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Incidents/Articles of Note:

- Ruckersville Pastor Indicted On Three Additional Charges (VA)
- Former Teacher And Youth Church Employee Arrested On Child Pornography Charges (VA)
- Church Employee Fired After Charges Of Electronic Solicitation Of Child (AL)
- Video Shows Suspect Shoot At Man Sitting Outside Church (CA)
- Colorado Woman Accused Of Sexually Assaulting Children (CO)
- Former Church Employee Steals More Than \$775,000 From Church (FL)
- Romanian Organized Crime Group Targeting Places Of Worship (MD)
- Pastor, Former SBC Seminary Professor Charged In DOJ Investigation (NC, TX)
- Suspect Disconnected Security Cameras During Church Burglary (PA)
- After A Gunman Tried To Shoot Him This Pastor Wants To Make His Church Safer (PA)
- FBI Aid Requested In Death Investigation Of Pastor's Wife (SC)
- North Texas Community Comes Together After Historic Church Fire (TX)

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Report | Family Research Council

Hostility Against Churches Is On The Rise In The United States

Between January 2018 and November 2023, at least 915 acts of hostility occurred. The types of acts include vandalism, arson, gun-related incidents, bomb threats, and more.

In 2023, Family Research Council identified 436 incidents - more than double the number identified in 2022 and more than eight times the number identified in 2018. These findings suggest that hostility against U.S. churches is not only on the rise but also accelerating.

Acts of hostility against churches are destructive and have the potential to intimidate a religious community. Therefore, they deserve to be condemned

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Resource | CISA

Mitigating Attacks On Houses Of Worship Security Guide

CISA analyzed ten years of targeted attacks on houses of worship to provide context to the enterprise-wide security recommendations outlined in the previous chapters. The case studies reviewed are examples of the breadth of threats a house of worship faces daily. From physical attacks such as active shooter incidents, arsons, or bombings to less visible cyberattacks, a house of worship should be vigilant in its security practices.

The best way to mitigate a potential attack is to take a holistic approach to security. This requires assigning clear roles and responsibilities for making security decisions, planning, and implementing the procedures and capabilities across the organization. A robust security plan should be tailored to the specific needs and priorities of the house of worship.

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