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Secure Community Network Applauds Sentencing Of New York Man For Transporting Firearm As Part Of Plan To Attack Synagogue

NEW YORK, NY — The Secure Community Network (SCN), the official safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America, welcomes Tuesday’s announcement of a 27-month prison sentence for Jamil Hakime, 59, of New York City, by the U.S. Department of Justice. Hakime was charged with conspiring to transport a firearm interstate as part of a plot to “shoot up a synagogue.”

On November 18, 2022, Hakime retrieved a firearm, taught two co-conspirators how to use the firearm and wipe their fingerprints off of it, and sold the co-conspirators the firearm and ammunition. Hakime then transported a firearm across state lines from Pennsylvania to New York. Hakime pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Analisa Torres.

In reaction to this development, **Secure Community Network (SCN) National Director and CEO Michael Masters issued the following statement:**

"In the face of rising threats against the Jewish community, our law enforcement partners continue to deliver justice and hold accountable those who threaten, plot, and carry out acts of hate and violence. This sentencing serves as a testament to the hard work of tracking down and mitigating threats before they manifest and cause harm. SCN is grateful to the FBI’s New York Field Office, the New York Police Department, and the U.S. Justice Department for investigating, arresting, convicting, and sentencing those who threaten to cause harm to our community, and any faith-based community.”

In 2023, SCN logged a record 5,404 threat incidents and suspicious activity reports, 112% higher than 2022’s total of 2,551. Alongside recorded incidents, SCN has worked closely with local, state, and federal law enforcement, including the FBI, to refer 1,619 individuals to authorities in 2023 — a 110% increase in referrals from 2022.

In response to this complex and dynamic threat environment, SCN has worked in coordination with local, state, and federal authorities to respond to these incidents and ensure coordination between law enforcement and the Jewish community across North America, including providing regular safety and security resources and updates. SCN urges every community to remain vigilant, recommit to preparation, review and enforce existing security protocols, maintain coordination and communication with law enforcement, and report suspicious activity to local law enforcement and SCN’s 24/7 Duty Desk at dutydesk@securecommunitynetwork.org or by calling 844-SCN-DESK.

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