Secure Community Network Coordinates with Jewish Community Following Resolution of Potential Threat to Synagogues in New Jersey

While Investigation Has Mitigated Specific Concerns, Public Should Continue to Report Suspicious Activity

The Secure Community Network (SCN) is coordinating with lay leaders and security professionals throughout the Jewish community today, following the resolution of a potential threat to synagogues in New Jersey. SCN is aware that law enforcement partners – including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) field office in Newark, which first issued an advisory on the threat yesterday -- have located the individual believed to be responsible for the threat and mitigated the active security concern. As the official safety and security organization for the Jewish community in North America, SCN works closely with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to share pertinent information about risks, threats, and incidents.

“Yesterday’s warning is yet another reminder of the rising level of antisemitic threats across the country,” said SCN National Director and CEO Michael Masters. “We thank the FBI and all other law enforcement agencies that investigated this matter, and all those in the Jewish community who helped take action to keep facilities safe. We must continue to do all we can to protect our community while allowing Jewish life to flourish and thrive.”

SCN will provide additional information as it becomes available. Although there is no longer an active security concern in this case, the public should 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.

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