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Vandalism to Synagogue and Other Acts of Intimidation in Miami Cause Sheriff to Ask for Public's Help in Deterring Similar Behavior Here

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David Clarke Jr. is reissuing his request for the public's help in monitoring activity around religious sites. Vandalism incidents occurred in Miami, Florida at a synagogue on Saturday and yesterday. Clarke is reminding the public of the nationwide campaign, "If You See Something, Say Something," if people note something suspicious.

A link to coverage of these incidents:

<http://miami.cbslocal.com/2014/07/28/north-miami-beach-synagogue-vandalized>

With the heightened tensions and military activity occurring in and around Israel and the Gaza strip, there is the potential that local agitators will seize upon the current climate to opportunistically attack religious sites, including synagogues, temples and mosques, and deface or vandalize them under the guise of legitimate protest.

Until the cessation of the current hostilities in the Middle East, Sheriff Clarke asks all of our Milwaukee County citizens to be particularly vigilant in observing activities occurring around area religious sites.

Any citizens observing suspicious activity in relation to these sites, and particularly activities occurring during off-worship times or under cover of darkness that may presage acts of vandalism, are asked to contact their local municipality's law enforcement immediately.

Citizens wishing to contact the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau to report suspicious activity may do so by calling MCSO Communications at 414.278.4788.

Nationwide, the "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign has been proven to be a simple and effective program to raise public awareness in helping to deter and report suspicious activity to local law enforcement authorities. Nowhere is this concept more applicable than in safeguarding our fellow citizens' houses of assembly and worship.

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