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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/09/2007

To: San Francisco

Attn: SSA [redacted]

San Jose RA, [redacted]

From: San Francisco

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: 44-SF-A116309 (Pending) - 226

Title: HATE CRIMES MATTERS

Synopsis: To document a report of shooting at the Islamic Center of the East Bay, in Antioch, California, which resulted in bullet holes in the window of the building. This incident was reported by the news and media.

Enclosure(s): Copy of Antioch Police Department (APD) incident report 07000782 and a copy of the newspaper article from the web.

Details: On January 22, 2007, APD responded to a report of shooting at the Islamic Center of the East Bay (ICEB) located at 311 West 18th Street, Antioch, California. APD observed seven (7) holes in the center of the north window, which were consistent with bullet holes. APD noticed there were also two fresh, round chips in the front brick wall, which were approximately the same size as the holes in the window. The chips were approximately 1/4 inch in depth. The brick wall is approximately six (6) feet west of the north window. The chips also appeared to APD to be a result of a bullet striking the wall.

APD spoke to [redacted] also known as [redacted] date of birth [redacted] who did not know of anyone who was responsible for the incident. [redacted] stated to APD that ICEB had received racial slurs on the ICEB's answering machine in 2005. Around that same time period in 2005, the ICEB had their front window broken by a rock. The ICEB had been established in 1998.

January 25, 2007, SSA [redacted] received a telephone call from [redacted] the Islamic Center of the East Bay (ICEB). [redacted] reported that on Sunday night, January 21, 2007, or Monday morning, January 22, 2007, damage to the windows of the ICEB was suffered. [redacted] provided that it appeared that the damage was caused by gunshots. [redacted] stated that he reported the incident to the Antioch Police Department (APD), which dispatched a police officer to take a report.

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On January 25, 2007, SA [redacted] contacted Lt. [redacted] APD regarding the incident. Lt. [redacted] stated that the report for this incident was not finished, and would not be complete until Monday, January 29, 2007. Lieutenant [redacted] also stated that APD received two phone calls regarding this incident. One was from [redacted] who reported that several windows were shot out, and that the incident occurred sometime during the night of January 21.

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The second phone call received was from [redacted] who stated that seven bullet holes were found in windows at the ICEB. [redacted] also reported that the ICEB previously had a problem with an individual throwing bricks through its windows, but not with bullets being fired through the windows.

On January 26, 2007, SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] met with [redacted] at the ICEB, 311 W. 18th Street, Antioch, CA, [redacted]. Also present was [redacted] East Bay Municipal Utility District, O: [redacted] C: [redacted]. [redacted] identified himself as the ICEB Liaison Official to law enforcement agencies. [redacted] stated that he received a phone call from [redacted] at 0830 on January 22, during which [redacted] stated that he found seven bullet holes in the windows of the ICEB. [redacted] advised [redacted] to contact the police immediately, and that he would immediately respond to the ICEB. [redacted] added that he also notified the Antioch Chronicle of the incident. He stated that at approximately 1030, Officer [redacted] APD, arrived at the ICEB to take a report. [redacted] provided that Officer [redacted] interviewed [redacted] and also took photos of the damage. Prior to leaving the ICEB, Officer [redacted] provided [redacted] with the APD report number: 07-782.

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[redacted] showed the extent of the damage to SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] which included small chunks of concrete broken away from the exterior of the building, ripped cloth window blinds with small holes, a shattered bay window (6'x6') at the front of the building, and a small (inch in diameter) section of splintered wood on a door frame inside the ICEB. SA [redacted] took photos of the damage, apart from the broken window, which was repaired on Tuesday, January 23. [redacted] also stated that the ICEB [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that this incident could have happened at any time between Saturday evening and Monday morning. He stated that [redacted] discovered the damage when he arrived on Monday morning for prayer. [redacted] stated that [redacted] and approximately five other individuals have keys to the ICEB, and are welcome to visit at their convenience. He added that there

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are only two regular events at the ICEB: Friday prayer, and Tuesday meetings with women attendees. Additionally, there are approximately 500 families that visit the ICEB, and [redacted] is familiar with most of them.

[redacted] added that there were three prior incidents that involved property damage or the police. First, in late 2005, the ICEB received several threatening messages on the answering machine for the main telephone line. [redacted] stated that he notified the Mayor of Antioch and the APD Chief of Police regarding the messages. He added that the subsequent investigation by APD did not result in the identification of the individual(s) who left the messages. Second, in March 2006, [redacted] discovered a single bullet hole in the same window that was recently damaged. He did not contact the police about this incident, and did not repair the window. Third, in June 2006, a brick was thrown through the same window, which caused damage to the point where the window was replaced.

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On February 2, 2007, SA [redacted] (writer) and SA [redacted] met with [redacted]. [redacted] stated he did not know anyone who was or could be responsible for the vandalism incident towards the mosque. [redacted] did not have any information to show that this may be a hate related incident.

Since there is no current evidence to show this incident as being a hate crime, San Francisco will not continue any further investigation into this matter at this time.

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Incident Report
Antioch Police Department

CA0070100 - 300 L Street (925)779-6900

CASE NO: 07000782

EVENT NO: 07005967

Classification: 246 (SHOOT:INHAB DWELL/VEH/ETC) - FELONY

Officer ID: CUEVAS #3920

Location Name: ISLAMIC CENTER

Location: 311 W 18TH ST ANTIOCH

XStreet: D ST

2nd XStreet:

Beat: 1

Occurred	Date	Time	Day
On/From	01/21/2007	11:00	Sun
To	01/22/2007	08:31	Mon
Received	01/22/2007	08:31	Mon

AGENCY INFO (FOR INTERNAL USE)

Agency Classification:

CASE SUMMARY

Premise: Church / Religious Places

Source: P

Close Class: PENAL CODE - ALL OTHER

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REPORT - 1

Officer ID:

Supervisor:

RP Reporting Party

Race: Other-Unclassified Race **Sex:** **DOB:** **Age:** **Type:** PERSON

Height: **Weight:** **Hair:** **Eyes:** **PFN:**

ADDRESS INFORMATION

Address Type: PERSONAL/HOME

Phone:

Address:

Time at Address:

Comments:

School:

Grade #:

Occupation:

Employer:

How long:

Work Hrs:

Language:

Clothing:

Additional Info:

Comments:

IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

ID No:

Identification:

Drivers License

Issued By:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

VIC Victim

ISLAMIC CENTER OF EAST BAY,

Race: **Sex:** **DOB:** **Age:** **Type:** PERSON

Height: **Weight:** **Hair:** **Eyes:** **PFN:**

ADDRESS INFORMATION

Address Type: BUSINESS

Phone: (925) 652-1095

Address: 311 W 18TH STREET ANTIOCH CA

Time at Address:

Comments:

School:

Grade #:

Occupation:

Employer:

How long:

Work Hrs:

Language:

Clothing:

Additional Info:

Comments:

OTH Other

Race: Other-Unclassified Race **Sex:** **DOB:** **Age:** **Type:** PERSON

Height: **Weight:** **Hair:** **Eyes:** **PFN:**

ADDRESS INFORMATION

Address Type:

Phone:

Address: ANTIOCH

Time at Address:

Comments:

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EVENT NO: 07005967

REPORT - 1

Officer ID:

Supervisor:

ADDRESS INFORMATION

(Cont'd)

Address Type: **PERSONAL/HOME**

Phone:

Address: [REDACTED] **ANTIOCH CA 94531**

Time at Address:

Comments:

School:

Grade #:

Occupation:

Employer:

How long:

Work Hrs:

Language:

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Additional Info:

Comments:

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NARRATIVE

On 1/22/2007, at approximately 09:00 hours, I was dispatched to a report of shooting at the Islamic Center of the East Bay (311 W. 18th Street). When I arrived, there was no one at the Center. I observed 7 holes in the center of the north window, which were consistent with bullet holes. Upon further inspection, I noticed there were also two fresh, round chips in the front brick wall, which were approximately the same size as the holes in the window. The chips were approximately 1/4 inch in depth. The brick wall is approximately 6 feet west of the north window. The chips also appeared to be a result of a bullet striking the wall.

[REDACTED] arrived approximately 15 minutes later. I spoke with him in front of the Center. He stated the following in summary:

This morning, at approximately 08:30 hours, he received a phone call from a member of the Islamic Center [REDACTED] who informed him that there were bullet holes in the window of the Center. [REDACTED] stated he first noticed the holes yesterday afternoon [REDACTED] was unsure why [REDACTED] did not notify police when he first noticed the holes. [REDACTED] was the first member to see the Center since approximately 15:30 hours on Friday afternoon (01/18/07).

[REDACTED] stated he does not know who is responsible for the crime. [REDACTED] and the members of the Center have a wonderful relationship with the community. Neither he, nor the Center has had any recent negative contacts. Because of his positive experience with the community, he did not feel the shooting was racially motivated. However, he did not want to rule it out. He has heard of instances such as this occurring in Islamic Centers throughout the United States after significant events with the war.

He stated the Center was vandalized before. The last negative contact the Center has had was in 2005, where there were racial slurs left on the Center's answering machine. Around the same time, the front window was broken by a rock. This was the only vandalism he recalled since the Center was established in 1998.

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Officer ID: [REDACTED]

Supervisor: [REDACTED]

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NARRATIVE

He checked the answering machine this morning and there were no type of negative or threatening messages left. He does not believe that this and the prior events are related.

I searched the surrounding area for cartridge casings, which produced negative results.

I entered the Center in an attempt to locate the bullets, which produced negative results. There was glass on the carpet below the window. There was tearing in the blinds, near each entry hole. I was unable to locate any holes in the walls, floor, or ceiling. Directly south of the window, was a solid wall, which had window opening approximately 3' by 4'. There was no glass in this opening. Directly west of this opening was a standard doorway. There was splintering on the door jam trim, which was approximately the same height and somewhat inline with the holes in the window.

I photographed the exterior and interior of the structure.

On 1/22/2007, at approximately 9:30 hours, I spoke with [REDACTED] On the telephone. He stated the following in summary:

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On 1/21/2007, at approximately 15:30 hours, he went to the Center to pray. He did not notice the holes in the window at first. As he entered the structure, he saw holes in the blinds and debris on the carpet, which he attributed to a rodent. Upon further examination, he realized the debris was glass shards. He looked up and noticed there were numerous holes in the window. He believed they were bullet holes. He did not know if the crime had been reported, so he called [REDACTED] the following day to confirm.

He did not see anyone or anything suspicious when he entered the Center. He does not know who is responsible for the crime. He is unaware of any recent negative contacts with the Center. However, he mentioned the Center was burglarized during 2002. He also mentioned problems with homeless loitering around the property. He is unsure if this crime was racially motivated.

311 W. 18th Street is a single story commercial structure. It is situated near the corner of W. 18th Street and D Street. The front entrance faces north. There is a chain link fence that separates the south, east, and west sides of the Center. Directly north of the Center is Antioch Middle and Antioch High School. The Antioch Library is just west of the Center. There are residences directly behind (South) of the Center.

I spoke with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both of whom live [REDACTED] They did not see or hear anything during the listed time frame. I was unable to make contact with anyone in the homes east of the structure.

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I checked CAD for prior prom shot calls, and prior P.C. 246 calls for service, which revealed a prom shot call on 1/20/07 at 21:16 hours in the area of W. 19th Street and D Street where an anonymous RP heard 7 gunshots near the middle school (See event 07-5617). There was also a prom shots call on 917 W. 14th Street (See event 07-5378). There was also a 246 call on 1/21/07 1142 Medanos Street (Case 07-750). There was

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Officer ID:

Supervisor:

NARRATIVE

no contact number for the anonymous RP. I placed a hard copy of the events in the file jacket.

I checked the prior contacts at 311 W. 18th Street, which revealed there was a P.C. 653M call where a threatening message was left on 8/5/05 (See event 05-63071), a P.C. 594, where the front window was smashed, a suspicious circumstance on 4/16/04 where the RP found an open rear door, and a P.C. 459 on 04/05/01, among numerous juvenile and homeless loitering complaints (See hard copy in file).

I found an address for Islamic Center in Concord, in RMS. I contacted Concord PD and checked their RMS for any recent contacts, which revealed there were no recent negative contacts with the Center.

I re-contacted [redacted] and asked if there was anything else that I could do for him. He stated there is going to be a service on Friday 01/26/2007 during the time of 13:00 and 15:00 hours. He requested extra patrol for the service. I placed an extra patrol bolo on the briefing bulletin, notifying all APD patrol.

I took no further action.

Officer [redacted]

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REPORT - 2 SUPPLEMENT

Officer ID:

Supervisor:

NARRATIVE

I received this case for review on 1/26/2007.

On this date at approx. 1530 hrs Det [redacted] and I went to the listed address for the Islamic Temple to speak to RE [redacted] There was no one at the Temple so I left a card with a request for a call back.

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M/O INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY FOR INTERNAL USE

Category:

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
OTHER ENTRY METHOD
HOW WEAPON USED
CIRCUMSTANCES
ALARM
WHERE CRIME OCCURRED

Item:

OTHER
PHOTOS
UNKNOWN
SHOTS FIRED
RACIAL/RELIGIOUS/ETHNIC
NONE
BUSINESS

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Local Muslims fear Islamic center target of hate crimes

Despite suspicions, police not classifying recent damage as such

By Cassandra Braun, MEDIANEWS STAFF
Inside Bay Area

Article Last Updated: 01/30/2007 02:40:06 AM PST

ANTIOCH — Repeated vandalism at the Islamic Center of the East Bay over the past two years has some local Muslims concerned.

The most recent and violent came when clergy workers arrived on a recent morning to discover that someone had shot up the center on West 18th Street. Investigators counted seven bullets that had pierced the windows and walls of the center.

"This incident is very dire," said Mohammad Chaudhry, president of the center. "People are scared. I'm not sure what to do."

Chaudhry was opening the building when he discovered the golf-ball sized holes in the front windows facing West 18th Street.

Police say there are no leads in the case, which is being investigated as vandalism.

Investigators found no evidence that the center was targeted because of its religion, said Lt. John Vanderklugt.

"There were no messages left," said Vanderklugt, "There were no indications that it was hate related."

As members gathered for services on a Friday afternoon, traces of the shooting were all but nil — new glass replaced that which was shattered by bullets.

Still, blinds shredded by the shooting hung behind the prayer room's plate-glass window facing Antioch Middle School as a chilling indication of what might have been if people had been in the building at the time.

Along with Friday services, the center hosts gatherings, dinners and other social events throughout the weekend.

"We're lucky no one was here," said Chaudhry, who doubts that it was merely a random act of vandalism.

This is the fifth such malicious incident directed at the center in the past two years, he said.

A year ago, someone hurled a brick through the same front window. Last September, derogatory voice messages were left on the center's answering machine.

"We ignored the other stuff," said Humera Arshad, 24, "but this time, with bullets, it's very scary ... The others weren't as violent."

Chaudhry said since the center was established in Antioch roughly 8 years ago, members have enjoyed a tolerant and peaceful community. But the increasing violent nature of the pranks have given them pause for their safety.

He believes the media are partly to blame.

"My fear is that whenever there is a negative story about Muslims on TV, we see something like this," said Chaudhry. "These specials usually show Muslims in a prayer pose, and then talk about terrorism. Our praying has become a symbol of terrorism." For now police say they plan to increase patrolling in the area around the center.

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