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SCN Statement On Death Sentence For Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooter

PITTSBURGH, PA — Today, the individual convicted on 63 federal charges against him for undertaking the massacre in a Pittsburgh synagogue on October 27th, 2018 and killing 11 worshippers and injuring 6 additional people, including four police officers, was sentenced to death. **In reaction to today's sentencing decision, Secure Community Network National Director and CEO Michael Masters issued the following statement:**

"This sentence sends a message to violent extremists, terrorists, and antisemites everywhere that the United States will not tolerate hate and violence against the Jewish people, nor any people of faith. Though nothing will replace those taken from us nor ever fully assuage the grief that continues, this sentence is another step on the path to justice. I hope today's decision delivers some measure of resolution for the victims and their loved ones, and our entire community — and nation.

In the years since that dreadful day in 2018, our community has shown extraordinary resilience and determination, both in the spirit of demonstrating our strength in response to the heinous attack and working to increase our security to prepare for and prevent future acts of targeted violence. We are working together like never before to train and be trained, secure our spaces, and find and mitigate threats wherever they may be — with communities like Pittsburgh leading the way.

While this event may have stretched the will and spirit of the Jewish community, it never broke it — nor will any act of hate or violence. Today, we join the victims' families, Greater Pittsburgh, and the Jewish community across the country and the world in reading the fateful final sentence in one chapter that has finally come to a close. At the same time, we once again remember those impacted by the events of October 2018, to include those taken from us — and we will never forget them. May their memories continue to be a blessing."

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