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MEDIA RELEASE

Prepared by: Lt. Schwartz		Date Prepared: 10/29/2020	
Type of Incident: Hate Crime			
Date and Time of Incident: Numerous incidents from 10/20/2020 – 10/26/2020			
Location of Incident: City of Ithaca			
Defendant(s): Un-named at this time		Age:	Address: Ithaca, NY
Charge(s): Multiple counts of Criminal Mischief 4th as a Hate Crime			

On October 20th, 2020 the Ithaca Police Department received a complaint of criminal mischief at a local business. Upon initial investigation it was revealed that the criminal mischief was in the form of an anti-Semitic hate slur being written on a sign, a hate crime. Further investigation revealed the business owner was specifically targeted on the basis of religion.

In the following days, the Ithaca Police Department received several other reports of anti-Semitic activity including: Anti-Semitic posters being put up in public locations, anti-Semitic graffiti/vandalism, as well as a second business that was vandalized based on the owner's religion.

On October 27th, members of the Ithaca Police Department were able to identify a suspect in the above crimes. Subsequent investigations, including the execution of a search warrant served at the suspect's residence have yielded very alarming evidence such as more hate posters, numerous items consistent with explosives such as fuse wire, caps, a timer, tubing, and an undisclosed amount of a powdered chemical were all located and collected. Additionally, this investigation yielded the recovery of rifle parts at a separate undisclosed location. The IPD has been assisted in the investigations by the New York State Police and ATF.

Chief Dennis Naylor applauded the hard work of IPD Investigators, officers and our partner agencies and adds: "There is no tolerance for any acts of targeted hatred and bigotry in our community. We at the Ithaca Police Department will always put all

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resources and energies towards addressing such incidents and as a result we were able to quickly identify the person involved and prevent any further criminal acts from occurring.”

The investigation is on-going, and the above charges will be filed shortly. At this time the suspect is not out in the community; further details will be released in a subsequent media release as soon as possible.

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