



## **Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors**

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### **Supervisor Haas Urges Community to Help Catch Attacker**

MILWAUKEE – On Monday, April 10, a man [violently attacked](#) a Muslim woman walking home from morning prayers. The woman was hospitalized and released the next day. The attacker remains at large.

Supervisor Haas released the following statement:

"As the representative of the county supervisory district in which Monday's hate crime took place, I'm extremely concerned about the safety and well-being of our Muslim neighbors.

"The brazen attack that occurred early Monday was not just an attack on one person, or on the Muslim community - it is an attack on all of us who cherish our freedoms as Americans.

"I want to express my sympathy to the woman who was attacked and her family, I urge anyone with information about this despicable act to come forward and speak to police. The person who committed this act must be apprehended so that all of us, especially our Muslim neighbors, can feel safe again.

"Thankfully the woman who was attacked did not suffer life-threatening injuries, but the emotional trauma of being attacked for one's religion beliefs is very serious and she will carry that with her for the rest of her life. No one should have to endure that kind of suffering.

"The recent increase in physical violence against individuals in our country based on perceived religious affiliations, national origin, and ethnicity is extremely troubling and I urge our neighbors to speak out and condemn hateful words and actions whenever and wherever they hear or see it.

"It is in times like this that we need to take extra care to look out for one another, and to reach out and introduce ourselves to our neighbors who are of different faiths, ethnicities, and identities.

"We can become stronger as a community despite hate crimes by celebrating our differences rather than allowing them to divide us."

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