting this hatred. Knowing far too well the pain of violent extremism, we must both do all we can to protect our communities and root out evil. SCN grieves today for all those lost and hurt by this senseless tragedy, and we are grateful for the first responders who swiftly arrested the attacker and cared for the injured.”

Following the shooting, SCN’s National Jewish Security Operations Command Center provided significant research to law enforcement and public safety partners, including details about the attacker’s social media activity and manifesto. SCN has also been in contact with the Buffalo Jewish Federation and is coordinating with other key partners, such as ADL. Intelligence analysts will continue to relay relevant details to investigators as they are uncovered.

While there is no specific, direct threat to the Jewish community known at this time, the Buffalo shooter’s manifesto made repeated mention of the perpetrators who carried out mass murders at mosques in New Zealand, a summer camp in Norway, a church in Charleston, S.C., and synagogues in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Poway, Calif. Given the numerous connections between these attacks, and the

extensive calls for violence against the Jewish community in the attacker's manifesto, SCN has issued a security bulletin to Jewish facilities nationwide and will continue to monitor the situation closely.

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The Secure Community Network (SCN), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is the official homeland safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America. Founded in 2004 under the auspices of The Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, SCN serves as the central organization dedicated exclusively to the safety and security of the American Jewish community, working across 146 federations, 50 partner organizations, over 300 independent communities, and other partners in the public, private, nonprofit, and academic sectors. SCN is dedicated to ensuring that Jewish organizations, communities, life, and culture can not only exist safely and securely, but flourish. Learn more at securecommunitynetwork.org.