Secure Community Network Urges Heightened State of Vigilance Following FBI Advisory Regarding Potential Threat to Synagogues in New Jersey

Public Should Report Suspicious Activity While Law Enforcement Agencies Continue Investigation

The Secure Community Network (SCN) has been in direct contact with the senior leadership of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as well as other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, and is coordinating with lay leaders and security professionals throughout the Jewish community following an announcement by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) field office in Newark this afternoon of a potential threat to synagogues in New Jersey.

SCN is aware that the FBI is working with law enforcement partners to actively investigate the threat and work to mitigate it. SCN will continue to coordinate with the FBI, DHS, and other partners and provide updates as they become available. Jewish institutions in New Jersey should maintain a heightened state of vigilance. Follow established protocols to report suspicious activity – to include contacting local law enforcement and/or the relevant suspicious activity reporting authority – and contact the SCN Duty Desk at dutydesk@securecommunitynetwork.org or by calling 844-SCN-DESK.

“We have seen a dramatic increase in antisemitic incidents and threats of violence,” said SCN National Director and CEO Michael Masters. “We are reminded that these can impact any part of our community, on any day. We are grateful for efforts of our law enforcement partners and urge the community to stay vigilant and report suspicious activity immediately. Only by stepping back will we give those who wish us harm a victory. We must stand together to protect and secure our community – and we will, together. From strength to strength.”

As the official safety and security organization for the Jewish community in North America, SCN works closely with law enforcement agencies to share pertinent information about risks, threats, and incidents.

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