

**SECTION 3**  
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**OFFENDERS?**





# WHO COMMITS ANTISEMITIC CRIMES? META-DATA ANALYSIS

Antisemitic crimes are not abstract. They are committed by real people, target real people, and cause real pain. One of the major lacunae in combating them has been that the profiles of offenders have never been systematically studied. This lacuna results from the avoidance of ethnically sensitive issues in an academic climate dominated by political correctness, as well as from the tendency of the field to focus on pompous clichés and tired slogans.

With the aim of filling the scholarly gap, this study attempts to answer crucial questions: Who are the antisemites who assault Jews, vandalize synagogues, and threaten communities? How do they facilitate their attacks? What are their ethnic backgrounds, ages, family statuses, and occupations? What are their religious beliefs and political convictions? How do they explain their actions?

The study offers analyses of indictments proceeded against people who committed antisemitic offenses during a six-year period, 2020 to 2025, in the four countries with the largest Jewish populations outside Israel (the United States, France, Canada, and the United Kingdom). Based on surveying of legal databases and media reports, as well as interviews with defense lawyers and local journalists, the research team sought to first locate all the relevant court cases in the period studied and then to profile the backgrounds of offenders. For the United States, data of non-federal cases was not analyzed because no pertinent databases allowing for exhaustive analysis are available.

The research team located slightly fewer than 100 indictments. This number is strikingly small in comparison to the number of antisemitic incidents reported in the four countries studied over the past five years. It highlights one of the main problems of the fight against antisemitism, which was already analyzed in our Report last year<sup>1</sup>: the vast majority of offenders go unpunished.

The limitations of the profiling should be emphasized. Because only a negligible fraction of antisemitic incidents result in arrests and indictments, and these tend to be the more severe or politically high-profile cases, the research does not offer an exhaustive analysis of those involved in them. In the case of the United States, where only federal indictments were analyzed, crimes that involve interstate activities are likely overrepresented.

<sup>1</sup> Avi Teich, “Where Are the Arrests?” *Antisemitism Worldwide Report for 2024*, The Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry and the Irwin Cotler Institute for Democracy, Justice and Human Rights, Tel Aviv University, pp. 28-29.

The study informs the following about the background of offenders whose indictments were located:

- Individuals indicted for involvement in antisemitic incidents tend to be “lone wolves” rather than members of extremist, hierarchical nets and organizations obeying orders. With few exceptions, their actions are not the result of carefully premeditated and guided planning. This makes preemption more challenging, although not impossible. Still, two court cases raise concerns of Russian involvement in instigating hate against Jews as a means to undermine Western societies – concerns which to date have not gained the investigative attention they deserve.
- Men are indicted for antisemitic incidents in significantly larger numbers than women. This observation correlates with the general data on the demographic distribution of hate-criminals.<sup>2</sup>
- Antisemitic offenders show great diversity in age groups, areas of residence and ethnic extraction.
- Offenders align with two main ideological orientations. They are predominantly Christian white supremacists or Muslims who apply antisemitism as a response to grievances about Middle Eastern political developments.
- A significant number of offenders were found, or claimed, to suffer from mental illnesses. It is not clear why their situation led them to attack Jews while sparing other groups.
- In the majority of cases, credible information on the sources of radicalization is not available. Still, the absence of affiliation with in-person antisemitic organizations indicates that online sources were likely an essential part of the process.
- A disproportionate number of indicted were unemployed or worked in low-paying jobs at the time of committing their offense. Vicious antisemitic attacks are less likely to be committed by people who do well in life.

Ages of indicted individuals noted in the analyses are from the time the offenses were committed. Names, including Arabic ones, appear as they do in court documents and media reports.

The case of Jihad al-Shami, who committed the October 2, 2025, attack on the Manchester Synagogue Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation, is not included in the analysis because he was killed by police and did not face trial.

<sup>2</sup> Jack McDevitt, Jack Levin, and Susan Bennett, “Hate Crime Offenders: An Expanded Typology,” *Journal of Social Issues* 58, no. 2 (2002): pp. 303–317.

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Case data for 2020-2025 were collected from federal court records through the “Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER)” system, press releases published by the US Department of Justice (DOJ) on hate crimes, news reports, posts on social media, and interviews conducted by the research team with defense attorneys and local journalists. State-level prosecutions were not included in the analysis.

### **Mathias Douglas Kane (48, Washington, Threats)**

Mathias Douglas Kane, a 48-year-old white male from La Center, Washington, became the subject of federal prosecution for cyberstalking and interstate threats rooted in antisemitic ideology. Beginning in January 2020, the DOJ documented that Kane made repeated online threats against a neighbor who had taken in his 13-year-old child during a custody dispute. In these posts, he included explicitly antisemitic language and threats of violence against Jews, law enforcement, and Child Protective Services workers. At the time, according to the criminal complaint, Kane was living with his girlfriend and two of his other children.<sup>3</sup>

Kane self-identified as a white nationalist online, using usernames like “AshkeNAZI” and imagery that incorporated Nazi symbols, such as a white male wearing an overcoat, spray-painting a swastika on a synagogue. He posted personal information about the neighbor along with threats aimed to intimidate and coerce.<sup>4</sup> In one post, Kane wrote: “I am a White Nationalist [...] I don’t feed the Jews what they need to keep the White race suppressed like Hail Cuckery and the rest of this Zionist ran alternative media conglomerate does [...] Line up Hasbara see if you can make me stop, you fucked with my family, I will never go away, it will end in gunfire!”<sup>5</sup> In other posts he referred to his neighbor as “a fucking Jew cunt.”<sup>6</sup> Federal authorities also noted his posts about manufacturing guns and ammunition, and although no weapons were found in his home or vehicle, he refused entry to law enforcement seeking to verify whether he had firearms.<sup>7</sup>

Charged in US District Court in Tacoma, Washington, Kane faced counts of cyberstalking and interstate threats, each carrying possible prison terms; the FBI and local law enforcement treated the threats as serious enough to justify pretrial detention due to community safety concerns and risk of flight. In July 2021, Kane was sentenced to “time served” (14-months) and two-years of supervised release.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>3</sup> United States v, “Complaint for Violation,” March 13, 2020, p. 4, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.wawd.288190/gov.uscourts.wawd.288190.8.0.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., pp. 4-5.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., p. 5.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., p. 7.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., pp. 9-11.

<sup>8</sup> United States v. Kane, “United States’ Sentencing Memorandum,” July 14, 2021, pp. 1-2, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.wawd.288190/gov.uscourts.wawd.288190.110.0.pdf>.

### **Tiffany Harris (36, New York, Assault)**

Tiffany Harris, a 36-year-old African American woman from Brooklyn, New York, became the subject of federal and state proceedings after a series of assaults and related incidents that news reports and court references connected to severe mental illness. The DOJ materials and contemporaneous reporting described a history that included psychotic episodes, hallucinations, and repeated hospitalizations, as well as documented resistance to psychiatric medication.<sup>9</sup> Her religious background was not publicly identified. Her personal status was also not publicly identified.

During Hanukkah in late December 2019, Harris carried out a sequence of unprovoked assaults against visibly Orthodox Jewish women in Brooklyn. The DOJ described an incident at about 12:40 a.m. on December 27, 2019, when she approached an Orthodox Jewish woman at Eastern Parkway and Kingston Avenue in Crown Heights and slapped her, followed minutes later by additional assaults at President Street and Kingston Avenue, where one victim reported hearing Harris shout anti-Jewish language, including “fuck the Jews.” Furthermore, on December 29, 2019, Harris assaulted a Jewish woman in Prospect Heights who was walking with young children, and on December 31, 2019, she was arrested after missing a court-ordered appointment with a social worker. Harris was then ordered to be held at a hospital for psychiatric evaluation.<sup>10</sup>

Federal authorities charged Harris in 2020 under federal hate crime statutes after the criminal complaint was unsealed, and according to the criminal complaint filed by the FBI, Harris admitted she knew Crown Heights was a “Jewish neighborhood” and selected victims based on their dress.<sup>11</sup> It was reported that she later qualified for release under New York’s bail reform framework and was released without cash bail after a federal court appearance, with the matter routed toward mental health court supervision.<sup>12</sup>

### **Ali Alaheri (29, New York, Arson)**

Ali Alaheri, a 29-year-old unemployed Arab Muslim male of Brooklyn, New York, was charged in federal court after authorities alleged he set fire to a building housing a yeshiva and synagogue

<sup>9</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Brooklyn Woman Charged with Federal Hate Crimes for Antisemitic Attacks During Hanukkah,” January 28, 2020, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/brooklyn-woman-charged-federal-hate-crimes-anti-semitic-attacks-during-hanukkah>; Ben Kessler and Daniel Barnes, “Woman Accused of Attacking 3 Jewish People in Brooklyn Charged with Federal Hate Crimes,” NBC News, January 28, 2020, <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/woman-accused-slapping-3-jews-brooklyn-charged-federal-hate-crimes-n1124651>.

<sup>10</sup> Mahita Gajanan, “Woman Accused of Slapping 3 Jewish Women in New York City Charged with Federal Hate Crimes. Her Case Raises Questions for New York’s Bail Reform Laws,” *Time*, January 29, 2020, <https://time.com/5773696/tiffany-harris-charged-anti-semitic-attacks/>.

<sup>11</sup> United States v. Harris, “Amended Complaint,” February 28, 2020, pp. 3-4, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.nyed.446223/gov.uscourts.nyed.446223.10.0.pdf>.

<sup>12</sup> Noah Goldberg, “Brooklyn Hate Crime Suspect Tiffany Harris – Freed by 2020 Bail Law after Busts for Assaulting Jewish Women – Headed for No-Jail Deal,” Yahoo! News, March 20, 2021, <https://www.yahoo.com/news/brooklyn-hate-crime-suspect-tiffany-230100689.html>.

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in Brooklyn in May 2021.<sup>13</sup> Reports describe Alaheri as being homeless at the time of the alleged crimes. His personal status is not known.

According to the DOJ, in the pre-dawn hours of May 19, 2021, surveillance footage captured Alaheri piling garbage bags against the side of a 36th Street building that housed a yeshiva and synagogue and igniting them, after which firefighters responded and extinguished the blaze before it engulfed the structure. The DOJ also alleged that several hours later, he was captured on surveillance video repeatedly punching a man wearing traditional Hasidic clothing despite no prior interaction between them.<sup>14</sup>

Alaheri was arrested on May 21, 2021, and the DOJ charged him with arson involving a building used in interstate or foreign commerce. Reports also connected Alaheri to alleged vandalism at St. Athanasius Church in Bensonhurst in mid-May 2021.<sup>15</sup> A federal judge ruled Alaheri was mentally unfit to stand trial, ordering psychiatric treatment and evaluation.<sup>16</sup>



Photo by FBI

*Graffiti sprayed on the Chabad and Jewish Federation buildings by Mohamad Hamad and Talya Lubit*

### **Mohamad Hamad (23, Pennsylvania, Conspiracy and Defacement) and Talya A. Lubit (24, Pennsylvania, 24, Conspiracy and Defacement)**

Mohamad Hamad, 23, Pennsylvania, is a Coraopolis resident and Arab Muslim with Lebanese citizenship who had previously served in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard's 171st Maintenance Squadron. Talya A. Lubit, 24, Pennsylvania, is a Pittsburgh resident described as Jewish in public releases by the DOJ. Federal authorities alleged that between October 2023 and July 2024, the two conspired to deface and damage Jewish religious property in Pittsburgh, including Chabad

<sup>13</sup> US Attorney's Office, "Brooklyn Man Arrested for Arson of Yeshiva and Synagogue," May 22, 2021, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/brooklyn-man-arrested-arson-yeshiva-and-synagogue>.

<sup>14</sup> Ibid., and United States v. Alaheri, "Complaint," May 2021, pp. 2-4, [https://www.investigativeproject.org/case\\_docs/us-v-alaheri/4377/complaint.pdf](https://www.investigativeproject.org/case_docs/us-v-alaheri/4377/complaint.pdf).

<sup>15</sup> ABC7 New York, "Brooklyn Church Vandalism Suspect Arrested, Charged, Police Say," May 22, 2021, <https://abc7ny.com/post/brooklyn-church-vandalize-bensonhurst-vandalized/10675324/>.

<sup>16</sup> "St. Athanasius Hate Crime Suspect Deemed Unfit for Trial," *The Tablet*, August 26, 2022, <https://thetablet.org/st-athanasius-hate-crime-suspect-deemed-unfit-for-trial/>.

of Squirrel Hill and property associated with the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh with graffiti reading “Jews 4 Palestine” and “Funds Genocide, Hate Zionists.”<sup>17</sup>

The US Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania announced in October 2024 that investigators opened the case after reports of overnight vandalism on July 29, 2024, and stated that the affidavit described messages between Hamad and Lubit in which they planned vandalism activities and specifically discussed selecting Jewish targets.

In November 2024, a federal grand jury indicted Hamad and Lubit. In April 2025, the government announced a superseding indictment that added a third defendant, 22-year-old Micaiah Collins of Pittsburgh, and expanded allegations in the broader conspiracy investigation while stating that Hamad and Lubit had previously been indicted for their roles in defacing Jewish religious property with pro-Palestinian and anti-Zionist graffiti.<sup>18</sup>

Prosecutors also alleged Hamad had made false statements regarding his loyalty to the United States in order to obtain a Top Secret Security clearance and had expressed support for the terror organizations Hizballah and Hamas.

### **Kevin Day Dunlow (62, California, Bomb Threats)**

Kevin Day Dunlow, 62, a white American resident of Huntington Beach, California, was charged and later sentenced in federal court after a series of bomb threats and violent threats directed at a church, two synagogues and public officials in North Carolina in May 2024.<sup>19</sup> His religious background was not publicly identified. His personal status was also not publicly identified.

According to the DOJ and contemporaneous reporting, the threats began on May 1, 2024, when Dunlow called the Wake County Sheriff’s Office non-emergency line and falsely claimed he had planted a bomb inside the sheriff’s office while threatening to kill those inside. Over the following days, he escalated with additional calls that included threats against public officials and their children and used explicitly anti-Jewish language, including references to killing Jews and targeting synagogues. The DOJ alleged that on May 10, 2024, Dunlow contacted a rabbi prior to evening services and stated: “Jews didn’t deserve to live. Jews didn’t deserve

<sup>17</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Two Defendants Charged in Connection with Vandalism Targeting Jewish Property in Pittsburgh,” October 30, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/two-defendants-charged-connection-vandalism-targeting-jewish-property-pittsburgh>, and United States v. Hamad and Lubit, “Affidavit in Support of Criminal Complaint,” October 25, 2024, pp. 3-5, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.pawd.313908/gov.uscourts.pawd.313908.2.1.pdf>.

<sup>18</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Three Pittsburgh Residents Charged in Superseding Indictment with Conspiracy, Defacing and Damaging Religious Property, Making False Statements, and Possession of Destructive Devices,” April 23, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/three-pittsburgh-residents-charged-superseding-indictment-conspiracy-defacing-and>.

<sup>19</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “California Man Charged with Making Bomb Threats to North Carolina Synagogues and Government Offices,” May 24, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/california-man-arrested-making-violent-threats-against-north-carolinians>.

to be on this earth. I'm going to kill the Jews. I'm coming to the Temple to kill all the Jews and the children.”<sup>20</sup>

Dunlow was taken into custody in California on May 24, 2024, and charged with transmitting threats and knowingly making false bomb threats. In June 2025, Dunlow was sentenced to 15 months in federal prison followed by six months of home confinement and three years of supervised release.<sup>21</sup>

## **Tarek Bazrouk (20, New York, Assault)**

Tarek Bazrouk is a 20-year-old single Palestinian Muslim student from New York. Federal prosecutors alleged that between April 2024 and January 2025 Bazrouk assaulted three Jewish victims in Manhattan during protests related to the Israel-Gaza war, and that the victims were selected because they were Jewish.<sup>22</sup>

According to the indictment and letter filed by the federal prosecutor, the first incident occurred on April 15, 2024, outside the New York Stock Exchange, when Bazrouk allegedly “lunged” toward pro-Israel protesters and then kicked a Jewish college student in the stomach while being escorted to an NYPD vehicle.

The second incident occurred on December 9, 2024, near Columbia University, when he allegedly targeted a Jewish student wearing a kippah and draped in an Israeli flag, took the flag, fled, and then punched the student's brother after the two pursued him through the crowd. The third incident occurred on January 6, 2025, near 1st Avenue and East 18th Street, where prosecutors alleged he tripped a Jewish man wearing visible Jewish and Israeli identifiers and then punched him in the face.<sup>23</sup>

Bazrouk was arrested on May 7, 2025, after the indictment was unsealed, and prosecutors cited text messages and social media posts showing support for Hamas and him calling himself a “Jew hater” to support the claim that the assaults were deliberate, bias-motivated targeting of Jews rather than random protest violence.<sup>24</sup>

Replying to a request for comment to the Report, Bazrouk's defense counsel Andrew J. Dalack did not provide a separate motive narrative and instead indicated that the defense view was best understood through the publicly filed court records. In those, Dalack portrayed Bazrouk as

<sup>20</sup> US Attorney's Office, “California Man Sentenced for Making Violent Threats against North Carolinians,” June 13, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/california-man-sentenced-making-violent-threats-against-north-carolinians>.

<sup>21</sup> Ibid.

<sup>22</sup> US Attorney's Office, “New York Man Charged with Federal Hate Crimes after Repeatedly Assaulting Jewish Victims,” May 7, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/new-york-man-charged-federal-hate-crimes-after-repeatedly-assaulting-jewish-victims>.

<sup>23</sup> United States v. Bazrouk, “US Attorney Letter to The Honorable Stewart D. Aaron,” May 7, 2025, pp. 1-4, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.nysd.642032/gov.uscourts.nysd.642032.5.0.pdf>.

<sup>24</sup> Ibid., pp. 4-10.

someone who comes from a good family and with close ties to the Israeli Palestinian conflict, having family in the West Bank and a cousin who was allegedly killed by the IDF in 2008.<sup>25</sup>

In October 2025, Bazrouk was sentenced to 17 months in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release.<sup>26</sup>

### **Domagoj Patkovic (31, Oregon, Bomb Threats)**

Domagoj Patkovic, 31, of Oregon, is a White American who was publicly described as non-religious (with neo-Nazi indicators) and single; his employment status was described as unemployed. Federal prosecutors alleged that beginning on May 18, 2021, Patkovic carried out a series of hoax bomb-threat calls targeting historically Jewish hospitals and Jewish care facilities in New York City and on Long Island, prompting evacuations and emergency bomb-sweep responses despite no explosives being found.<sup>27</sup>

In May 2021, in one call to a Jewish care center, Patkovic stated: “Bombs are all over your facility and all those kikes are gonna go skyrocket up into the sky for Allah,” while in another call to a Jewish hospital in Queens, Patkovic stated he planted bombs around the building and wanted to “kill all kikes.” Several months later, in September 2021, Patkovic made another series of violent phone calls to Jewish hospitals using similar antisemitic language and claiming he had placed C-4 explosives around the buildings, stating in one instance to the woman on the line: “I’m gonna blow you to bits you fucking kike bitch.”<sup>28</sup>

Patkovic was arrested on August 20, 2024, after an indictment was unsealed in the Eastern District of New York, and he later pleaded guilty to conspiracy to make threats concerning explosives and conveying false information concerning explosives. He was sentenced on July 23, 2025, to 60 months’ imprisonment, with prosecutors stressing that the scheme endangered patients and staff, triggered costly emergency responses, and was part of a targeted pattern against Jewish institutions.<sup>29</sup>

<sup>25</sup> Interview by Antonio Peña, February 18, 2026, and United States v. Bazrouk, “Andrew J. Daleck Letter to The Honorable Richard M. Berman,” May 9, 2025, pp. 2-3, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.nysd.642032/gov.uscourts.nysd.642032.11.0.pdf>.

<sup>26</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “New York Man Sentenced to 17 Months in Prison for Hate Crimes after Repeatedly Assaulting Jewish Victims,” October 31, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/new-york-man-sentenced-17-months-prison-hate-crimes-after-repeatedly-assaulting-jewish>.

<sup>27</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Oregon Man Charged in Swatting and Bomb Threats Scheme That Targeted Jewish Hospitals in New York City and Long Island,” August 20, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/oregon-man-charged-swatting-and-bomb-threats-scheme-targeted-jewish-hospitals-new-0>.

<sup>28</sup> United States v. Patkovic, “Indictment,” August 5, 2024, pp. 2-3, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.ord.181424/gov.uscourts.ord.181424.1.0.pdf>.

<sup>29</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Oregon Man Sentenced to 60 Months for Swatting and Bomb Threats Scheme that Targeted Jewish Hospitals in New York City and Long Island,” July 23, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/oregon-man-sentenced-60-months-swatting-and-bomb-threats-scheme-targeted-jewish>.

## **Dion Marsh (27, New Jersey, Assault)**

Dion Marsh, a 27-year-old unemployed black Christian male from New Jersey, was federally charged in April 2022 in the District of New Jersey for a series of violent assaults committed in and around Lakewood against members of the Orthodox Jewish community. The DOJ stated that Marsh carried out multiple attacks in one day, including carjacking, vehicular assaults, and a stabbing, and alleged that the victims were selected because they were visibly identifiable as Orthodox Jews based on their clothing and appearance.<sup>30</sup>

In the early afternoon on April 8, 2022, Marsh first forced an Orthodox Jewish man from his car before striking him and taking his car. Later, in three separate instances, Marsh attempted to use the first victim's vehicle and another vehicle to run over Orthodox Jewish men, striking them and causing bodily injuries.<sup>31</sup> According to the DOJ's charging and later plea materials, Marsh selected his victims for their Jewish religious identity and visibility in the local Orthodox community.

In February 2024, Marsh pleaded guilty in federal court to hate-crime and carjacking charges. When Marsh was asked why he had assaulted the victims, he told officers, referring to "the Hasidic Jews": "It had to be done" and "these are the real devils," as he believed that his victims totally opposed his religion. In subsequent conversations, Marsh stated that his victims "had this coming" and hoped he would be charged with more crimes.<sup>32</sup>

In July 2024, the DOJ announced that Marsh was sentenced to 40 years in prison, again emphasizing that he violently attacked members of the Orthodox Jewish community because they were Jewish.<sup>33</sup>

## **Melanie Harris (59, California, Threats)**

Melanie Harris, 59, of California, is an unemployed black woman. Her personal status is not known. Federal prosecutors alleged Harris carried out a years-long campaign of antisemitic harassment aimed at a former Tree of Life Synagogue executive and his family in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, using repeated calls and voicemails that referenced Jews generally and the 2018 Tree of Life massacre specifically.<sup>34</sup>

<sup>30</sup> US Attorney's Office, "New Jersey Man Charged with Federal Hate Crimes for String of Violent Assaults on Members of Orthodox Jewish Community," April 20, 2022, <https://www.justice.gov/archives/opa/pr/new-jersey-man-charged-federal-hate-crimes-string-violent-assaults-members-orthodox-jewish>.

<sup>31</sup> United States v. Marsh, "Information," February 1, 2024, pp. 1-2, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.njd.539802/gov.uscourts.njd.539802.29.0.pdf>.

<sup>32</sup> United States v. Marsh, "Criminal Complaint," April 19, 2022, p. 7, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.njd.539802/gov.uscourts.njd.539802.1.0.pdf>.

<sup>33</sup> US Attorney's Office, "New Jersey Man Sentenced for Series of Violent Assaults on Members of the Orthodox Jewish Community," July 23, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/archives/opa/pr/new-jersey-man-sentenced-series-violent-assaults-members-orthodox-jewish-community>.

<sup>34</sup> US Attorney's Office, "California Woman Sentenced to Prison for Making Antisemitic Phone Threats to Former Executive Director of Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue," May 24, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/california-woman-sentenced-prison-making-anti-semitic-phone-threats-former-executive>.

According to the facts summarized by prosecutors, the first calls began in February 2019 within months of the October 2018 Tree of Life massacre and over more than four years Harris made more than 240 calls to the primary victim, while also contacting the synagogue with similar hate-filled messages. In one recorded voice message, Harris stated: “I’ll behead your kid upside her clit kike” and “I’ll behead your fucking kid upside her kike.”<sup>35</sup>

Prosecutors stated that on October 3, 2022, and through January 3, 2023, Harris left 54 threatening voicemails with variations on the threats mentioned above, including a December 2022 message where she stated: “Get the fuck out of Palestine, you bleeding ass heinie heebe kike or I’ll blow your other kid up, kike.”<sup>36</sup> Harris was arrested in March 2023.

In May 2024, Harris pleaded guilty to knowingly and intentionally transmitting a threatening communication in interstate commerce by leaving threatening antisemitic voicemails and was sentenced to 32 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release, with federal officials describing the conduct as intimidation designed to terrorize a Jewish family.<sup>37</sup>

### **Csaba John Csukás (39, California, Assault)**

Csaba John Csukás, 39, California, is a Daly City resident and former rideshare driver described in news reports as being a white male of Hungarian origin. Federal prosecutors alleged that on October 26, 2023, he assaulted a passenger at San Francisco International Airport after a dispute linked to perceived Jewish identity or Israeli national origin.<sup>38</sup>

On March 13, 2024, the US Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of California announced that Csukás had been arrested and charged by federal indictment with committing a hate crime, alleging he asked the victim whether he was Jewish or Israeli, told the victim he would not transport a Jewish or Israeli person, and then struck the victim in the face with his fist at San Francisco International Airport. The case proceeded to a jury trial in federal court, and Csukás was found not guilty of the federal hate crime charge.<sup>39</sup> In a request for comment, Csukás’ defense counsel, Candis Lea Mitchell, confirmed the not-guilty outcome after a jury trial and advised that the requested biographical details should be reported as “not available.”<sup>40</sup>

<sup>35</sup> United States v. Harris, “Superseding Indictment,” March 22, 2023, p. 1, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.flstd.637527/gov.uscourts.flstd.637527.7.0.pdf>.

<sup>36</sup> Ibid., pp. 3-6.

<sup>37</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “California Woman Pleads Guilty to Leaving Threatening Antisemitic Message,” March 8, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/california-woman-pleads-guilty-leaving-threatening-anti-semitic-message>, and US Attorney’s Office, “California Woman Sentenced to Prison.”

<sup>38</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Former California Rideshare Driver Charged with Federal Hate Crime for Antisemitic Attack on Passenger,” March 13, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndca/pr/former-california-rideshare-driver-charged-federal-hate-crime-anti-semitic-attack>.

<sup>39</sup> Niva Ashkenazi, “Ex-Lyft Driver Acquitted of Hate Crime for Punching Israeli-Jewish Passenger in Head at SFO,” *J. Weekly*, November 4, 2024, <https://jweekly.com/2024/11/04/ex-lyft-driver-acquitted-of-hate-crime-for-punching-israeli-jewish-passenger-in-head-at-sfo/>.

<sup>40</sup> Interview by Antonio Peña, February 4, 2026.

## Deep Alpesh Kumar Patel (21, Florida, Threats)

Deep Alpesh Kumar Patel, 21, Florida, is a Sarasota resident described in the media as a single, unemployed, Hindu Indian American male. Federal authorities alleged that on October 21, 2023, he left a threatening voicemail directed at the World Jewish Congress in New York City that used antisemitic slurs and explicit threats, conduct treated as a federal offense involving interstate threatening communications.<sup>41</sup>

In his call to the World Jewish Congress, Patel said: “I want to let you guys know, fuck all of you. Fuck all of you Israelis. Fuck all of you, every single one of you. I wish you guys go to hell [..] If I had a chance I would kill every single one of you Israelis. Every single one of you! Cause mass genocide of every single Israeli, Fuck you!”<sup>42</sup>

When officers asked Patel to explain the content of his phone calls, Patel stated he had contacted “Jewish centers to express his family’s anger with Israel for the genocide of the Palestinian people,” but did not intend to scare or threaten anyone.<sup>43</sup>

The Department of Justice also reported that Patel called a synagogue in Temple Terrace, Florida on the same day and left another threatening voicemail, and the government’s public account noted a hate crime enhancement reflecting that the targets were selected intentionally based on their religion. He later pleaded guilty, and on March 14, 2024, the US Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Florida announced that Patel was sentenced in federal court to six months in federal prison for transmitting a threatening communication.<sup>44</sup>

## Adam Edward Braun (34, Oregon, Vandalism)

Adam Edward Braun, 34, Oregon, is a white male. He was described as unemployed and is personal status is not known. Federal prosecutors alleged that Braun repeatedly targeted Temple Beth Israel (a synagogue in Eugene, Oregon) with antisemitic and white-supremacist graffiti over several months.<sup>45</sup>

On March 7, 2024, the US Attorney’s Office for the District of Oregon announced that Braun was charged by federal criminal complaint, describing four alleged incidents between August 2023 and January 2024 involving defacement and attempted defacement of the synagogue with antisemitic symbols and phrases, including spraying “White Power” on its exterior.<sup>46</sup>

<sup>41</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Sarasota Man Sentenced to Federal Prison for Leaving Threatening Voicemail Targeted at Jewish Individual,” March 14, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/sarasota-man-sentenced-federal-prison-leaving-threatening-voicemail-targeted-jewish>.

<sup>42</sup> United States v. Patel, “Affidavit in Support of Criminal Complaint,” November 1, 2023, p. 2, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.flmd.421304/gov.uscourts.flmd.421304.1.0.pdf>.

<sup>43</sup> Ibid., p. 3.

<sup>44</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Sarasota Man Sentenced to Federal Prison.”

<sup>45</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Oregon Man Charged with Federal Hate Crime for Defacing Synagogue,” March 7, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-or/pr/oregon-man-charged-federal-hate-crime-defacing-synagogue>.

<sup>46</sup> Ibid.

On November 12, 2024, the DOJ announced that Braun pleaded guilty to three federal hate crimes, including two counts of intentionally defacing a synagogue and one count of attempting to deface religious property.<sup>47</sup> In February 2025, Braun was sentenced to four years' probation, and US District Judge Mustafa T Kasubhai expressed disappointment in the federal government for not bringing more serious charges.<sup>48</sup> When asked for comment, Braun's defense counsel, Irina Hughes, explained that her role was not to interpret ideology but to protect due process and litigate the case based on the relevant evidence. She did not provide additional personal background details, such as personal status or religion.<sup>49</sup>

## Patrick Dai (21, New York, Online Threats)

Patrick Dai, 21, of New York, is a former Cornell University student from the Pittsford area. He was described in the media as Chinese American and single. Federal prosecutors alleged that in late October 2023, he posted anonymous online threats calling for violence against Jewish students at Cornell, including threats tied to the kosher dining hall and other Jewish spaces on or near campus.<sup>50</sup> Specifically, Dai uploaded a post saying: "Gonna shoot up 104 west [...] allah akbar," referring to the university dining hall 104 West that serves mostly kosher food and is located next to the Cornell Jewish Center.<sup>51</sup>

According to the criminal complaint, Dai made multiple other threatening statements toward Jewish students at Cornell University on the university's discussion website. Using multiple screennames, including "kill Jews," "Jew Crimes," " Hamas soldier," and "Jew evil," among others, Dai made multiple posts in which he threatened Jews, including: "If you see a Jewish 'person' on campus follow them home and slit their throats, rats need to be eliminated from Cornell," and "Watch out pig Jews. Jihad is coming. Nowhere is safe. Your synagogues will become graveyards. Your women will be raped and your children will be beheaded. Glory to Allah."<sup>52</sup>

On October 31, 2023, the US Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York announced that Dai was arrested on a federal criminal complaint charging him with posting threats to kill or injure another person using interstate communications. He later pleaded guilty in federal court to the same offense, and in August 2024, he was sentenced to 21-months imprisonment.<sup>53</sup>

<sup>47</sup> US Attorney's Office, "Oregon Man Pleads Guilty to Three Federal Hate Crimes for Defacing Synagogue," November 12, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/archives/opa/pr/oregon-man-pleads-guilty-three-federal-hate-crimes-defacing-synagogue>.

<sup>48</sup> Joanie Marguilies, "Oregon Man Who Vandalized Synagogue with White Supremacist Messaging Sentenced to Probation," *The Jerusalem Post*, March 3, 2025, <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-844416>.

<sup>49</sup> Interview by Antonio Peña, February 4, 2026.

<sup>50</sup> US Attorney's Office, "Cornell Student Arrested for Making Online Threats to Jewish Students on Campus," October 31, 2023, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndny/pr/cornell-student-arrested-making-online-threats-jewish-students-campus>.

<sup>51</sup> United States v. Dai, "Criminal Complaint," October 31, 2023, pp. 2-3, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndny/media/1346051/dl?inline>.

<sup>52</sup> Ibid., pp. 3-5.

<sup>53</sup> US Attorney's Office, "Former Cornell Student Sentenced for Posting Online Threats Against Jewish Students on Campus," August 12, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndny/pr/former-cornell-student-sentenced-posting-online-threats-against-jewish-students-campus>.

Dai's defense counsel, Lisa Peebles, argued that, from the outset, the defense position was that Dai should not be held criminally responsible because the legal elements were not met, given his psychological condition, and she rejected an antisemitic motive by describing the posts as pro-Hamas rather than anti-Jewish, emphasizing mental health and poor judgment as the drivers. That framing presented the posts as a misguided reaction tied to the Israel-Gaza war context rather than an intent to target Jews because they are Jewish.<sup>54</sup>



Screenshot of security footage of Adam Edward Braun outside synagogue, Eugene, Oregon, January 2024

### **Brian Dennison (27, Maine, Online Threats)**

Brian Dennison, 27, of Maine, is a Buxton resident and is single. Federal authorities alleged that in September 2021, during the period around the Jewish High Holy Days, Dennison used social media to post threats directed at Jews as a group, tweeting: "I'm going to kill Jews with my ar15 tomorrow."<sup>55</sup>

News reports based on court filings described him as living on family property with relatives and renting an apartment above a garage. The case proceeded in federal court in Maine on a threat offense involving interstate communications.<sup>56</sup> After a jury trial, Dennison was convicted, and on April 18, 2024, the US Attorney's Office for the District of Maine announced that he was

<sup>54</sup> Ava Pukatch, "Former Cornell Student Who Made Violent Threats to Jewish Campus Community Pleads Guilty in Federal Court," WXXI News, April 10, 2024, <https://www.wxxinews.org/local-news/2024-04-10/former-cornell-student-who-made-violent-threats-to-jewish-campus-community-pleads-guilty-in-federal-court>.

<sup>55</sup> US Attorney's Office, "Buxton Man Sentenced for Threats Against Jewish Community," April 18, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-me/pr/buxton-man-sentenced-threats-against-jewish-community>.

<sup>56</sup> Judy Harrison, "Buxton Man Accused of Threatening to Kill Jews will be Held until Bail Hearing," *Bangor Daily News*, September 14, 2021, <https://www.bangordailynews.com/2021/09/14/news/buxton-man-accused-of-threatening-to-kill-jews-will-be-held-until-bail-hearing/>.

sentenced to 12 months and one day in prison, followed by supervised release, for transmitting a threatening interstate communication tied to the antisemitic threats.<sup>57</sup>

### **Ryan Scott Bradford (34, California, Threats and Weapons Offenses)**

Ryan Scott Bradford, 34, of California, is a white male Reseda resident. He was engaged, unemployed, and non-religious.<sup>58</sup> Federal prosecutors said Bradford, a white supremacist, expressed antisemitic hate online, including posts that called for the mass killing of Jews and used Nazi symbols and propaganda, and they tied that rhetoric to a public safety investigation that led agents to search his residence and recover ammunition and multiple machine gun conversion devices.<sup>59</sup>

On July 28, 2023, the US Attorney’s Office for the Central District of California announced that Bradford was charged in the criminal complaint with conspiring to distribute methamphetamine and with being a felon in possession of ammunition. He was described as associated with a racially motivated violent extremist group, the Peckerwoods. The prosecution noted that he was prohibited from possessing ammunition because of a 2012 burglary conviction.

According to the criminal complaint, Bradford posted a series of threatening messages on Telegram regarding killing Jews. In one post referring to white supremacist David Lane’s “14 Words” slogan, Bradford stated: “I can’t promise I can kill all the Jews overnight, but long before I die of old age.” In a post on the “White Lives Matter USA California” Telegram channel, Bradford wrote: “Ready to kill some Jews with us? The white boys are gunna kick it off we’ve had enough of this kike bullshit what about you? It would be great if the blacks could just go with the flow for once instead of being a pain in our asses.”<sup>60</sup>

Bradford later pleaded guilty, and on April 19, 2024, prosecutors announced that he was sentenced to 57 months in federal prison for illegal possession of arms, with the antisemitic threats serving only as aggravating factors.<sup>61</sup>

### **Brent Wood (35, Ohio, Assault)**

Brent Wood, 35, of Ohio, is a Toledo resident and was described as Christian. He was not married at the time of the crime. Reporting on the incident also states that he invoked the name of Jesus Christ during the episode and confirmed his faith. Federal prosecutors alleged

<sup>57</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Buxton Man Sentenced.”

<sup>58</sup> United States v. Bradford, “Sentencing Letter by Ryan Scott Bradford,” April 5, 2024, p. 3, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.cacd.894514/gov.uscourts.cacd.894514.36.1.pdf>.

<sup>59</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Reseda Man Affiliated with Violent White Supremacist Group Charged with Federal Criminal Complaint Alleging Drug Trafficking Conspiracy and Ammunition Possession,” July 28, 2023, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/reseda-man-affiliated-violent-white-supremacist-group-charged-federal-criminal>.

<sup>60</sup> United States v. Bradford, “Criminal Complaint,” July 27, 2023, pp. 5-6, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.cacd.894513/gov.uscourts.cacd.894513.1.0.pdf>.

<sup>61</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Reseda Man Who Expressed Antisemitic Hate Sentenced to Federal Prison for Illegally Possessing Ammunition and Machine Guns,” April 19, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/reseda-man-who-expressed-anti-semitic-hate-sentenced-federal-prison-illegally>.

that on December 17, 2023, Wood drove a U-Haul onto the sidewalk directly in front of Kesher Israel Congregation Synagogue in Washington, D.C., then assaulted people nearby by spraying a noxious aerosol while repeatedly yelling “Gas the Jews.” Prosecutors framed the incident as obstruction of religious free exercise with a dangerous weapon in the immediate vicinity of a synagogue.<sup>62</sup>

On August 8, 2024, the US Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia announced that a federal grand jury had indicted Wood on hate-crime-related counts alleging obstruction by force or threat of force of a person’s enjoyment of the free exercise of religious beliefs while using a dangerous weapon.<sup>63</sup>

### **Jeffrey Scott Hobgood (64, North Carolina, Threatening Communications)**

Jeffrey Scott Hobgood, 64, North Carolina, is a white male resident of Troy who is single and non-religious. Federal prosecutors alleged that in October 2023 he sent a threatening email to a Jewish organization in Charlotte, North Carolina, stating: “I am going to take out every one of you.” After law enforcement made contact with Hobgood to question him about the email, he sent another message to the same organization stating: “Guess what happens to traitors?...Public execution... We are at war... If you think you semite shit are going to win, then you are delusional.”<sup>64</sup>

The case proceeded in federal court in the Middle District of North Carolina, and Hobgood later pleaded guilty to communicating threats in interstate commerce. On May 1, 2024, the US Attorney’s Office announced that he was sentenced to 18 months in prison, followed by supervised release and community service, and the DOJ summary stated that in his plea agreement he admitted that he selected the targets because of the victims’ actual or perceived religion.<sup>65</sup>

Defense counsel John Bryson argued in court that Hobgood was not planning real violence and had no intention or capacity to carry out an attack, framing the episode as driven by alcohol problems and violent language rather than an actual criminal plan. He even suggested that his client’s words did not differ from the rhetoric of Trump and the Republican Party in general.<sup>66</sup>

<sup>62</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Assault of Congregants Outside a Washington D.C. Synagogue Charged as Federal Hate Crime,” August 8, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/assault-congregants-outside-washington-dc-synagogue-charged-federal-hate-crime>, and Scott Gelman, “Court Docs: Man in U-Haul Sprayed Substance, Yelled Antisemitic Phrase Outside Georgetown Synagogue,” Wtopnews, December 18, 2023, <https://wtop.com/dc/2023/12/man-accused-of-attack-outside-georgetown-synagogue-used-fart-spray-documents-say/>.

<sup>63</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Assault of Congregants.”

<sup>64</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Troy Resident Charged with Communicating Threats,” October 17, 2023, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdnc/pr/troy-resident-charged-communicating-threats>.

<sup>65</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Montgomery County Resident Sentenced for Transmitting Threats to North Carolina Jewish Organization,” May 1, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdnc/pr/montgomery-county-resident-sentenced-transmitting-threats-north-carolina-jewish>.

<sup>66</sup> Naomi Kowles, “Judge to Weigh Whether NC Man Should Stay in Prison after Threats to Charlotte Jewish Org,” WBTV 3, October 25, 2023, <https://www.wbtv.com/2023/10/24/judge-weigh-whether-nc-man-should-stay-jail-after-threats-charlotte-jewish-org/>.

### **Ariel E. Collazo Ramos (32, North Carolina, Threats)**

Ariel E. Collazo Ramos, 32, North Carolina, is described as self-employed (selling racist, antisemitic, and white nationalist wares from his home) and of Hispanic roots. According to federal prosecutors, Ramos, a neo-Nazi, sent antisemitic threats targeting Georgia’s only Jewish State House Representative, Esther Panitch, and the Rabbi of Temple Beth Israel, Elizabeth Bahar, in Macon. Ramos sent the messages after both came out in support of Georgia House Bill 30, which defined antisemitism under state law. In each case, Ramos sent a postcard, one side of which had a depiction of a Jewish man wearing a rat costume with the text “Jews are rats” and the other side with a message written by him stating: “Is there a child rape, torture, and murder tunnel under your house? We have the Zyklon B. Use Code ‘GASTHEJEWS’ for 10% off!”<sup>67</sup>

After a three-day trial, Ramos was found guilty of mailing threatening communications with a hate crime enhancement and on February 4, 2026, he was sentenced to the maximum 5 years in prison. In a comment for the Report, Alba Maishelle Rosa Negrón, courts reporter at *The Telegraph*, said: “Ramos targeted the Macon rabbi and the Atlanta lawmaker after seeing them advocate for a Georgia House bill that would recognize antisemitism. In his words, he wanted to ‘piss them off.’ His goal was to use ragebait to draw attention to his business and he assumed the First Amendment would protect his actions. But because Gov. Brian Kemp signed that Georgia House bill, antisemitism became a prosecutable offense – leading to his conviction and sentence. He was also part of a white nationalist group in the US called the Aryan Freedom Network.”<sup>68</sup>

### **Andre Morrow Lackner (35, California, Threats and Harassment)**

Andre Morrow Lackner, 35, California, is a Northridge resident. He is non-religious, in a relationship, and unemployed. Federal prosecutors said Lackner engaged in a prolonged campaign of threatening and harassing communications directed at a Jewish woman, including violent antisemitic messages and threats referencing synagogue violence, and they framed the conduct as criminal intimidation and stalking.<sup>69</sup>

According to the indictment, Lackner sent multiple messages to the victim suggesting “the world” was trying to turn him into a murderer and his belief that people hated him. When the victim refused to meet Lackner in person, Lackner accused the victim of “not being the only Jew friend that’s been fake to me” before sending another message saying: “All the kikes cut me off [...] I’m tired of kikes putting me down all the time. Maybe Hitler was on to something.”

<sup>67</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Maximum Sentence for Neo-Nazi Guilty of Hate Crime,” February 4, 2026, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdga/pr/maximum-sentence-neo-nazi-guilty-hate-crime>.

<sup>68</sup> Interview by Antonio Peña, February 21, 2026.

<sup>69</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Northridge Man Pleads Guilty to Federal Stalking Charge and Admits Threatening Mass Shootings and Antisemitic Violence,” January 29, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/northridge-man-pleads-guilty-federal-stalking-charge-and-admits-threatening-mass>.

Months later, among other racist language targeting African Americans and Asian Americans, Lackner wrote that he “[wished he] could walk all these kikes to the gas chamber [himself].”<sup>70</sup> In his last message to the victim in August 2022 and October 2022, before his arrest, he stated: “Would you like to celebrate the next synagogue shooting?” and “I will make sure I kill a Jew before I leave this earth.”<sup>71</sup>

According to the US Attorney’s Office for the Central District of California, Lackner pleaded guilty on January 29, 2024, to one federal stalking charge and admitted to a 14-month campaign in which he threatened the victim and made antisemitic and anti-Asian statements, including threats to kill Jews and references to synagogue shootings. Prosecutors later announced on June 10, 2024, that he was sentenced to 43 months in federal prison, emphasizing that the case involved hate-based threats that placed the victim in fear of death or serious bodily injury.<sup>72</sup>

### **Blake Richard Hoover (31, Florida, Arson)**

Blake Richard Hoover, a 31-year-old white Christian male of Punta Gorda, Florida, was identified by federal and local authorities as the perpetrator of the September 19, 2025 arson attack on the Chabad Jewish Center in Punta Gorda, also known as the Chabad of Charlotte County.<sup>73</sup> Federal prosecutors stated that Hoover intentionally set fire to the building, a site used as a Hebrew school and community synagogue, and that investigators found three areas of the property spray-painted with the letter “J.” Authorities also stated that a license-plate reader captured Hoover’s vehicle near the synagogue shortly before the attack.<sup>74</sup>

According to the criminal complaint as described in press reporting, Hoover’s mother told investigators that he hated Jews and gay people, had said he intended to burn down the Jewish center, and had left home on the night of the fire with a gas can that later returned empty.<sup>75</sup> Federal authorities stated that investigators later recovered a spray-paint can and a gas can from Hoover’s residence.

On September 22, 2025, Punta Gorda Police announced Hoover’s arrest on state arson and criminal mischief charges. On September 25, 2025, the US Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Florida announced a federal arson charge carrying a mandatory minimum sentence of five years and a maximum of twenty years.<sup>76</sup>

<sup>70</sup> United States v. Lackner, “Indictment,” December 20, 2022, pp. 2-4, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.cacd.871148/gov.uscourts.cacd.871148.1.0.pdf>.

<sup>71</sup> Ibid., pp. 4-5.

<sup>72</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Northridge Man Sentenced to More Than 3½ Years in Federal Prison for Campaign in which He Threatened Violence against Jewish and Asian Americans,” June 10, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/northridge-man-sentenced-more-3-12-years-federal-prison-campaign-which-he-threatened>.

<sup>73</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Punta Gorda Man Charged in Arson of Jewish Center,” September 25, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/punta-gorda-man-charged-arson-jewish-center>, and Punta Gorda Police Department, “Man Arrested for Punta Gorda Chabad Fire,” September 22, 2025, <https://pgpdfnews.com/2025/09/22/man-arrested-for-punta-gorda-chabad-fire/>.

<sup>74</sup> Ibid.

<sup>75</sup> “A Mother’s Fear Led to the Arrest of a Man Accused of Setting Fire to a Jewish Center,” AP News, September 25, 2025, <https://apnews.com/article/7dda6f2c668e46a5442d40f66f9d0ea0>.

<sup>76</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Punta Gorda Man Charged in Arson of Jewish Center.”

## **Jaime Tran (28, California, Attempted Murder) and Eric Celaya (30, Arizona, Firearms)**

Jaime Tran, a 28-year-old Vietnamese male and former UCLA School of Dentistry student from California, was federally charged after he targeted and shot two Jewish men as they left services outside two Los Angeles synagogues on February 15 and February 16, 2023, in the Pico-Robertson area of Los Angeles. The DOJ described the shootings as separate attacks within about 24 hours and stated that the victims were selected because they were visibly Jewish, which is why prosecutors filed federal hate-crime charges along with firearms offenses tied to the shootings.<sup>77</sup>

The criminal complaint against Tran documents his history of making antisemitic and threatening remarks. Tran emailed and texted former classmates multiple messages that described Jewish people as “primitive” and included threats such as: “Someone is going to kill you, Jew,” and “I want you dead, Jew.”

In direct messages to a former Jewish classmate, Tran stated: “Fucking Jew. Piece of shit Jew. FUCK YOU JEW,” and variants thereof. He also shared a flyer published by the Goyim Defense League, a white supremacist organization, declaring: “Every single aspect of the Covid Agenda is Jewish.”<sup>78</sup> According to former classmates, Tran was expelled from dental school in 2018 after making hateful comments about other students he perceived to be Jewish.<sup>79</sup>

Tran pled guilty to two counts of hate crimes with intent to kill and two counts of using, carrying, and discharging a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence and was sentenced to 35 years in prison for attempted murder.<sup>80</sup>

Eric Celaya, 30, Arizona, is a Phoenix resident of Hispanic origin and unemployed. Federal prosecutors stated that on January 19, 2023, Celaya purchased two firearms from a federally licensed dealer in Tempe, Arizona, and falsely represented on a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Form 4473 that he was the actual purchaser, when he was in fact buying the firearms on behalf of Jaime Tran.<sup>81</sup>

<sup>77</sup> US Attorney’s Office “California Man Who Allegedly Shot Two Jewish Victims Leaving Los Angeles Synagogues Indicted for Multiple Hate Crime and Firearms Offenses,” March 23, 2023, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/man-who-allegedly-shot-two-jewish-victims-leaving-los-angeles-synagogues-indicted>, and Louis Keene, “LA Shooting Suspect Told Police He Wanted to Kill Jews, Prosecutors Say,” *The Forward*, February 17, 2023, <https://forward.com/fast-forward/537011/la-shooting-suspect-jews-jaime-tran-pico-robertson/>.

<sup>78</sup> United States v. Tran, “Criminal Complaint,” February 17, 2023, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.cacd.877359/gov.uscourts.cacd.877359.1.0.pdf>.

<sup>79</sup> Gabrielle Gillette, “Former UCLA Dentistry Student Sentenced to 35 Years for 2023 Shooting of Jewish Men,” *Daily Bruin*, October 3, 2024, <https://dailybruin.com/2024/10/03/former-ucla-dentistry-student-sentenced-35-years-for-2023-shooting-of-jewish-men>.

<sup>80</sup> US Attorney’s Office “Former California Man Sentenced to 35 Years in Prison for Attempting to Murder Two Jewish Men Leaving Los Angeles Synagogues Last Year,” September 30, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/archives/opa/pr/former-california-man-sentenced-35-years-prison-attempting-murder-two-jewish-men-leaving-los>.

<sup>81</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Man Who Provided Guns to Shooter of Two Jewish Community Members in California Sentenced to Prison,” November 1, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-az/pr/man-who-provided-guns-shooter-two-jewish-community-members-california-sentenced-prison>.

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According to the US Attorney’s Office for the District of Arizona, Celaya later provided the firearms to Tran, who used them on February 15 and 16, 2023, to shoot two Jewish community members in California in offenses charged as hate crimes in the Central District of California. The DOJ summary also stated that Celaya pleaded guilty on May 15, 2024, to making a material false statement during the purchase of a firearm. He was later sentenced to eight months in prison followed by 36 months of supervised release, while noting that there was no evidence Celaya was aware of Tran’s intentions or beliefs.<sup>82</sup>



Photo by YouTube

Mug shot of Jamie Tran aired on ABC7 News, 2023

### Walter James (38, Washington, D.C., Assault)

Walter James, 38, of Washington, D.C., is a defendant described as unemployed and affiliated with the Black Hebrew Israelite faith. Federal prosecutors alleged that on July 10, 2024, he attacked a stranger walking through Foggy Bottom while the victim was wearing a kippah, repeatedly punching him without provocation and yelling antisemitic statements during and immediately after the assault. Among the antisemitic statements James uttered were: “You are murdering innocent men, women, and children in Gaza”; “They’re the cause of all our wars – killing the children of Palestine”; “You control us with money”; “You are not the real Jewish [sic]”; and “You guys kill people in Gaza.”<sup>83</sup>

The US Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia announced on September 19, 2024, that a federal grand jury returned an indictment charging James with causing bodily harm to an

<sup>82</sup> Ibid., and AZFamily Digital News Staff, “Phoenix Man Sentenced for Buying Guns in Los Angeles Hate Crime,” AZFamily, November 1, 2024, <https://www.azfamily.com/2024/11/02/phoenix-man-sentenced-buying-guns-used-los-angeles-hate-crime/>.

<sup>83</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Federal Hate Crime Charges Brought for Assault on Stranger Wearing a Yarmulke in Foggy Bottom,” September 19, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/federal-hate-crime-charges-brought-assault-stranger-wearing-yarmulke-foggy-bottom>.

individual due to actual or perceived religion, and the DOJ summary stated that the victim suffered cuts, abrasions, and swelling. Media reports noted that the victim recorded a video of the assault, with references to the “true children of Israel.” In their more extreme forms, the Hebrew Israelites hold that black people are the true Israelites and true Jews.<sup>84</sup>

### **Mufid Fawaz Alkhader (29, New York, Firearms)**

Mufid Fawaz Alkhader, a 29-year-old Arab Muslim male in a relationship residing in Schenectady, New York, was born in Iraq and later obtained US citizenship. Federal prosecutors stated that on December 7, 2023, just before Hanukkah, he traveled to Temple Israel in Albany, fired a shotgun into the air while shouting “Free Palestine,” attempted to fire again when the weapon jammed, and then tried to remove an Israeli flag outside the synagogue.<sup>85</sup> According to the criminal complaint, Alkhader stated that “events in the Middle East have impacted him” and claimed he was a regular user of marijuana.<sup>86</sup>

The case proceeded in federal court in Albany, where Alkhader later pleaded guilty in February 2025 to civil rights and firearm charges based on his acts at Temple Israel. On August 12, 2025, the US Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of New York announced that he was sentenced to 120 months in prison for conspiring to illegally straw purchase a firearm, obstructing the free exercise of religious beliefs with a dangerous weapon, and brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. News reports on the sentencing also described the defense’s request for a lower sentence and the prosecution’s request for a 10-year sentence.<sup>87</sup>

Albany County reporter Patrick Tine declined to offer an opinion and directed attention to the public record, stating on February 19, 2026: “I am not going to give you my opinion or speculate on this matter. I would recommend reading the publicly available case file on Mr. Alkhader, including the sentencing memorandum filed by his attorney.”<sup>88</sup>

### **John Reardon (60, Massachusetts, Threats)**

John Reardon, a 60-year-old white male in a relationship of Millis, Massachusetts, was charged in January 2024 with making repeated antisemitic threats directed at Jewish people and Jewish

<sup>84</sup> Ethan Kaufman, “‘You Corrupt the World!’ Jewish Man Wearing Kippah Assaulted in Washington, DC,” *The Alegemeiner*, July 11, 2024, <https://www.algemeiner.com/2024/07/11/you-corrupt-world-jewish-man-wearing-kippah-assaulted-washington-dc>, and Tyler Iglesias, “Man Arrested for Assault as Hate Crime near Foggy Bottom Metro,” *The GW Hatchet*, July 19, 2024, <https://gwhatchet.com/2024/07/19/man-arrested-for-assault-as-hate-crime-near-foggy-bottom-metro/>.

<sup>85</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Schenectady Man Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison for Firearm and Religious Hate Crimes Involving the Firing of Shots Outside of Temple Israel,” August 12, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndny/pr/schenectady-man-sentenced-10-years-prison-firearm-and-religious-hate-crimes-involving>.

<sup>86</sup> United States v. Alkhader, “Criminal Complaint,” December 7, 2023, pp. 2-3, <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/24203434-criminal-complaint-against-mufid-fawaz-alkhader/>.

<sup>87</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Schenectady Man Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison for Firearm and Religious Hate Crimes Involving the Firing of Shots Outside of Temple Israel,” August 12, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndny/pr/schenectady-man-sentenced-10-years-prison-firearm-and-religious-hate-crimes-involving>.

<sup>88</sup> Interview by Antonio Peña, February 19, 2026.

institutions in Massachusetts, including synagogues in Attleboro and Sharon. The Department of Justice also noted that Reardon had made harassing calls to the Israeli Consulate in Boston as part of the broader criminal conduct for which he was charged in federal court.<sup>89</sup>

On the morning of January 25, 2024, Reardon called the Congregation Agudas Achim synagogue in Attleboro, Massachusetts. He left a two-minute-long voice message making the following statements, among others: “From the river to the sea.” “End the genocide, or it is time to end Israel and all the Jews.” “You do realize that by supporting genocide that means it’s okay for people to commit genocide against you.” “If you can bomb their fucking places of worship we can bomb yours, if you can kill their children we can kill yours.” “I supported Jewish people [...] Not anymore. A matter of fact I think we should kill you all.”<sup>90</sup>

In the course of questioning by officers, Reardon admitted he found the congregation’s phone number on Google and an investigation of his phone revealed he had called another synagogue and Jewish institution in the state. On two prior occasions, he had made threatening phone calls to a K-12 school and a bank.<sup>91</sup>

The case proceeded in the District of Massachusetts, where Reardon later pleaded guilty in November 2024 to federal counts including obstruction of the free exercise of religion by threat of force, transmitting threats in interstate commerce, and stalking using a facility of interstate commerce.<sup>92</sup> On August 14, 2025, he was sentenced to 26 months in prison followed by supervised release, and the DOJ announced that restitution was also ordered.<sup>93</sup>

Reuters journalist Nate Raymond reported that Reardon’s threats were aimed at synagogues and Jewish people and that the conduct began after the 2023 Israel-Hamas war, and framed Reardon’s criminal conduct as a response to the war in Gaza.<sup>94</sup>

## **Donavon Parish (27, Mississippi, Cyberstalking and Harassment)**

Donavon Parish, a 27-year-old white, unemployed, married, Christian male residing in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He was accused by Federal prosecutors of conducting a sustained campaign of cyberstalking and antisemitic harassment directed at synagogues, Jewish institutions, and Jewish-owned businesses.

<sup>89</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Massachusetts Man Charged with Threatening to Kill Members of Jewish Community and Bomb Synagogues,” January 29, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/massachusetts-man-charged-threatening-kill-members-jewish-community-and-bomb-synagogues>.

<sup>90</sup> United States v. Reardon, “Statement in Support of Criminal Complaint,” January 29, 2024, p. 3, [https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.mad.266159/gov.uscourts.mad.266159.2.2\\_1.pdf](https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.mad.266159/gov.uscourts.mad.266159.2.2_1.pdf).

<sup>91</sup> Ibid., p. 5.

<sup>92</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Massachusetts Man Pleads Guilty to Threatening to Kill Members of Jewish Community and Bomb Synagogues,” November 25, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/massachusetts-man-pleads-guilty-threatening-kill-members-jewish-community-and-bomb>.

<sup>93</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Massachusetts Man Who Threatened to Kill Members of Jewish Community and Bomb Synagogues Sentenced to Prison,” August 14, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/massachusetts-man-who-threatened-kill-members-jewish-community-and-bomb-synagogues>.

<sup>94</sup> Nate Raymond, “Massachusetts Man Sentenced to 26 Months for Threats to Synagogues, Israel Consulate,” Reuters, August 14, 2025, <https://www.reuters.com/legal/litigation/massachusetts-man-sentenced-26-months-threats-synagogues-israel-consulate-2025-08-14/>.

The DOJ stated that Parish used a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service to make repeated threatening calls in April and May 2022 to institutions and businesses selected because they were Jewish.<sup>95</sup> In these phone calls, Parish “repeatedly referenced Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party’s genocide of approximately six million Jewish people,” including stating: “Heil Hitler,” “All Jews should burn,” “All Jews must die,” “Gas the Jews,” and “Hitler should have finished the job.”<sup>96</sup>

Parish later pleaded guilty to one count of cyberstalking and five counts of abuse and harassment using a telecommunications device, and admitted that he targeted the victims based on their actual or perceived religion.<sup>97</sup> The DOJ later announced that on November 26, 2024, he was sentenced to 24 months in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release, emphasizing the fear and disruption the repeated threats caused for the Jewish institutions and communities he targeted.<sup>98</sup>

Defense counsel James McHugh said in an emailed statement to the press that Parish accepted responsibility, pleaded guilty, and told the judge he was ashamed of what he did, adding that since his arrest, he had taken steps to make sure it never happens again.<sup>99</sup>

### **Donovan Hall (35, Arizona, Threats and Stalking)**

Donovan Hall, a 35-year-old unemployed male with unknown relationship status residing in Mesa, Arizona, is alleged to have conducted a sustained campaign of interstate antisemitic threats and stalking directed at Jewish victims in New York City. Federal prosecutors allege a constant pattern of harassment and intimidation that included approximately 1,000 threatening contacts over a period of months. In multiple phone calls to different individuals, including the owner of a hotel in Manhattan, Hall made antisemitic and violent threats to torture, mutilate and murder them and their families, as well as texted photographs of two firearms and a machete he said he would use to kill them.<sup>100</sup> Halls’ threats first targeted a Manhattan hotel owner after seeing a video the owner’s son, a soldier in the Israel Defense Forces, posted online of his serving in Gaza.<sup>101</sup>

<sup>95</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Mississippi Man Sentenced to Two Years in Prison for Cyberstalking and Antisemitic Harassment of Synagogues, Jewish-Owned Businesses,” November 26, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edpa/pr/mississippi-man-sentenced-two-years-prison-cyberstalking-and-antisemitic-harassment>.

<sup>96</sup> United States v. Parish, “Superseding Information,” May 16, 2024, pp. 2-3, [https://www.investigativeproject.org/case\\_docs/us-v-parish/4926/superseding-information.pdf](https://www.investigativeproject.org/case_docs/us-v-parish/4926/superseding-information.pdf).

<sup>97</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Mississippi Man Pleads Guilty to Cyberstalking and Making Antisemitic Threats Targeting Synagogues and Jewish-Owned Businesses,” June 18, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/archives/opa/pr/mississippi-man-pleads-guilty-cyberstalking-and-making-antisemitic-threats-targeting>.

<sup>98</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Mississippi Man Sentenced to Two Years in Prison.”

<sup>99</sup> Robert Moran, “Mississippi Man Charged with Threats to Philly-Area Synagogues and Jewish-Owned Businesses,” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, July 13, 2023, <https://www.inquirer.com/news/donavon-parish-antisemitic-threats-philadelphia-20230713.html>.

<sup>100</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Man Sentenced for Interstate Antisemitic Threats and Interstate Stalking Targeting Jewish Victims,” October 31, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/>.

<sup>101</sup> Luke Tress, “Man who Threatened Jewish Hotel Owners in NYC Sentenced to 4 Years in Prison,” *The Times of Israel*, October 31, 2025, <https://www.timesofisrael.com/man-who-threatened-jewish-hotel-owners-in-nyc-sentenced-to-4-years-in-prison/>.

According to Luke Tress, the New York correspondent for *The Times of Israel*, in a comment for the Report: “Hall began threatening the hotel after an online campaign against the owners due to their son’s service in Gaza. Some people will always take online or protest rhetoric a step further, which is why hateful campaigns are dangerous [...] There’s understandable anger about Gaza but that doesn’t track with threatening to kill employees at a hotel.”<sup>102</sup>

Hall was arrested in Mesa, Arizona, on November 22, 2024, and charged with two counts of making interstate threats, each with a maximum five-year sentence, and one count of interstate stalking, with a maximum sentence of five years. He later pleaded guilty and was sentenced on October 30, 2025, to 49 months in federal prison.<sup>103</sup> During his sentencing, Hall apologized and expressed remorse for his actions, saying he did not “mean to be that person anymore” and that his victims “did not deserve to be treated the way he was treating them.”<sup>104</sup>

### **Franklin Barrett Sechriest (18, Texas, Arson)**

Franklin Barrett Sechriest, an 18-year-old, single, white student from San Marcos, Texas, was indicted in March 2022 in the Western District of Texas for setting an intentional fire at Congregation Beth Israel in Austin on October 31, 2021. The DOJ stated that Sechriest approached the synagogue around 9:00 p.m., carrying a five-gallon container and toilet paper toward the sanctuary area, and that surveillance footage then captured a glow consistent with ignition coming from that direction.<sup>105</sup>

During the search of Sechriest’s vehicle, officers found stickers with swastikas and anti-Jewish, anti-immigrant, and racist messages. One asked: “Would you kill them all to seize your rights?” with graphics depicting a Jewish rabbi, doctor, and law enforcement officer.<sup>106</sup> In his journal, officers found plans for scouting and targeting the synagogue, as well as entries admitting to the arson attack and following the investigation.<sup>107</sup>

Sechriest pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison, emphasizing that he admitted targeting the synagogue because of anti-Jewish hatred.<sup>108</sup> Defense attorney Richard L. Cofer II argued that Sechriest’s antisemitic ideology developed through online hate-group indoctrination during the COVID-19 period. The case was prosecuted on the theory that a

<sup>102</sup> Interview by Antonio Peña, February 21, 2026.

<sup>103</sup> Mathilda Heller, “Man Sentenced to 49 Months for Antisemitic Terror Campaign against Jewish New Yorkers,” *Jerusalem Post*, November 2, 2025, <https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-872461>.

<sup>104</sup> Tress, “Man who Threatened Jewish Hotel Owners.”

<sup>105</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Texas Man Charged with Civil Rights Violations for Setting Fire to Synagogue,” March 24, 2022, <https://www.justice.gov/archives/opa/pr/texas-man-charged-civil-rights-violations-setting-fire-synagogue>, and United States v. Sechriest, “Criminal Complaint,” November 12, 2021, pp. 2-4, [https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.txwd.1166525/gov.uscourts.txwd.1166525.3.0\\_7.pdf](https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.txwd.1166525/gov.uscourts.txwd.1166525.3.0_7.pdf).

<sup>106</sup> United States v. Sechriest, “Criminal Complaint,” p. 6.

<sup>107</sup> *Ibid.*, pp. 8-11.

<sup>108</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Texas Man Sentenced for Antisemitic Hate Crime after Seeking to Burn Down Synagogue,” November 29, 2023, <https://www.justice.gov/archives/opa/pr/texas-man-sentenced-antisemitic-hate-crime-after-seeking-burn-down-synagogue>.

Jewish house of worship was intentionally selected for intimidation and interference with religious practice.<sup>109</sup>

### **Mohamed Sabry Soliman (45, Colorado, Assault)**

Mohamed Sabry Soliman, 45, is an Egyptian Muslim male and employed. Public filings state that he lived in Colorado Springs with his wife and five children. In the federal proceedings referenced here, the central dispute includes whether his alleged target selection should be treated as hate crime conduct based on protected status or instead as conduct driven by a political label, with prosecutors arguing that victims were chosen because of perceived ties to Israel.<sup>110</sup>

According to the Justice Department, a federal indictment unsealed in Denver alleges that on June 1, 2025, Soliman used Molotov cocktails to attack members of the group “Run for Their Lives” and others gathered in the park in front of the Boulder County Courthouse. He approached the group around 1:30 p.m., throwing “two Molotov cocktails that he had ignited” while shouting “Free Palestine!”

The indictment further alleges he carried a backpack sprayer with flammable liquid and a container holding “at least 18 glass bottles and jars” with flammable liquid, some with red rags as wicks. The release says investigators later recovered a handwritten document from his vehicle stating: “Zionism is our enemies untill [sic] Jerusalem is liberated and they are expelled from our land,” and describing Israel as a “cancer entity.” It also alleges that in a law-enforcement interview, Soliman said he viewed “anyone supporting the exist [sic] of Israel on our land” as “Zionist,” that he “decide[d] to take [his] revenge from these people,” and that he “search[ed] the internet looking for any Zionist event,” learning about the group through online searches and identifying it by “the flags and signs they carried.”<sup>111</sup>

Defense counsel David Kraut argued in federal court that the attack should not be treated as a hate crime because, in his view, Soliman was looking for “Zionists” and acting against a political movement rather than targeting Jews as a religion or Israelis as a national group. In the hearing, Kraut framed the issue by stating on June 18, 2025: “What really matters in this hearing is did Mr. Soliman define Zionism as national origin in his mind?” and then added, “He defines Zionism according to political opinion.”<sup>112</sup>

<sup>109</sup> FOX 7 Austin, “Man Sentenced to 10 Years for Setting Austin Synagogue on Fire,” November 29, 2023, <https://www.fox7austin.com/news/franklin-sechriest-congregation-beth-israel-fire-austin-texas>.

<sup>110</sup> US Department of Justice, “Alleged Perpetrator of Terror Attack in Colorado Charged with Hate Crimes,” June 25, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/alleged-perpetrator-terror-attack-colorado-charged-hate-crimes>, and United States v. Soliman, “Affidavit in Support of an Application for a Criminal Complaint and Arrest Warrant,” June 1, 2025, [https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.cod.244444/gov.uscourts.cod.244444.1.2\\_1.pdf](https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.cod.244444/gov.uscourts.cod.244444.1.2_1.pdf).

<sup>111</sup> Ibid.

<sup>112</sup> Ari Schneider and Jeremy Roebuck, “Hate Crime Case against Boulder Attack Suspect can Proceed, Judge Rules,” *The Washington Post*, June 18, 2025, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2025/06/18/soliman-boulder-attack-hate-crime-israeli-hostages/>.

## Elias Rodriguez (31, Washington, D.C., Murder)

Elias Rodriguez, 31, Illinois, is a Chicago resident with a Latin American background, single, employed and a non-practicing Christian. Federal authorities charged him in Washington, D.C. in connection with the May 21, 2025, fatal shootings of two Israeli Embassy staff members outside the Capital Jewish Museum. The initial charging documents included federal and D.C. murder and firearms offenses.<sup>113</sup>

In August 2025, the DOJ announced that a federal grand jury returned an indictment adding federal hate crime counts, along with murder and firearms offenses tied to the same incident, and described the victims, Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim, as Israeli Embassy staff members leaving an event at the Capital Jewish Museum. On February 4, 2026, prosecutors unsealed a superseding indictment adding multiple terrorism related offenses, and the US Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia publicly described the expanded charges as reflecting the government's theory that the shootings were a targeted act of terror against the victims and the Jewish community.<sup>114</sup>

According to news reports, Rodriguez allegedly shouted at the scene: "I did it for Palestine" and "I did it for Gaza." The prosecution alleged the victims were selected in connection with an Israeli and Jewish setting.<sup>115</sup>

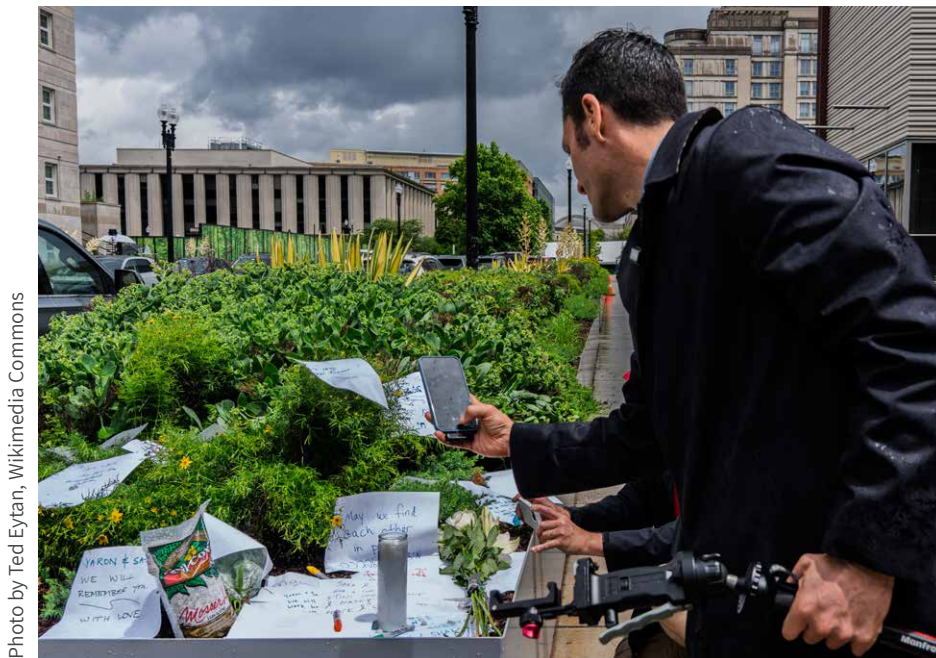


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*Memorial for the two Israeli Embassy staffers murdered outside the Jewish Museum, Washington, D.C., May 2025*

<sup>113</sup> US Attorney's Office, "Alleged Perpetrator of Shooting in Washington, D.C. Charged with Hate Crimes," August 7, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/alleged-perpetrator-shooting-washington-dc-charged-hate-crimes>.

<sup>114</sup> US Attorney's Office, "New Terrorism-Related Charges Filed against Alleged Killer of Israeli Embassy Employees," February 5, 2026, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/new-terrorism-related-charges-filed-against-alleged-killer-israeli-embassy-employees>.

<sup>115</sup> "US Charges Suspect with Terrorism in Killing of Two Israeli Diplomats," Reuters, February 4, 2026, <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-charges-suspect-with-terrorism-killing-two-israeli-diplomats-2026-02-04/>.

## Timur Mamatov (20, Ohio, Assault)

Timur Mamatov, a 20-year-old single Muslim male of Turk origin of Tipp City, Ohio, was federally prosecuted in the Southern District of Ohio for an antisemitic assault that occurred near The Ohio State University. DOJ summaries describe a November 10, 2023, incident outside a Columbus bar in which he confronted a group of students, identified at least one victim as Jewish after noticing a visible Jewish symbol, and then assaulted the victims, which prosecutors treated as a bias-motivated federal hate-crime offense rather than an ordinary fight.<sup>116</sup>

According to reports, Mamatov and a friend approached a group of students after noticing one wearing a chai necklace, asking them if they were Jewish. When the group affirmed that they were, Mamatov punched one of the people, fracturing his jaw, while another victim had his nose broken in the fight that ensued.<sup>117</sup>

Mamatov ultimately pleaded guilty in federal court in August 2025, with sentencing set for sometime in 2026. Mamatov's defense counsel Joseph Robert Medici, in a comment for the Report, declined to elaborate further on Mamatov's case and underlying motivations due to his office's involvement in similar cases, while the US Attorney who prosecuted Mamatov noted that Mamatov admitted in court he assaulted the victims because they were Jewish.<sup>118</sup>

## Everardo Gregorio (31, Arizona, Arson)

Everardo Gregorio, a 31-year-old single, unemployed, Latin American, Christian male of Casa Grande, Arizona, was federally indicted in the District of Arizona on a hate-crime charge alleging that on March 3, 2025, he burned part of Khal Chasidim, a synagogue and Jewish community center in Casa Grande. The DOJ stated that the damaged portion of the building included a worship space as well as areas used for a kosher grocery store and restaurant, and introduced the federal charge of obstruction of the free exercise of religious beliefs by fire.<sup>119</sup>

Local reporting in March 2025 stated that Casa Grande police arrested Gregorio in connection with the fire shortly after the incident and reported that the community center sustained significant damage. Coverage of the arrest also described surveillance evidence and the timing of the fire, which news reports used to frame the case initially as a local arson investigation before the later federal hate-crime indictment.<sup>120</sup>

<sup>116</sup> US Attorney's Office, "Man Pleads Guilty to Antisemitic Assault Near College Campus," August 15, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/man-pleads-guilty-antisemitic-assault-near-college-campus>.

<sup>117</sup> "20-Year-Old Pleads Guilty to Assault on Jewish Students at Ohio State," *Cleveland Jewish News*, August 15, 2025, [https://www.clevelandjewishnews.com/jns/20-year-old-pleads-guilty-to-assault-on-jewish-students-at-ohio-state/article\\_6e2fd181-d32e-589c-954c-aa58764d6558.html](https://www.clevelandjewishnews.com/jns/20-year-old-pleads-guilty-to-assault-on-jewish-students-at-ohio-state/article_6e2fd181-d32e-589c-954c-aa58764d6558.html).

<sup>118</sup> Interview by Antonio Peña, February 21, 2026, and ABC6/WSYX Staff, "Ohio Man Pleads Guilty to Antisemitic Assault near OSU Campus," August 15, 2025, <https://abc6onyourside.com/news/local/ohio-man-pleads-guilty-to-antisemitic-assault-near-osu-campus-timur-mamatov-department-of-justice-ohio-state-antisemitism>.

<sup>119</sup> US Attorney's Office, "Arizona Man Charged with Hate Crime for Synagogue Fire," November 20, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/arizona-man-charged-hate-crime-synagogue-fire>.

<sup>120</sup> Alexis Cortez, "Man Arrested for Alleged Arson of Jewish Community Center in Casa Grande," *AZ Family*, March 6, 2025, <https://www.azfamily.com/2025/03/06/man-arrested-alleged-arson-jewish-community-center-casa-grande/>.

By November 2025, DOJ publicly announced the federal indictment and also noted that Gregorio separately faced state arson charges from the Pinal County Attorney's Office, with the federal case proceeding on the theory that the fire obstructed Jewish religious practice. An Arizona local television station coverage likewise emphasized that the fire damaged the synagogue building and affected kosher-related spaces there.<sup>121</sup> Court proceedings are ongoing.

### **William Alexander (49, Alaska, Threats)**

William Alexander, a 49-year-old white male from Alaska, became the subject of a federal prosecution after authorities alleged he made threatening communications directed at a synagogue in Los Angeles, California. According to court documents, on November 1, 2019, Alexander used his cellphone to call a synagogue, leaving a voicemail stating: "I'm coming for you kikes. You're all going to pay. Bye bye kikes. Bye bye kikes. I'm gonna kill you all."<sup>122</sup> The case focused on interstate threats aimed at a Jewish place of worship and preventing congregants of their right to freely exercise their religion.

Alexander admitted responsibility and pleaded guilty in federal court to one count of making threatening interstate communications and one count of intentionally obstructing and attempting to obstruct persons in the enjoyment of their free exercise of religious beliefs through the threatening use of force.<sup>123</sup> Information regarding his sentencing was not available.

### **Douglas G. Schifer (65, Ohio, Threats)**

Douglas G. Schifer, a 65-year-old male from Ohio, was federally charged in the Southern District of Ohio after allegedly making antisemitic threats toward his neighbors, using threats of force to intimidate them because of their religion, and breaking a window at their home during a November 7, 2020, incident.

The DOJ's charging announcement described the conduct as a federal hate-crime case tied to religion and housing-related intimidation.<sup>124</sup>

According to the criminal complaint, Schifer lived next door to his victims in Columbus and the incident started as a dispute over their dogs barking at one another. Schifer allegedly called his neighbor a "fucking liberal" and threatened to poison his dog, before escalating his

<sup>121</sup> Alexis Cortez and Austin Walker, "Man Charged with Hate Crime for Arson at Casa Grande Synagogue," AZFamily, November 20, 2025, <https://www.azfamily.com/2025/11/20/man-charged-with-hate-crime-arson-casa-grande-synagogue/>.

<sup>122</sup> United States v. Alexander, "Plea Agreement," April 1, 2021, p. 5, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.akd.65324/gov.uscourts.akd.65324.19.0.pdf>.

<sup>123</sup> US Attorney's Office, "Alaska Defendant Pleads Guilty for Threatening Los Angeles Synagogue," May 27, 2021, <https://www.justice.gov/archives/opa/pr/alaska-defendant-pleads-guilty-threatening-los-angeles-synagogue>, and "Alaska Man William Alexander Pleads Guilty to Kill Congregants of Los Angeles Synagogue," Newsweek, May 27, 2021, <https://www.newsweek.com/alaska-man-william-alexander-pleads-guilty-kill-congregants-los-angeles-synagogue-1595657>.

<sup>124</sup> US Attorney's Office, "Columbus Man Charged with Hate Crime for Making Antisemitic Threats to Neighbors, Breaking Their Window," March 18, 2021, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdoh/pr/columbus-man-charged-hate-crime-making-anti-semitic-threats-neighbors-breaking-their>.

rhetoric, stating: “All you fucking people, it’s no wonder Hitler burned you people in ovens,” and “Fucking Hitler should have gassed you.” He threatened to burn down the neighbors’ garage.

Later, in a further altercation, Schifer called his neighbor a “fucking heeb” and threatened: “I hope you only find smoke on the outside, you fucking Jew.”<sup>125</sup> Furthermore, Schifer had allegedly made antisemitic comments to the previous neighbors, who were also Jewish.

Schifer pleaded guilty to criminally interfering with the right to fair housing, and he received six months in prison, a \$50,000 fine, and one year of supervised release.<sup>126</sup>

## **Henry “Michael” Dwight Williams (33, Texas, Firearms Sale)**

Henry “Michael” Dwight Williams, a 33-year-old married black male with a criminal record from Texas, was federally prosecuted in the Northern District of Texas after investigators traced the pistol used by Malik Faisal Akram in the January 2022 hostage crisis at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville back to Williams. Akram was shot dead by police at the congregation, and the crisis ended with no casualties reported.

The DOJ first announced in January 2022 that Williams had been charged by criminal complaint with being a felon in possession of a firearm, and it emphasized that whether he knew the buyer’s later intent was largely irrelevant to that firearms charge.<sup>127</sup>

According to the criminal complaint, Williams told officers Akram had told him he needed the weapon to intimidate someone who owed him money.<sup>128</sup> Williams was prosecuted for an illegal gun transaction, not for personally selecting Jewish victims as a hate crime target or committing a crime directly against Jewish victims.<sup>129</sup> The DOJ later reported that Williams was indicted, pleaded guilty in June 2022, and was sentenced in October 2022 to 95 months in federal prison for the gun offense.<sup>130</sup>

<sup>125</sup> United States v. Schifer, “Criminal Complaint,” November 7, 2020, pp. 3-5, [https://www.investigativeproject.org/case\\_docs/us-v-schifer/4358/complaint.pdf](https://www.investigativeproject.org/case_docs/us-v-schifer/4358/complaint.pdf).

<sup>126</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Former Columbus Man Sentenced to Prison for Hate Crime That Involved Making Antisemitic Threats to Neighbors, Breaking Their Window,” November 23, 2021, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdoh/pr/former-columbus-man-sentenced-prison-hate-crime-involved-making-antisemitic-threats>.

<sup>127</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Man Who Sold Pistol Used in Synagogue Hostage Crisis Federally Charged,” January 26, 2022, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndtx/pr/man-who-sold-pistol-used-synagogue-hostage-crisis-federally-charged>.

<sup>128</sup> United States v. Williams, “Criminal Complaint,” January 13, 2022, pp. 3-4, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndtx/press-release/file/1465966/dl>.

<sup>129</sup> Sarah N. Lynch, “US Charges Man with Selling Gun Used in Synagogue Hostage Crisis,” *Reuters*, January 26, 2022, <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-charges-man-with-selling-gun-used-synagogue-hostage-crisis-2022-01-26/>.

<sup>130</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Man Who Sold Pistol Used in Synagogue Hostage Crisis Sentenced to 95 Months in Prison for Gun Crime,” October 24, 2022, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndtx/pr/man-who-sold-pistol-used-synagogue-hostage-crisis-sentenced-95-months-prison-gun-crime>.

### **Alexander Giannakakis (37, Massachusetts, Obstruction)**

Alexander Giannakakis, a 37-year-old employed white male with Swedish roots in a relationship from Quincy, Massachusetts, was federally prosecuted in Boston for obstructing an investigation into four fires set at Jewish or Jewish-affiliated institutions in the Boston area in May 2019. The DOJ stated that the underlying investigation involved two fires at a Chabad Center in Arlington (May 11 and May 16, 2019), one at a Chabad Center in Needham, and one at a Jewish-affiliated business in Chelsea (May 26, 2019), and alleged that Giannakakis made misleading statements and concealed evidence during the investigation.

According to DOJ's indictment summary and later case updates, investigators considered Giannakakis's younger brother the main suspect in the arson investigation, while Alexander's federal charges centered on obstruction-related conduct, including false statements, concealment, and tampering, not on setting the fires himself. In one instance, Giannakakis went to a storage unit used by his brother and removed items, including a t-shirt with a swastika on it and a notebook with swastikas drawn in it, as well as a backpack filled with a bottle of cyanide.<sup>131</sup>

The DOJ also reported that he was arrested in Sweden at the request of the United States, later extradited, and ultimately pleaded guilty before being sentenced to 42 months in prison for obstructing the federal investigation into the 2019 fires rather than for committing the fires.<sup>132</sup>

Defense counsel Forest O'Neill-Greenberg argued that Alexander's conduct was about protecting his brother and obstructing the investigation, not personally selecting Jewish targets.

### **Richard Tobin (19, New Jersey, Conspiracy), Yousef Omar Barasneh (22, Wisconsin, Vandalism), and Nathan Weeden (19, Michigan, Vandalism)**

Richard Tobin, a 19-year-old white male of Brooklawn, New Jersey, pleaded guilty in February 2021 to conspiracy against rights after the DOJ said he conspired with other members of "The Base" to threaten and intimidate African Americans and Jewish Americans by directing a coordinated wave of vandalism targeting minority-owned property and houses of worship in September 2019.<sup>133</sup> The Base is a neo-Nazi network associated with accelerationist ideology (which strives to bring about social collapse and the creation of white ethnostates by escalating social tensions through violence).

<sup>131</sup> Mychael Schnell, "Suspect Arrested in Sweden in Connection to Fires at Massachusetts Jewish Institutions," *The Hill*, February 16, 2022, <https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/594606-suspect-arrested-in-sweden-in-connection-to-fires-at-massachusetts/>.

<sup>132</sup> US Attorney's Office, "Massachusetts Man Pleads Guilty to Obstructing Federal Hate Crime Investigation," November 18, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/massachusetts-man-pleads-guilty-obstructing-federal-hate-crime-investigation>, and US Attorney's Office, "Massachusetts Man Sentenced to More Than Three Years in Prison for Obstructing Federal Hate Crimes Investigation," March 11, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/massachusetts-man-sentenced-more-three-years-prison-obstructing-federal-hate-crimes>.

<sup>133</sup> US Attorney's Office, "Camden County Man Admits Conspiring with White Supremacists to Vandalize Synagogues Across the Country," February 26, 2021, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/camden-county-man-admits-conspiring-white-supremacists-vandalize-synagogues-across>.

According to the DOJ, Tobin used encrypted communications applications to organize the campaign – dubbed “Operation Kristallnacht” – while Base members Yousef Omar Barasneh and Nathan Weeden vandalized synagogues in Racine, Wisconsin, and Hancock, Michigan, respectively, on September 21, 2019.<sup>134</sup> Tobin is described as “Landser” in The Base chats and as the conspirator who circulated operational guidance for “Operation Kristallnacht,” including exhortations to “smash the glass” and “leave the symbol of our revolution wherever you go.”<sup>135</sup> In November 2021, the DOJ announced that Tobin was sentenced in federal court to one year and one day in prison for his role in the conspiracy.<sup>136</sup>

Youssef Omar Barasneh, a 22-year-old Jordanian-Muslim male of Oak Creek, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty in August 2020 to one count of conspiracy against rights.<sup>137</sup> Barasneh joined encrypted group chats with Tobin, in which he and Weeden agreed to threaten and intimidate African Americans and Jewish Americans as part of “Operation Kristallnacht.” In addition, Barasneh and Weeden, along with other members of The Base, attended a live-fire training. Following his discussions with Tobin and Weeden, Barasneh went to Beth Israel Sinai Congregation in Racine, Wisconsin, on September 21, 2019, and spray-painted antisemitic words and phrases, a swastika, and The Base symbol on the synagogue building.<sup>138</sup> In April 2024, Barasneh was sentenced to two years’ probation.<sup>139</sup>

Nathan Weeden, 19, of Michigan, is a white male undergraduate student who Federal prosecutors alleged was part of the conspiracy organized by Tobin. They stated that on September 21, 2019, Weeden defaced Temple Jacob, a synagogue in Hancock, Michigan, with swastikas and symbols tied to The Base.<sup>140</sup> Weeden was in contact with co-conspirators Tobin and Barasneh.

While also expressing racist views towards non-whites, Weeden believed Jews should be pushed out of the country.<sup>141</sup> Weeden was indicted on June 29, 2023, on one count of conspiracy against rights and one count of damage to religious property, and on January 25, 2024, a federal jury

<sup>134</sup> Ibid.

<sup>135</sup> United States v. Weeden, “Government’s Trial Brief,” December 21, 2023, [https://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/case\\_docs/4908.pdf](https://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/case_docs/4908.pdf).

<sup>136</sup> US Department of Justice, “New Jersey Man Sentenced to One Year and One Day in Prison for Conspiring with White Supremacists to Vandalize Synagogues across the Country,” November 16, 2021, <https://www.justice.gov/archives/opa/pr/new-jersey-man-sentenced-one-year-and-one-day-prison-conspiring-white-supremacists-vandalize>.

<sup>137</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Oak Creek Man Who Vandalized Racine Synagogue Pleads Guilty,” August 13, 2020, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edwi/pr/oak-creek-man-who-vandalized-racine-synagogue-pleads-guilty>.

<sup>138</sup> Ibid.; United States v. Barasneh, “Indictment,” February 4, 2020, pp. 1-3, [https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.wied.88681/gov.uscourts.wied.88681.7.0\\_2.pdf](https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.wied.88681/gov.uscourts.wied.88681.7.0_2.pdf); and United States v. Weeden, “Government Trial Brief.”

<sup>139</sup> United States v. Barasneh, “Court Minutes and Order,” April 16, 2024, p. 2, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.wied.88681/gov.uscourts.wied.88681.105.0.pdf>.

<sup>140</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Member of White Supremacist Group Convicted of Defacing Michigan Synagogue with Neo-Nazi Symbols,” January 25, 2024, [https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdmi/pr/2024\\_0125\\_N\\_Weeden\\_Conviction](https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdmi/pr/2024_0125_N_Weeden_Conviction).

<sup>141</sup> United States v. Weeden, “Government Trial Brief.”

convicted him on both counts.<sup>142</sup> On June 4, 2024, Weeden was sentenced to 26 months in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release.<sup>143</sup>



Photo by FBI

*Synagogue vandalized by Nathan Weeden in Michigan, September 2019*

### **Cody Steven Rush (30, Missouri, Bomb Threats)**

Cody Steven Rush, a 30-year-old, white, unemployed male from St. Louis, Missouri, pleaded guilty in a federal court after making a series of threatening phone calls directed at Central Reform Congregation, a Jewish synagogue in St. Louis. According to the DOJ, on November 5, 2021, Rush called the FBI multiple times and threatened to blow up the synagogue while people were inside. The prosecutors said he used explicit anti-Jewish language during the calls, including statements showing hostility toward Jews, declaring: “I hate them with rage.”<sup>144</sup>

<sup>142</sup> Garrett Neese, “A Real Win’ Against Hate,” *Daily Mining Gazette*, January 26, 2024, <https://www.mininggazette.com/news/local-news/2024/01/a-real-win-against-hate/>.

<sup>143</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “White Supremacist Sentenced for Federal Hate Crimes for Conspiracy Targeting Black and Jewish People and Desecrating Michigan Synagogue with Neo-Nazi Symbols,” June 4, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/archives/opa/pr/white-supremacist-sentenced-federal-hate-crimes-conspiracy-targeting-black-and-jewish-people>.

<sup>144</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “St. Louis Man Admits Threatening to Blow Up St. Louis Synagogue,” August 8, 2022, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-man-admits-threatening-blow-st-louis-synagogue>.

When he was arrested later that day by police and the FBI, Rush told officers he was “feeling suicidal and homicidal. I just feel like killing Jews.”<sup>145</sup> Rush reportedly suffers from schizoaffective disorder, PTSD, anxiety, depression, social anxiety disorder and hears voices.<sup>146</sup>

The DOJ materials state that Rush admitted making the threats.<sup>147</sup> In November 2022, he was sentenced to 30 months in prison.

### **Christopher Stephen Brown (37, Texas, Online Threats)**

Christopher Stephen Brown, a 37-year-old, white, unemployed male in a relationship from Texas, was federally prosecuted in the Northern District of Texas for repeatedly contacting Chabad Lubavitch headquarters, threatening to execute multiple rabbis, and sending messages calling for violence against Jews while posting antisemitic material online under a pseudonym. DOJ materials and public statements by the US Attorney’s Office described the case as a targeted threat prosecution focused on Jewish religious leaders and institutions rather than generalized online abuse.<sup>148</sup>

Public records cited by the DOJ describe Brown’s threats as directed at specific rabbis and Jewish authorities, including repeated communications and violent language intended to create fear and signal possible physical harm. In one online message, Brown said he would “kill the Beith-Din” and stated: “Death to all the Jews,” while in multiple phone calls to Chabad Lubavitch Headquarters in December 2021, Brown stated he would: “Blow [rabbis] heads off” and “Tear out their eyes and tongues and would kill every rabbi he could find.”<sup>149</sup> He made similar threats in videos posted on his YouTube channel under the pseudonym “Madrikh Obadiah.”<sup>150</sup> Court documents do not provide a motivation for specifically targeting Chabad Lubavitch.

In September 2022, Brown pleaded guilty to interstate threatening communications. In January 2023, he was sentenced to two years in prison and one year of supervised release.<sup>151</sup>

<sup>145</sup> Ibid.

<sup>146</sup> “St. Louis Man Confesses to Threatening to Blow Up Synagogue,” *The Jerusalem Post*, August 11, 2022, <https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-714412>.

<sup>147</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “St. Louis Man Sentenced to 30 Months for Threatening to Blow Up St. Louis Synagogue,” November 8, 2022, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-man-sentenced-30-months-prison-threatening-blow-st-louis-synagogue> and Jordan Palmer, “Update: Photo Released of Suspect in Threat to Blow Up CRC,” *St. Louis Jewish Light*, November 11, 2021, <https://stljewishlight.org/uncategorized/report-man-arrested-charged-with-threatening-to-blow-up-crc/>.

<sup>148</sup> US Attorney’s Office “Amarillo Man Charged with Threatening Jews, Girlfriend Charged with Assaulting Officers During Arrest,” December 10, 2021, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndtx/pr/amarillo-man-charged-threatening-jews-girlfriend-charged-assaulting-officers-during>.

<sup>149</sup> United States v. Brown, “Criminal Complaint,” December 5, 2021, [https://www.investigativeproject.org/case\\_docs/us-v-brown/4746/complaint.pdf](https://www.investigativeproject.org/case_docs/us-v-brown/4746/complaint.pdf).

<sup>150</sup> Ibid.

<sup>151</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Amarillo Man Pleads Guilty to Threatening Prominent New York Rabbis,” September 15, 2022, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndtx/pr/amarillo-man-pleads-guilty-threatening-prominent-new-york-rabbis>; US Attorney’s Office, “Amarillo Man Sentenced for Threatening Prominent New York Rabbis,” January 19, 2023, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndtx/pr/amarillo-man-sentenced-threatening-prominent-new-york-rabbis>; and United States v. Brown, “Judgment in a Criminal Case,” January 20, 2023, [https://www.investigativeproject.org/case\\_docs/us-v-brown/4749/judgment.pdf](https://www.investigativeproject.org/case_docs/us-v-brown/4749/judgment.pdf).

### **Nicolas Malindretos (26, New Jersey, Attempted Firebombing)**

Nicholas Malindretos, a 26-year-old white, single, Christian male from Clifton, New Jersey, was arrested in January 2023 and charged in federal court for attempting to carry out a firebombing attack against Temple Ner Tamid, a synagogue in Bloomfield, New Jersey. The DOJ stated that Malindretos attempted to use a Molotov-cocktail-style device and drove to the synagogue at night, but the device did not ignite as intended when he attempted to light it at the synagogue's doors.<sup>152</sup>

Details regarding his motivation and other biographical information were not available in accessible court documents or media reports. The case is still pending in court and no verdict has been issued. He faces a minimum of five years in prison, a maximum of 20 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.<sup>153</sup>

### **Saadah Masoud (29, New York, Conspiracy to Commit Hate Crimes)**

Saadah Masoud, a 29-year-old Palestinian Muslim male from Staten Island, New York, was sentenced in federal court to 18 months in prison and three years of supervised release after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit antisemitic hate crimes. The DOJ stated that Masoud and a co-conspirator planned and carried out antisemitic acts, including three assaults, vandalism and threats directed at Jewish individuals and institutions.<sup>154</sup>

According to DOJ materials, investigators relied on online communications and planning discussions that they said showed anti-Jewish hostility and coordination of actions targeting Jewish property, and federal prosecutors emphasized the conduct as part of a broader pattern of organized antisemitic activity rather than an isolated incident. In three separate incidents, Masoud attacked Jews: on May 20, 2021, he assaulted a victim wearing a Star of David in Manhattan; on June 2, 2021, he assaulted with another person a visibly Jewish man wearing a

<sup>152</sup> US Attorney's Office, "Passaic County Man Arrested for Attempt to Firebomb Synagogue," February 1, 2023, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/passaic-county-man-arrested-attempt-firebomb-synagogue>, and United States v. Malindretos, "Criminal Complaint," February 1, 2023, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.njd.507748/gov.uscourts.njd.507748.1.0.pdf>.

<sup>153</sup> WHYY, "NJ Man Charged with Throwing Molotov Cocktail at Synagogue Temple Ner Tamid in Bloomfield," February 2, 2023, <https://whyy.org/articles/nj-man-charged-with-throwing-molotov-cocktail-at-synagogue-temple-ner-tamid-bloomfield/>.

<sup>154</sup> US Attorney's Office, "Staten Island Man Sentenced to 18 Months in Prison for Conspiracy to Commit Antisemitic Hate Crimes," January 31, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/staten-island-man-sentenced-18-months-prison-conspiracy-commit-antisemitic-hate-crimes>; United States v. Masoud, "Sealed Complaint," June 10, 2022, pp. 1-4, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.nysd.582404/gov.uscourts.nysd.582404.1.0.pdf>; and United States v. Masoud, "Superseding Indictment, S1 22 Cr. 359," October 6, 2022, pp. 1-4, [https://www.investigativeproject.org/case\\_docs/us-v-masoud/4783/superseding-indictment.pdf](https://www.investigativeproject.org/case_docs/us-v-masoud/4783/superseding-indictment.pdf).

kippah who was sitting outside of his own home in Brooklyn; and on April 20, 2022, he assaulted a man wrapped in an Israeli flag.<sup>155</sup>

Massoud’s defense counsel, Ronald Kuby, offered a sharply different framing of motive and target selection. In a statement to the Report, Kuby said: “Saad Massoud participated in a three misdemeanor-level assaults (no serious physical injury), against three people. Massoud helped organize a pro-Palestine demonstration, that was legal and had a permit. A pro-Israel counterdemonstrator, wearing a giant Israeli flag like a cape, who had no permit and was allowed by the police to directly confront the Palestinians, was heckling the demonstrators until Massoud confronted him. He ran, Massoud followed, caught him, and beat him up. The second person [attacked] was a notorious pro-Israel, pro-Trump, anti-Black Lives matter, anti-Covid masking, crazy person in the orthodox community, who himself led a gang assault against a Jewish reporter. The third was a man who had just left a pro-Israel demonstration and was carrying an Israeli flag.

“He ended up facing 15 years on federal hate crimes charges, even though his actions were motivated entirely by anti-Zionism and not antisemitism – that is, he attacked people who were visibly displaying support for Israel during a time when Israel was (again) bombing Gaza.

“Had he been Ukrainian instead of Palestinian, and his targets were all visibly associated with pro-Russian invasion supporters, would you ask ‘why Russians,’ ‘why were Russian targets selected instead of others?’ Of course not. That wouldn’t be scholarship – that would just be a silly attempt to portray people who objected to an invasion of their country as bigots.”<sup>156</sup>

### **Jack Eugene Carpenter III (41, Michigan, Online Threats)**

Jack Eugene Carpenter III, a 41-year-old white unemployed male in a relationship from Tipton, Michigan, was indicted in the Eastern District of Michigan after prosecutors alleged he posted online threats to kill Jewish members of government. The DOJ stated that the messages included violent rhetoric directed at Jewish officials, in which he declared: “I’m heading back to Michigan now threatening to carry out the punishment of death to anyone that is Jewish in the Michigan govt if they don’t leave, or confess.”<sup>157</sup> He also published a declaration of sovereignty, claiming to establish a new country called “New Israel” near his hometown.<sup>158</sup>

<sup>155</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Staten Island Man Sentenced to 18 Months in Prison for Conspiracy to Commit Antisemitic Hate Crimes,” January 31, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/staten-island-man-sentenced-18-months-prison-conspiracy-commit-antisemitic-hate-crimes>, and Luke Tress, “Pro-Palestinian Activist Gets 18 Months in Prison for Attacks on Jews in New York,” *The Times of Israel*, March 4, 2023, <https://www.timesofisrael.com/pro-palestinian-activist-gets-18-months-in-prison-for-attacks-on-jews-in-new-york/>.

<sup>156</sup> Interview by Antonio Peña, February 22, 2026.

<sup>157</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Michigan Resident Indicted for Hate Crime Threatening to Kill Jewish Government Officials,” March 9, 2023, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmi/pr/michigan-resident-indicted-hate-crime-threatening-kill-jewish-government-officials>, and United States v. Carpenter III, “Criminal Complaint,” February 17, 2023, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.mied.367794/gov.uscourts.mied.367794.1.0.pdf>.

<sup>158</sup> United States v. Carpenter III, “Criminal Complaint.”

According to DOJ materials, Carpenter allegedly used social media platforms to publish threats over a period, prompting a federal investigation that led to charges related to threatening communications and interference with federally protected activities.<sup>159</sup>

In May 2024, US District Judge Mark Goldsmith ruled that Carpenter was incompetent to stand trial, observing he is “a delusional conspiracy theorist” who believed he was being targeted by the government and others for his beliefs about COVID-19.<sup>160</sup>

### **Seann Patrick Pietila (19, Michigan, Online Threats)**

Seann Patrick Pietila, 19, a white, single, and unemployed male high school graduate from Michigan with no prior criminal record who lived with his mother, was federally prosecuted in the Western District of Michigan for violent threats made online against Jewish targets, including the Shaarey Zedek Congregation in East Lansing. The DOJ stated that Pietila communicated via Instagram about planning violence, including threats to Jewish people and to Jewish institutions.<sup>161</sup>

The DOJ and news reports described the threats as especially serious. Pietila praised Hitler, promoted neo-Nazi and antisemitic content, and discussed plans for mass violence against Jewish targets.

In one instance, Pietila discussed plans to commit mass murder against Jews, declaring that he “won’t be taken alive [...] I’ll make sure of that. Remember ‘Heil Hitler’ boom red mist.” He stated that he intended to livestream the attack and discussing the weapons needed to conduct the attack.<sup>162</sup> According to his mother’s testimony, she found a Nazi flag and multiple swastika carvings on her son’s bedroom furniture.<sup>163</sup>

According to evidence documented in the criminal complaint, Pietila’s social media postings demonstrated his sympathies for Neo-Nazi ideology, antisemitism and accelerationist views, as well as admiration for Brenton Tarrant, the man who carried out two mass shootings at New Zealand mosques in March 2019.<sup>164</sup>

Pietila later pleaded guilty in federal court to transmitting threatening communication, and was sentenced to one year and a day in federal prison for threatening violence against Jewish

<sup>159</sup> AP, “Michigan Man Indicted for Online Threats to Kill Jewish Public Officials,” *The Times of Israel*, March 10, 2023, <https://www.timesofisrael.com/michigan-man-indicted-for-online-threats-to-kill-jewish-public-officials/>.

<sup>160</sup> Robert Snell, “Michigan Man Accused of Threatening to Kill Jewish Politicians Incompetent, Judge Says,” *The Detroit News*, May 10, 2024, <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2024/05/10/man-accused-of-threatening-jewish-politicians-incompetent-judge-says/73640345007/?gca-cat=p&gnt-cfr=1>.

<sup>161</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Man Who Threatened Violent, Antisemitic Action Indicted by Grand Jury,” June 28, 2023, [https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdmi/pr/2023\\_0628\\_Pietila\\_Indictment](https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdmi/pr/2023_0628_Pietila_Indictment).

<sup>162</sup> United States v. Pietila, “Order on Motion of Detention, Case No. 1:23-cr-78,” July 3, 2023, p. 8, [https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCOURTS-miwd-1\\_23-cr-00078/pdf/USCOURTS-miwd-1\\_23-cr-00078-0.pdf](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCOURTS-miwd-1_23-cr-00078/pdf/USCOURTS-miwd-1_23-cr-00078-0.pdf).

<sup>163</sup> Ibid.

<sup>164</sup> United States v. Pietila, “Continuation in Support of Criminal Complaint,” June 16, 2023, pp. 5-32, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.miwd.108645/gov.uscourts.miwd.108645.1.1.pdf>.

people. He was also ordered to pay \$10,600 in restitution and spend three years under supervised release after leaving prison.<sup>165</sup>

### **Omar AlKattoul (18, New Jersey, Online Threats)**

Omar AlKattoul, 18, an Arab Muslim American from Sayreville, New Jersey, was charged in a federal court after investigators linked him to threats to attack a synagogue in Middlesex County. The DOJ and court filings state that he transmitted threatening communications tied to a planned attack on a Jewish house of worship. The federal information filed in the District of New Jersey formally charged him with transmitting a threat in interstate and foreign commerce on or about November 1, 2022.<sup>166</sup>

According to DOJ materials, AlKattoul sent online messages and a manifesto expressing hatred of Jews and describing plans for a synagogue attack, which investigators treated as evidence that a synagogue was deliberately selected as the intended target. Inspired by jihadist groups like al-Qaeda and the Islamic State, the manifesto, entitled “When Swords Collide,” spoke about AlKattoul’s desire to attack Jews as “an act of revenge” for the death of Muslims. In his communications, AlKattoul referred to Jews as “monkeys and swine,” argued that Jews promote the greatest hatred against Muslims, and that his motivation for the attack was “hatred toward the Jews and their heinous acts.”<sup>167</sup>

AlKattoul pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 15 months in prison, acknowledging that the threat was directed at a synagogue and Jewish people and that the case caused broad fear and heightened security concerns for Jewish institutions across New Jersey.<sup>168</sup>

<sup>165</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Antisemitic Threats to Kill Yield Prison Sentence,” March 4, 2024, [https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdmi/pr/2024\\_0304\\_Pietila\\_Sentencing](https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdmi/pr/2024_0304_Pietila_Sentencing), and Ken Palmer, “Threats against East Lansing Synagogue Land Man Federal Prison Sentence,” *Lansing State Journal*, March 4, 2024, <https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/2024/03/04/east-lansing-synagogue-threats-sentencing-prison/72841677007/>.

<sup>166</sup> United States District Court, District of New Jersey, “United States v. Omar AlKattoul, Information (18 USC. § 875(c)),” July 2023, <https://www.justice.gov/d9/2023-07/alkattoul.information.pdf>.

<sup>167</sup> United States v. AlKattoul, “Criminal Complaint, Mag. No. 22-8385,” November 9, 2022, pp. 2-10, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.njd.515442/gov.uscourts.njd.515442.1.0.pdf>, and Julia Gergely, “New Jersey Teen Pleads Guilty to Issuing Antisemitic Threats,” *The Times of Israel*, July 14, 2023, <https://www.timesofisrael.com/new-jersey-teen-pleads-guilty-to-issuing-antisemitic-threats/>.

<sup>168</sup> US Attorney’s Office, “Middlesex County Man Sentenced to 15 Months in Prison for Communicating Threats to Attack Synagogue,” November 14, 2023, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/middlesex-county-man-sentenced-15-months-prison-communicating-threats-attack-synagogue>.

## FRANCE

Case data for France are constrained by the limited public availability of criminal decisions. Until 2016, most court rulings were archived on paper without a centralized database. Following transparency reforms, the highest courts' decisions became available online, and appellate decisions have been added progressively, but the rulings of lower courts are still not available. In addition, French court proceedings generally omit ethnic and religious identifiers, reflecting constitutional universalism and restrictions on state collection of such data. The information below is thus based on exhaustive searches in media reports.

### **Two 18-Year-Old Males (Robbery and Antisemitic Insults)**

Two 18-year-old men were indicted following a violent antisemitic assault that occurred on August 6, 2020, in the 19th arrondissement of Paris. The victim, a 29-year-old Jewish man wearing a kippah, was physically assaulted and robbed of his watch while being subjected to antisemitic slurs by his “African-looking” attackers. He reported being “strangled,” “punched,” and insulted with phrases such as “dirty Jew, dirty son of a bitch, you’re a dead man, dirty race.” The case was initially brought for an immediate trial, but the criminal court declared itself incompetent due to the gravity of the charges, leading to a formal judicial investigation. The suspects were charged with robbery involving violence aggravated by the victim’s religious affiliation and were placed under judicial supervision.<sup>169</sup>

### **Eight Individuals and One Minor (Online Insults)**

In December 2020, April Benayoum, the runner-up for Miss France 2021 representing Provence, was targeted by a wave of antisemitic insults on social media after mentioning her father’s Israeli origins during the live television broadcast. This outburst of online hatred led to a legal investigation, resulting in the trial of eight individuals in Paris, charged with public insult based on origin, race, or religion. Statements included: “I’m voting against the Jewess [...] Miss Provence is Israeli, that bitch [...] I’m boycotting Israel,” multiple calls to vote against “The Jewess,” and a meme of Hitler followed by the caption: “Me, when I heard about Miss Provence’s origins.”

During the proceedings, the prosecution emphasized the gravity of cyber-harassment and requested a two-month suspended prison sentence for the defendants. April Benayoum testified about the significant psychological impact of the “flood of hatred,” while the defendants offered

<sup>169</sup> “Two Men Placed under Formal Investigation for an Antisemitic Assault in Paris [French],” *Le Figaro*, August 29, 2020, <https://www.lefigaro.fr/actualite-france/deux-hommes-mis-en-examen-pour-une-agression-antisemite-a-paris-20200829>, and Claire-line Nass, “An Investigation Opened for an Antisemitic Assault in Paris [French],” *Le Figaro*, August 11, 2020, <https://www.lefigaro.fr/flash-actu/un-homme-porte-plainte-pour-une-agression-antisemite-violente-a-paris-20200811>.

various defenses, with some claiming they did not realize the criminal nature of their tweets or that they intended them as political commentary rather than racial abuse.<sup>170</sup>

## Hervé Ryssen (58, Inciting Racial Hatred and Holocaust Denial)

Hervé Ryssen, a 58-year-old white French far-right activist and essayist, was indicted between 2007 and 2022 at least 15 times for his persistent antisemitic rhetoric across various media, including books, blogs, and social media. In one book, Ryssen, who also goes by the name Hervé Lalin, describes Jews as an “incestuous sect,” accuses them of having a “plan to enslave humanity,” and claims they are omnipresent and omnipotent. In a YouTube video entitled “Jews, incest, and hysteria” he made several antisemitic statements, repeated in Facebook and Twitter posts. According to the courts, these constituted incitement to hatred against Jews because they “exhort readers to stigmatize them” and “exploit one of the most hackneyed antisemitic themes, namely their omnipresence in the economy and the media.” Ryssen was also convicted of false advertising for a drug that claimed to “cure Judaism.”

In addition to hate speech, Ryssen was convicted multiple times for Holocaust denial (*négationnisme*), specifically for mocking the Holocaust and questioning the nature of extermination camps like Auschwitz on Twitter. His legal battles culminated in September 2020, when he was incarcerated for 17 months.<sup>171</sup>

## Yacine Mihoub and Alex Carrimbacus (Murder)

In March 2018, Mireille Knoll, an 85-year-old Holocaust survivor who suffered from Parkinson’s disease, was brutally murdered in her Paris apartment. She was stabbed eleven times before her home was set on fire. The suspects, Yacine Mihoub, a French-Algerian 28-year-old neighbor the victim had known since his childhood, and Alex Carrimbacus, a 21-year-old, were arrested shortly after. The crime was officially classified as an antisemitic act, leading to significant national outcry and a massive “white march” in Paris to denounce anti-Jewish hatred.

The two were tried at the end of October 2021, and on November 9, 2021, the Paris Assize Court sentenced Yacine Mihoub to life imprisonment for murder motivated by the victim’s religion. Alex Carrimbacus was sentenced to 15 years in prison for aggravated robbery. The investigation

<sup>170</sup> R.H. with AFP, “Antisemitic Tweets against Miss Provence: Two Months’ Suspended Prison Requested [French],” TF1 Info, September 23, 2021, <https://www.tf1info.fr/culture/april-benayoum-tweets-antisemites-contre-miss-provence-deux-mois-d-emprisonnement-avec-sursis-requis-2197035.html>, and Pierre Bienvault, “Antisemitism: Eight People Tried for Insults Targeting Miss France 2021 Candidate [French],” *La Croix*, September 22, 2021, <https://www.la-croix.com/France/Antisemitisme-huit-personnes-jugees-injures-visant-candidate-Miss-France-2021-09-22-1201176649>.

<sup>171</sup> “Holocaust Denier Hervé Ryssen Jailed after Several Convictions for Antisemitic Remarks [French],” franceinfo, September 20, 2020, [https://www.franceinfo.fr/societe/antisemitisme/le-negationniste-herve-ryssen-incarcere-apres-plusieurs-condamnations-pour-des-propos-antisemites\\_4112455.html](https://www.franceinfo.fr/societe/antisemitisme/le-negationniste-herve-ryssen-incarcere-apres-plusieurs-condamnations-pour-des-propos-antisemites_4112455.html), and “One Year in Prison for Antisemitic Messages [French],” *Le Parisien*, September 8, 2016, <https://www.leparisien.fr/faits-divers/un-an-ferme-pour-des-messages-antisemites-08-09-2016-6102897.php>. For his antisemitic writings, see for example: Hervé Ryssen, *History of Antisemitism: Set Straight by a Goy* (Omnia Veritas, 2023) [French].

and trial established that the perpetrators targeted Knoll based on antisemitic prejudices, specifically the false belief that she possessed hidden wealth because of her Jewish identity.<sup>172</sup>

### **Pakistani Male (20, Val-d'Oise, Sarcelles, Menacing)**

In April 2021, a 20-year-old Pakistani national was deported from France following an antisemitic assault in Sarcelles. On March 29, 2021, the individual, a drunk homeless man, targeted three Jewish teenagers, pursuing them with a ceramic knife while shouting death threats and “they stole my work” outside of a synagogue. The perpetrator was sentenced to prison and was permanently barred from French territory. Upon his release from detention, he was immediately escorted to the border and sent back to Pakistan.<sup>173</sup>

### **Alain Soral (Provocation and Holocaust Denial)**

Alain Soral is a white, Catholic, Franco-Swiss far-right ideologue and the founder of the movement Égalité et Réconciliation. Since 2008, his legal history has been marked by dozens of convictions for public insult, defamation, provocation to racial hatred, and Holocaust denial, including several times in the 2020s. His rhetoric frequently targets the Jewish community, leading to numerous heavy fines and several prison sentences from French courts, including a notable one-year sentence in 2019 for contesting crimes against humanity after he published an antisemitic cartoon on his website.

In September of 2020, the Court of Appeals fined him 134,400 Euros for the resale of copies of *Salvation through the Jews* by Léon Bloy through his website. The following month he was fined 5,400 Euros for blaming the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack in New York on the Jews, while in May 2021, he was sentenced to four months in prison for incitement to racial hatred for blaming the Notre Dame Cathedral fire on the Jews.<sup>174</sup>

<sup>172</sup> Yves Bordenave, “At the Trial for the Murder of Mireille Knoll, a Life Sentence was Requested for Yacine Mihoub [French],” *Le Monde*, November 9, 2021, [https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2021/11/09/au-proces-du-meurtre-de-mireille-knoll-la-reclusion-criminelle-a-perpetuite-requise-contre-yacine-mihoub\\_6101557\\_3224.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2021/11/09/au-proces-du-meurtre-de-mireille-knoll-la-reclusion-criminelle-a-perpetuite-requise-contre-yacine-mihoub_6101557_3224.html).

<sup>173</sup> Frédéric Naizot, “Sarcelles: The Attacker of the Young Jews Sent Back to Pakistan [French],” *Le Parisien*, April 20, 2021, <https://www.leparisien.fr/val-d-oise-95/sarcelles-95200/sarcelles-lagresseur-des-jeunes-juifs-renvoye-au-pakistan-20-04-2021-Q15Z64R4UFCDVFDLTJL2SIIIBA.php>, and “Sarcelles: Knife Attack against Three Young Jews [French],” *The Times of Israel*, April 2, 2021, <https://fr.timesofisrael.com/sarcelles-agression-au-couteau-contre-trois-jeunes-juifs/>.

<sup>174</sup> Franck Johannès, “Alain Soral Ordered to Pay 134,000 Euros to the League against Racism and Antisemitism [French],” *Le Monde*, September 25, 2020, [https://www.lemonde.fr/police-justice/article/2020/09/25/alain-soral-condamne-a-payer-134-400-euros-a-la-ligue-contre-le-racisme-et-l-antisemitisme\\_6053567\\_1653578.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/police-justice/article/2020/09/25/alain-soral-condamne-a-payer-134-400-euros-a-la-ligue-contre-le-racisme-et-l-antisemitisme_6053567_1653578.html); “Alain Soral Convicted Again for Remarks against Jews [French],” *Le Monde*, October 6, 2020, [https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2020/10/06/alain-soral-de-nouveau-condamne-pour-des-propos-sur-les-juifs\\_6055020\\_3224.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2020/10/06/alain-soral-de-nouveau-condamne-pour-des-propos-sur-les-juifs_6055020_3224.html); and “Alan Soral’s Sentence was Increased on Appeal after He Blamed Jews for the Notre Dame Fire [French],” *Le Figaro*, May 19, 2021, <https://www.lefigaro.fr/flash-actu/peine-alourdie-en-appel-pour-alain-soral-qui-avait-impute-aux-juifs-l-incendie-de-notre-dame-20210519>.

## Yvan Benedetti (Holocaust Denial and Assault)

Yvan Benedetti is a French far-right activist and former leader of the now-dissolved movement L'Oeuvre française. His legal record includes several convictions for hate speech, public defamation, and violence.

In 2021, he was convicted and fined 10,000 Euros for disseminating a defamatory video entitled “Jews, incest, and hysteria” by Hervé Ryssen on his website Jeune Nation. The court found that the video described members of the Jewish community “as a whole, because of their ‘singularity,’ as naturally incestuous, more so than any other community.”

In 2022, he was again fined 10,000 Euros for publishing an article denying crimes against humanity on his website, where he minimized the number of deaths in the Holocaust. He described the six million deaths of the Holocaust as a “fabricated” figure, which “is based on a conspiracy,” “a symbolic figure derived from Zionist propaganda.”<sup>175</sup>

## Cassandre Fristot (Incitement to Racial Hatred)

In October 2021, Cassandre Fristot, a teacher and former local official for the National Front, was sentenced to a six-month suspended prison term for “incitement to racial hatred.” The case followed her participation in a protest against the Covid vaccination certificate in Metz, where she was photographed holding a sign featuring the antisemitic slogan “Mais qui?” (“But who?”) surrounded by the names of various politicians, media figures, and businessmen, most of whom were Jewish.

The court ruled that the sign clearly suggested the Jewish community was responsible for the pandemic, which constituted a direct provocation to hatred. In addition to the suspended sentence, Fristot was ordered to pay damages to several anti-racist organizations and was subsequently suspended from her teaching duties by the French Ministry of National Education.<sup>176</sup>

## Female (58, Val-d’Oise, Deuil-la-Barre, Public Provocation to Racial Hatred)

On October 26, 2021, a 58-year-old woman from Deuil-la-Barre was sentenced to a four-month suspended prison term by a Pontoise court. The conviction followed an incident on August 21, 2021, during which she targeted a Jewish family leaving a synagogue by insulting, performing

<sup>175</sup> “Far-Right: Nationalists Ryssen and Benedetti Convicted for Antisemitic Video [French],” *Le Parisien*, June 8, 2021, <https://www.leparisien.fr/faits-divers/ultra-droite-les-nationalistes-ryssen-et-benedetti-condamnes-pour-une-video-antisemite-08-06-2021-UUURRXYIEZCYNGVRKQFRUCIB7E.php>, and “Holocaust Denial: Far-Right Figure Yvan Benedetti Fined €10,000 [French],” 20minutes.fr, September 13, 2022, <https://www.20minutes.fr/justice/3349331-20220913-negationnisme-figure-extreme-droite-yvan-benedetti-condamne-10000-euros-amende>.

<sup>176</sup> “Cassandre Fristot, the Protestor with the Antisemitic Sign ‘But Who?’, Sentenced to Six Months’ Suspended Imprisonment [French],” *Le Monde*, October 20, 2021, [https://www.lemonde.fr/police-justice/article/2021/10/20/cassandre-fristot-la-manifestante-a-la-pancarte-antisemite-mais-qui-condamnee-a-six-mois-de-prison-avec-sursis\\_6099246\\_1653578.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/police-justice/article/2021/10/20/cassandre-fristot-la-manifestante-a-la-pancarte-antisemite-mais-qui-condamnee-a-six-mois-de-prison-avec-sursis_6099246_1653578.html).

a Nazi salute, and shouting “Heil Hitler” dozens of times. The court found her guilty of public provocation to racial hatred and justifying crimes against humanity. In addition to the suspended sentence, she was ordered to pay 1,000 Euros in damages to each of the victims and to several anti-racism organizations that joined the case as civil parties.<sup>177</sup>

## Dieudonné (Insults)

Dieudonné has been the subject of dozens of legal proceedings, primarily for inciting racial hatred, antisemitism, and public defamation. Since 2003, he has faced several convictions for remarks targeting the Jewish community and for minimizing or mocking the Holocaust. A notable case occurred in September 2020 when he was convicted for denying the Holocaust in one of his sketches. At that time, a court in Chartres fined him 10,000 Euros for “insulting remarks toward Jewish victims of the Holocaust” during his 2017 show *Le Bal des quenelles*. He was also ordered to pay 8,000 Euros to two plaintiff associations.<sup>178</sup>

## Three Males (22 to 24, Nazi Propaganda)

In December 2023, the criminal court in Rouen sentenced three young men, aged 22 to 24, to suspended prison terms ranging from six to twelve months. They were found guilty of distributing Nazi-themed (including swastikas), antisemitic, and homophobic leaflets across several municipalities in Normandy, including La Neuville-Chant-d’Oisel, during the spring of 2023.

The leaflets featured Third Reich imagery glorifying Hitler and hateful slogans. Investigators were able to identify the suspects through DNA analysis found on the physical flyers and by reviewing local surveillance footage. The defendants were ultimately convicted of inciting racial hatred and discrimination.<sup>179</sup>

## Pakistani Male (28, Val-d’Oise, Sarcelles, Threats)

On October 19, 2023, in Sarcelles (Val-d’Oise), a 28-year-old Pakistani man subject to an obligation to leave French territory was prosecuted for miming shooting a gun with his hand

<sup>177</sup> “Val-d’Oise: Convicted for Making a Nazi Salute and Insulting a Jewish Family [French],” *ouest-france.fr*, October 27, 2021, <https://www.ouest-france.fr/ile-de-france/deuil-la-barre-95170/val-d-oise-condamnee-pour-avoir-fait-un-salut-nazi-et-insulte-une-famille-juive-7486733>.

<sup>178</sup> “Dieudonné Fined 10,000 Euros for Racist Remarks [French],” *Le Parisien*, September 10, 2020, <https://www.leparisien.fr/faits-divers/dieudonne-condamne-a-10000-euros-d-amende-pour-des-propos-racistes-10-09-2020-8382426.php#:~:text=Dieudonn%C3%A9%20%C3%A0%20nouveau%20condamn%C3%A9.%20L’humoriste%20controvers%C3%A9%20s’est,a%2Dt%2Don%20appris%20aupr%C3%A8s%20du%20parquet%20de%20Chartres.>

<sup>179</sup> “Nazi Leaflets in Normandy: Three Young People Sentenced to Suspended Prison Terms [French],” *ouest-france.fr*, December 5, 2023, <https://www.ouest-france.fr/societe/antisemitisme/tracts-nazis-en-normandie-trois-jeunes-gens-condamnes-a-des-peines-de-prison-avec-sursis-67bda088-9392-11ee-a573-1d8641f728fa>, and Murielle Bouchard, “Rouen: Distribution of Nazi Leaflets, 8 to 15 Months Suspended Prison Sentence [French],” *actu.fr*, December 1, 2023, [https://actu.fr/normandie/rouen\\_76540/rouen-distributions-de-tracts-nazis-une-sanction-ferme-et-non-symbolique-esperee\\_60408425.html](https://actu.fr/normandie/rouen_76540/rouen-distributions-de-tracts-nazis-une-sanction-ferme-et-non-symbolique-esperee_60408425.html).

in front of the large synagogue. He made a sweeping finger-gun gesture toward the place of worship, which was guarded by police amid heightened tensions linked to the Middle East conflict. In immediate proceedings at a Pontoise criminal court, the judge ruled that the gesture did not legally constitute a threat of death under French criminal law, and the defendant was acquitted, after which he was deported to Pakistan. The court noted that while the act was provocative, the specific legal threshold for a punishable threat was not met.<sup>180</sup>

### **Muslim Arab Student (Online Hate)**

Sciences Po Lille faced controversy regarding a second-year student, pseudonymously named “Abdel,” who has publicly identified as a Salafi and shared antisemitic, homophobic, and pro-jihadist content online. His social media activity included liking Nazi-themed posts, sharing Hamas propaganda, and identifying the location of a local synagogue following a street altercation. Despite these actions and reports of exclusionary behavior toward female classmates, the university’s disciplinary commission issued only a two-year suspended exclusion, allowing him to remain a student and proceed with a year of study abroad in Belgium.

Among other things, he reposted and positively commented on a Hamas propaganda video, refused to say hello to women, liked memes of Hitler wearing a t-shirt with a Palestinian flag and tweets from far-right conspiracy theorist Alain Soral, and claimed “Moustache man [Hitler] was a visionary” under a picture of a ceremony organized on October 8, 2023, in Berlin in support of Israel after October 7. Of particular concern, given that Sciences Po Lille is located not far from a synagogue, he posted the following on his X: “I had a nasty run-in with a Jew in the street.” When another user asked him, “how do you know he was a Jew,” Yanis replied, “kippah + beard + get out of the synagogue lol” before identifying the location of the place of worship to his followers.

The regional prefect reported the student’s activities to the public prosecutor, and the student is scheduled to appear before the Lille judicial court.<sup>181</sup>

### **Algerian Female (Attempted Murder)**

In December 2025, a nanny was sentenced to two and a half years in prison for poisoning a Jewish family from December 2023 to January 2024 with household products, beverages, and cosmetics, allegedly “because they have money and power, [and claiming that she] should never have worked for a Jewish woman.” The case, which drew significant attention due to the unusual nature of the act and the identity of the victims, concluded with a criminal conviction for the poisoning itself. Notably, the court decided to rule out antisemitism as a motive for

<sup>180</sup> “He Mimics Shooting at a Synagogue, Is Acquitted by the Court but Ends Up in a Detention Center [French],” ouest-france.fr, October 25, 2023, <https://www.ouest-france.fr/societe/justice/il-mime-des-tirs-sur-une-synagogue-est-relaxe-par-le-tribunal-mais-finit-en-centre-de-retention-2a63d25a-731e-11ee-9cb2-c1eeb1939b85>.

<sup>181</sup> Paul Moore, “After the Nour Attalah Affair, the Case of a Student with a Salafist Profile Shakes Sciences Po Lille,” marianne.net, August 13, 2025, <https://www.marianne.net/societe/laicite-et-religions/apres-l-affaire-nour-attalah-le-cas-d-un-etudiant-au-profil-salafiste-secoue-sciences-po-lille>, and Interview by Elie Houé, February 10, 2026.

the crime. Despite the family's background, the judicial investigation and subsequent verdict found that the nanny's actions were not driven by racial or religious hatred.<sup>182</sup>

### Unidentified Male (Assault)

In April 2024, the Paris criminal court sentenced a man to two years in prison for the violent assault of a 60-year-old man wearing a kippah. The incident took place in early March 2024 in the 20th arrondissement of Paris. As the Jewish man left a synagogue, the attacker asked him if he was one of those who “kill people in Gaza”. The victim was then punched, kicked, and called a “dirty Jew.”

The trial was notable for the defendant's “bewildering explanations” regarding his motives, such as that his victim, an Ashkenazi Jew, is a “Khazar,” an “impostor,” a member of a “so-called Jewish tribe” that “stole the land of Israel” from his “ancestors the niggers [...] as written in the Torah.” Although a psychiatric evaluation was ordered to assess his mental state following his initial arrest, the court ultimately held him fully responsible for the hate-motivated attack, resulting in a prison sentence.<sup>183</sup>

### Four Bulgarian Males (Paris, Vandalism)

In October 2025, French prosecutors requested prison sentences of up to four years for four Bulgarian nationals accused of stenciling red handprints on the Shoah Memorial in Paris in May 2024. The prosecution argued that the act was part of a coordinated “destabilization” operation orchestrated by Russian intelligence services, aimed at fueling social tensions in France following the October 7 attacks in Israel.

The defendants, who were recruited via social media and paid to carry out the graffiti, were charged with damaging property and participating in a criminal conspiracy. While the defense argued the men were merely “hired hands” unaware of the symbolic weight of the memorial, the prosecution emphasized the “grave injury” caused to the memory of Holocaust victims and the intentional nature of the foreign interference operation.<sup>184</sup>

<sup>182</sup> “Jewish Family Poisoned: The Nanny Sentenced to Two and a Half Years in Prison, Antisemitic Character Ruled Out [French],” liberation.fr, December 18, 2025, [https://www.liberation.fr/societe/police-justice/famille-juive-empoisonnee-la-nourrice-condamnee-a-deux-ans-et-demi-de-prison-le-caractere-antisemite-ecarte-20251218\\_YVGBQCW4ONBUPLR37BXKXGR4JU](https://www.liberation.fr/societe/police-justice/famille-juive-empoisonnee-la-nourrice-condamnee-a-deux-ans-et-demi-de-prison-le-caractere-antisemite-ecarte-20251218_YVGBQCW4ONBUPLR37BXKXGR4JU).

<sup>183</sup> Henri Seckel, “Assault on a Man Wearing a Kippah in Paris: Two Years’ Mandatory Imprisonment for a Defendant with Baffling Explanation [French],” *Le Monde*, April 20, 2024, [https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2024/04/20/agression-d-un-homme-portant-une-kippa-a-paris-deux-ans-de-prison-ferme-pour-un-prevenu-aux-explications-deroutantes\\_6228821\\_3224.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2024/04/20/agression-d-un-homme-portant-une-kippa-a-paris-deux-ans-de-prison-ferme-pour-un-prevenu-aux-explications-deroutantes_6228821_3224.html), and “A Man in His Sixties was Beaten Leaving a Synagogue in Paris: Gérald Darmanin Denounces an Indefensible Act [French],” *Le Monde*, March 2, 2024, [https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2024/03/02/un-sexagenaire-a-ete-frappe-a-la-sortie-d-une-synagogue-a-paris-gerald-darmanin-denonce-un-acte-inqualifiable\\_6219733\\_3224.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2024/03/02/un-sexagenaire-a-ete-frappe-a-la-sortie-d-une-synagogue-a-paris-gerald-darmanin-denonce-un-acte-inqualifiable_6219733_3224.html).

<sup>184</sup> Linh-Lan Dao and Mathilde Texier, “Trial: Red Hand Tags on the Shoah Memorial, Up to Four Years in Prison Requested against the Four Bulgarian Defendants [French],” franceinfo.fr, October 30, 2025, [https://www.franceinfo.fr/faits-divers/justice-proces/proces-tags-de-mains-rouges-sur-le-memorial-de-la-shoah-jusqu-a-quatre-ans-de-prison-requis-contre-les-quatre-prevenus-bulgares\\_7584929.html](https://www.franceinfo.fr/faits-divers/justice-proces/proces-tags-de-mains-rouges-sur-le-memorial-de-la-shoah-jusqu-a-quatre-ans-de-prison-requis-contre-les-quatre-prevenus-bulgares_7584929.html).



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*Shoah Memorial vandalized in Paris, France, May 2024*

### **Three Male Minors (Gang Rape)**

In June 2024, a 12-year-old girl was the victim of a gang rape and violent assault in Courbevoie, an incident that drew national condemnation for its explicit antisemitic character. Three teenagers, aged 12 and 13 at the time, were arrested after dragging the girl into a deserted building where they beat her, threatened her life, and raped her while questioning her about her Jewish identity, calling her a “Dirty Jew,” and referring to the war in Gaza. The assault was partially filmed, and the boys blackmailed her by threatening to publish the footage if she would not bring them 200 euros in cash the next day. They also threatened to kill her if she reported them to the police.

Police found antisemitic comments and images on the youngest boy’s phone, including a photo showing a burning Israeli flag. A second suspect also justified his actions by claiming that the victim had made negative comments about Palestine.

The young victim told investigators that one of the minors involved “asked her questions about her Jewish religion” and Israel. He also wondered why she conceals her religious identity. Indeed, to “avoid any aggression,” the young girl had reportedly told the teenager that she was Muslim. It was when he discovered her true religion that the boy flew into a rage: “He couldn’t stand the idea that she was Jewish” and “accused her of being against Palestine and supporting Israel.”

The judicial proceedings concluded in 2025 with the conviction of all three minors. Two of the boys, who were 13 at the time of the crime, initially received prison sentences of seven and nine years for group rape and hate-motivated violence. However, in November 2025, an appeals court reduced the nine-year sentence to seven years to facilitate the minor’s eventual

reintegration. The third boy, who was under the age of criminal responsibility at the time, was placed in a reformatory educational facility for five years rather than receiving a prison term.<sup>185</sup>

### **Male (48, Assault)**

In August 2024, the Montpellier criminal court sentenced a 48-year-old man to two years in prison, with one year of that term to be served under electronic monitoring, for a violent antisemitic assault on a tramway. The incident occurred when the perpetrator sat in front of a passenger and repeatedly asked him if he was Jewish before physically attacking him. The court specifically recognized the “aggravating circumstance” of antisemitism in its ruling, noting that the victim was targeted solely because of his religious affiliation. In addition to the prison sentence, the man was ordered to pay damages to the victim and several anti-racism organizations that had joined the case as civil parties.<sup>186</sup>

### **Congolese Man (Insults)**

On January 31, 2025, a Paris criminal court sentenced a Congolese man to one year of mandatory imprisonment for an antisemitic incident in the metro. The individual was convicted of public insults and inciting racial hatred. The conviction was based on documentation of him from August 2024 blasting at a Jewish family: “you’re killing children, you bunch of youpins [French N-Word for Jews, not commonly used since the 1940s; the use of this antisemitic slur was widespread during the Dreyfus Affair and then during the Second World War], bastards, children of terrorists. Hitler was right, he should have killed all the [Jews],” along with other antisemitic slurs. The video of the outburst went viral on social media, leading to a rapid investigation and the man’s arrest.

The court emphasized the gravity of the remarks, particularly given the public nature of the offense and the climate of rising tensions. The perpetrator affirmed that he was not in a normal state, thinking about the “children in Gaza.” Despite the defense’s arguments, the judge opted for a strict prison sentence.<sup>187</sup>

<sup>185</sup> Arthur Groult, “Antisemitic Rape in Courbevoie: Identity of Suspects, Recap of the Facts, Judicial Follow-Up, Update on the Investigation [French],” *ladepeche.fr*, July 4, 2024, <https://www.ladepeche.fr/2024/07/04/viol-antisemite-de-courbevoie-identite-des-suspects-recapitulatif-des-faits-suite-judiciaire-le-point-sur-lenquete-12058104.php>, and Edwige Grolleau, “Antisemitic Rape in Courbevoie: He could not Stand the Idea that She was Jewish, the 12-year-old Boy may have Played a Major Role [French],” *ladepeche.fr*, June 24, 2024, <https://www.ladepeche.fr/2024/06/24/viol-antisemite-a-courbevoie-il-na-pas-supporte-lidee-quelle-soit-juive-ladolescent-de-12-ans-pourrait-avoir-joue-un-role-majeur-12036729.php>.

<sup>186</sup> France Bleu Hérault, “A Man Sentenced to Two Years in Prison for an Antisemitic Assault on the Montpellier Tram [French],” *franceinfo.fr*, August 12, 2024, [https://www.franceinfo.fr/societe/antisemitisme/un-homme-condamne-a-deux-ans-de-prison-pour-une-agression-antisemite-dans-le-tramway-de-montpellier\\_6721788.html](https://www.franceinfo.fr/societe/antisemitisme/un-homme-condamne-a-deux-ans-de-prison-pour-une-agression-antisemite-dans-le-tramway-de-montpellier_6721788.html).

<sup>187</sup> Aude Bariéty de Lagarde, “‘Hitler was Right’: One Year in Prison to Serve for Antisemitic Insults in the Metro [French],” *Le Figaro*, January 31, 2025, <https://www.lefigaro.fr/actualite-france/hitler-avait-raison-un-an-de-prison-ferme-pour-des-insultes-antisemites-dans-le-metro-20250131>.

## Algerian Male El Hussein K. (33, La Grande-Motte, Arson)

On August 24, 2024, a 33-year-old Algerian national with French residency was arrested following an attempted arson and explosion at the Beth Yaacov Synagogue in La Grande-Motte. The suspect set fire to two entrances of the synagogue and two vehicles in the parking lot, one of which contained a gas canister that exploded and injured a police officer. Surveillance footage showed the man fleeing the scene carrying a handgun and wearing a Palestinian flag. Five people, including a rabbi, were inside the building at the time but remained unharmed.

Under questioning, the suspect admitted to the attack, stating his goal was to defend the Palestinian cause and influence Israeli policy. Prosecutors revealed that the individual had “long nursed hatred toward Jews” and had recently become more radicalized in his religious beliefs, expressing a desire to fight in Gaza. He is facing preliminary terrorism charges, including attempted murder and arson committed for reasons of race or religion. Investigators also discovered that he had researched Jewish holidays and Shabbat practices in preparation for the assault.<sup>188</sup>

## Muslim Student (Hacking)

In July 2025, prosecutors requested a five-month suspended prison sentence and a mandatory training course at the Shoah Memorial for a student, identified as Motawassim L., accused of hacking the digital profiles of 18 Jewish classmates at Paris-Dauphine University. The incident occurred on October 7, 2024, the anniversary of the Hamas attacks on Israel, when the hacker replaced the students’ profile photos on the university’s intranet with Palestinian flags accompanied by the slogan “Free Palestine.”

The prosecution specifically included antisemitism as an aggravating circumstance in the case. The defendant, who was previously expelled from the university on a provisional basis, faced charges for fraudulently modifying data within an automated processing system. Civil parties, including the Union of Jewish Students of France (UEJF), participated in the hearing.<sup>189</sup>

## Male Minor (Assault)

In April 2025, a minor was tried in Orléans for a violent antisemitic assault against the city’s rabbi. The incident occurred in early April when the rabbi was physically attacked and subjected to antisemitic insults while walking in the city center. The suspect, a teenager, was quickly identified and arrested by local police following the assault.

<sup>188</sup> Agathe Beaudouin, Anne Devailly, and Henri Seckel, “After the Attack on the Grande-Motte Synagogue, Questions about the Suspect’s Profile [French],” *Le Monde*, August 26, 2024, [https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2024/08/26/apres-l-attaque-de-la-synagogue-de-la-grande-motte-questions-sur-le-profil-du-suspect\\_6295048\\_3224.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2024/08/26/apres-l-attaque-de-la-synagogue-de-la-grande-motte-questions-sur-le-profil-du-suspect_6295048_3224.html).

<sup>189</sup> Henri Seckel, “Five Months’ Suspended Prison Requested against the Author of a Computer Hack Targeting Jewish Students at Paris Dauphine [French],” *Le Monde*, July 11, 2025, [https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2025/07/11/cinq-mois-de-prison-avec-sursis-requis-contre-l-auteur-d-un-piratage-informatique-visant-des-etudiants-juifs-de-paris-dauphine\\_6620628\\_3224.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2025/07/11/cinq-mois-de-prison-avec-sursis-requis-contre-l-auteur-d-un-piratage-informatique-visant-des-etudiants-juifs-de-paris-dauphine_6620628_3224.html).

Rabbi Arié Engelberg, “accompanied by his son,” recounted being approached by the minor, “who was filming [and] questioning him about his religion (...) while shouting antisemitic insults and spitting in their direction.” Mr. Engelberg also reported that his attacker asked him if he was Jewish. He answered yes, and the boy started saying, “all Jews are sons of bitches.”<sup>190</sup>

### **Male (44, Assault)**

In May 2024, the criminal court in Nîmes sentenced a 44-year-old man to two years in prison (with 18 months mandatory imprisonment) for a violent antisemitic assault on his 70-year-old neighbor in Anduze. During the attack, which took place in March 2024, the assailant physically struck the victim, breaking her nose and causing other injuries, while repeatedly shouting the slur “dirty Jew.”

The court officially recognized the antisemitic motive as an aggravating circumstance in the case. In addition to his prison sentence, the perpetrator was banned from the town of Anduze for three years and ordered to pay damages to the victim as well as to several anti-racism organizations that acted as civil parties.<sup>191</sup>

### **Three Serbian Males (Graffiti)**

In Paris, three Serbian men were charged and placed in custody after several Jewish sites – including the Shoah Memorial’s Wall of the Righteous, two synagogues in the city’s Marais district, and a Jewish restaurant – were sprayed with green paint late one weekend night.

French judicial authorities allege the damage was committed “to serve the interests of a foreign power,” with investigators suspecting Russian involvement in instigating or directing the acts. The suspects themselves are described as having been motivated by greed rather than geopolitical intent or antisemitic sentiments. Messages exchanged on Telegram suggest coordination with others not yet arrested, and the case reflects broader concerns in France about Russian interference in acts targeting religious communities amid heightened tensions.<sup>192</sup>

<sup>190</sup> “Assault on the Rabbi of Orléans: The Minor Suspect Tried for Antisemitic Violence [French],” *Le Monde*, April 23, 2025, [https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2025/04/23/agression-du-rabbin-d-orleans-le-suspect-mineur-juge-pour-violences-antisemites\\_6599241\\_3224.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2025/04/23/agression-du-rabbin-d-orleans-le-suspect-mineur-juge-pour-violences-antisemites_6599241_3224.html).

<sup>191</sup> Tony Selliez, Paul Tilliez, and Quentin Perez de Tudela, “He Called Him a ‘Dirty Jew’: Two Years Imprisonment for the Assailant of a 70-Year-Old Man in Anduze [French],” *Radio France*, May 6, 2025, [www.radiofrance.fr/francebleu/podcasts/l-info-d-ici-ici-gard-lozere/il-l-avait-traite-de-sale-juif-deux-ans-de-prison-pour-l-agresseur-d-un-septuagenaire-a-anduze-9784760](http://www.radiofrance.fr/francebleu/podcasts/l-info-d-ici-ici-gard-lozere/il-l-avait-traite-de-sale-juif-deux-ans-de-prison-pour-l-agresseur-d-un-septuagenaire-a-anduze-9784760).

<sup>192</sup> “Jewish Sites Splashed with Paint: Suspects Jailed for Damage Linked to a Foreign Power [French],” *The Times of Israel*, June 6, 2025, <https://fr.timesofisrael.com/lieux-juifs-asperges-de-peinture-les-suspects-ecroues-pour-degradations-en-lien-avec-une-puissance-etrangere/>, and Axel Juin, “Antisemitic Damage: Why is Russian Interference Suspected? [French],” *rtl.fr*, June 6, 2025, <https://www.rtl.fr/actu/international/degradations-antisemites-pourquoi-soupconne-t-on-une-ingerence-de-la-russie-7900513021>.

## Palestinian Male (Assault)

A Palestinian national was convicted in January 2026 at the Nanterre criminal court for assaulting a rabbi in Neuilly-sur-Seine in June 2025. The defendant struck Rabbi Elie Lemmel in the face with a chair while the rabbi was seated at a café terrace, an attack that the court classified as antisemitic violence committed with an object used as a weapon. The rabbi suffered injuries. The tribunal sentenced the attacker to 30 months in prison, including 18 months of mandatory imprisonment, and also banned him from French territory for ten years. Judges acknowledged that the defendant’s mental discernment was impaired, which influenced the length of the sentence.<sup>193</sup>

## Moroccan Male (25, Insults)

In November 2025, a 25-year-old Moroccan man was sentenced by a court in Béziers to one year in prison, including eight months of mandatory imprisonment, for shouting antisemitic insults (“Free Palestine, dirty Jews!”). The judiciary classified his public screams as a clear incitement to hatred based on religious identity.<sup>194</sup>

## Amira Zeiter (Terrorism and Incitement)

In January 2026, the criminal court in Nice sentenced Amira Zeiter, a pro-Palestinian activist and co-founder of the “De Nice à Gaza” collective, to 15 months in prison for advocating terrorism and inciting hatred. The conviction relied on her reposting several tweets that had already been the subject of a previous judicial condemnation, such as one where she says: “Hitler made a big mistake. He should have put all [the Jews] in the gas chambers,” as well as posting content that glorified Hamas, Yahya Sinwar, and the October 7 attacks using antisemitic rhetoric.

The court noted that the activist had persisted in her actions despite prior warnings and legal proceedings. In addition to the prison term, she was banned from participating in protests for a period not reported, and ordered to pay damages to several civil parties, including anti-racism organizations.<sup>195</sup>

<sup>193</sup> “Rabbi Assaulted in Neuilly: Palestinian Man Sentenced to Eighteen Months in Prison [French],” liberation.fr, January 26, 2026, [www.liberation.fr/societe/police-justice/agression-dun-rabbin-a-neuilly-un-palestinien-condamne-a-dix-huit-mois-de-prison-ferme-20260122\\_G5T7YAMPWZEINBSV7GVJXMVPOA/](https://www.liberation.fr/societe/police-justice/agression-dun-rabbin-a-neuilly-un-palestinien-condamne-a-dix-huit-mois-de-prison-ferme-20260122_G5T7YAMPWZEINBSV7GVJXMVPOA/).

<sup>194</sup> “Béziers: A 25-year-old Man Sentenced to One Year in Prison including Eight Months to Serve for Antisemitic Insults [French],” *Le Parisien*, November 30, 2025, <https://www.leparisien.fr/faits-divers/beziers-un-homme-de-25-ans-condamne-a-un-an-de-prison-dont-huit-mois-ferme-pour-injures-a-caractere-antisemite-30-11-2025-KMBPCMCYWNBN3MS76LPDMF2WK4.php>.

<sup>195</sup> Victor Combalat, “The Pro-Palestinian Activist Amira Zeiter Gets 15 Months in Prison for Reposting Her Tweets Already Condemned by the Courts [French],” franceinfo.fr, January 24, 2026, <https://france3-regions.franceinfo.fr/provence-alpes-cote-d-azur/alpes-maritimes/nice/la-militante-propalestinienne-amira-zeiter-ecope-de-15-mois-de-prison-pour-avoir-reposte-ses-tweets-deja-condamnes-par-la-justice-3287376.html>.

## Two Tunisian Males (19, Vandalism)

Two 19-year-old Tunisian homeless twin brothers were tried for cutting down a memorial tree in Sainte-Geneviève-des-Bois that had been planted in honor of Ilan Halimi, the Jewish teenager who was kidnapped and murdered by the “Gang of Barbarians” in 2006.

The act of vandalism was discovered just days before the 18th anniversary of Halimi’s death, sparking national outrage. Prosecutors requested prison sentences of 12 and 15 months for the suspects, emphasizing the profound symbolic harm caused by desecrating a site dedicated to a victim of antisemitic violence. The court eventually sentenced both brothers to eight months in prison.<sup>196</sup>

## Three Activists (Trespassing and Incitement)

In September 2025, three pro-Palestinian activists were arrested in Nice after attempting to force their way into a synagogue with Palestinian flags. The individuals were part of a group participating in a pro-Palestine demonstration when they diverted toward the religious site, attempting to breach its security. Local authorities intervened quickly to prevent the intrusion and protect the congregants and the site. Following the incident, the suspects were taken into custody and faced charges related to attempted intrusion and potential incitement of hatred.<sup>197</sup>

## Two Algerian Males (Assault)

In December 2025, two Algerian nationals living illegally in France were tried for the assault of a teenager wearing a kippah on a bus in Seine-Saint-Denis. The victim was subjected to physical violence and targeted with antisemitic insults, specifically the slurs “dirty Jew,” and “You Jewish dog!” The Jewish youth was asked several times if he preferred “Palestine or Israel.” The perpetrators reportedly also shouted “Allahu Akbar” and “Free Palestine” while threatening another Jewish man before attacking the teenager.<sup>198</sup>

## Male (Terrorist Threats)

In November 2025, an individual was arrested after threatening to commit a terrorist attack against a synagogue in Cannes. The individual is suspected of threatening to “blow up” the religious building and demanding “500 million euros” on social media. Following his apprehension, the suspect underwent a psychiatric evaluation, which determined that his mental state does

<sup>196</sup> Teddy Perez and AFP, “Tree in Tribute to Ilan Halimi Cut Down: 12 and 15 Months in Prison Requested against the Two Twin Brothers Suspects [French],” *rtl.fr*, October 22, 2025, <https://www.rtl.fr/actu/justice-faits-divers/arbre-en-hommage-a-ilan-halimi-abattu-12-et-15-mois-de-prison-requis-contre-les-deux-freres-jumeaux-suspects-7900557245>.

<sup>197</sup> “In Nice, Three Pro-Palestinian Activists Arrested after an Attempted Intrusion into a Synagogue [French],” *Le Monde*, September 5, 2025, [https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2025/09/05/a-nice-trois-militants-propalestiniens-interpelles-apres-une-tentative-d-intrusion-dans-une-synagogue\\_6638967\\_3224.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2025/09/05/a-nice-trois-militants-propalestiniens-interpelles-apres-une-tentative-d-intrusion-dans-une-synagogue_6638967_3224.html).

<sup>198</sup> Guillaume Poingt, “‘Dirty Jew’: Two Algerian Illegal Immigrants Tried for the Assault of a Teenager on a Bus in Seine-Saint-Denis [French],” *Le Figaro*, December 9, 2025, <https://www.lefigaro.fr/faits-divers/sale-juif-deux-clandestins-algeriens-juges-pour-l-agression-d-un-adolescent-dans-un-bus-de-seine-saint-denis-20251209>.

not allow for standard police custody. As a result, he was hospitalized in a psychiatric facility while the investigation into the threats remains ongoing. The judicial process is expected to resume once the suspect’s mental health status allows for further questioning regarding his motives and the nature of the threats.<sup>199</sup>

## Two Minors (Terrorist Conspiracy)

In December 2025, two minors were indicted and placed in pre-trial detention in Paris for their involvement in a planned antisemitic attack. The suspects were targeted by an investigation led by anti-terrorism prosecutors after intelligence services detected a plot aimed at members of the Jewish community. The suspects are accused of “planning violent attacks against Jewish targets, as well as adhering to the ideology of the Islamic State.” Both suspects face charges related to criminal terrorist conspiracy, and the investigation continues to determine the full extent of their plans and any potential accomplices.<sup>200</sup>

## Bernard Bazinet

On January 1, 2026, the Prefect of Dordogne suspended a local mayor, Bernard Bazinet, from his duties following a series of antisemitic remarks online. On December 4, under a Facebook post by *Libération* devoted to Israel’s participation in the 2026 Eurovision Song Contest, he commented, “Yes to the boycott! France is too youpine to boycott,” suggesting the influence of the Jewish community after France confirmed its participation in the music contest and its support for Israel’s presence.

Bazinet claimed to have been “completely overwhelmed” by his “thinking”: “I was furious about what I was reading in reports on Palestine. When I saw that France had agreed to Israel’s participation, it made me react stupidly. I wasn’t necessarily aware that the term [youpine], which I thought was random slang, had antisemitic connotations.”

The suspension, which is an administrative measure, was taken after Bazinet’s comments were found incompatible with the values of the Republic and his mandate as a public servant. The case was referred to the public prosecutor to examine if it rises to the level of the criminal offenses “provocation to racial hatred” and “public insult of a religious nature.” The suspension is temporary. Ahead of the communal elections in March, the Ministry of Interior decided to let the inhabitants of the village decide whether or not they should re-elect the official.<sup>201</sup>

<sup>199</sup> Eloïse Bussy, “Threat of an Attack on the Cannes Synagogue: The Individual Hospitalized in Psychiatry [French],” *franceinfo.fr*, November 19, 2025, <https://france3-regions.franceinfo.fr/provence-alpes-cote-d-azur/alpes-maritimes/cannes/menace-d-attentat-a-la-synagogue-de-cannes-l-individu-hospitalise-en-psychiatrie-3252190.html>.

<sup>200</sup> Nicolas Daugin, “Paris: Two Minors Placed under Formal Investigation and Jailed for a Planned Antisemitic Attack [French],” *Le Figaro*, December 3, 2025, <https://www.lefigaro.fr/actualite-france/paris-deux-mineurs-mis-en-examen-et-ecroues-pour-un-projet-d-attaque-antisemite-20251201>.

<sup>201</sup> Bastien Scordia, “Antisemitic Remarks by Bernard Bazinet, Mayor in Dordogne: The Ministry of the Interior Prefers a One-Month Suspension to Dismissal [French],” *Le Monde*, January 1, 2026, [https://www.lemonde.fr/politique/article/2026/01/01/un-maire-de-dordogne-suspendu-apres-des-propos-antisemites\\_6660301\\_823448.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/politique/article/2026/01/01/un-maire-de-dordogne-suspendu-apres-des-propos-antisemites_6660301_823448.html).

## CANADA

Case data for 2020–2025 were collected from publicly available provincial and federal court records (including published decisions and sentencing reasons available through the legal database CanLII and provincial court repositories), prosecutorial and police announcements, news reports, and posts on social media. Cases were included only when an antisemitic motivation was explicitly referenced in charging documents, judicial findings, sentencing remarks, or official prosecutorial communications. Proceedings outside the criminal courts (including human rights tribunal matters and civil litigation) were not included in the analysis.

### **Waisuddin Akbari (41, Ontario, Bomb Threats)**

Waisuddin Akbari, a 41-year-old Afghani Ismaili Muslim shawarma restaurant owner in north Toronto, has lived in Canada for almost two decades. Born in Kabul, Afghanistan, Akbari left his homeland at the age of eight, spending part of his childhood in Pakistan before moving to Russia. In 2007, he immigrated to Canada and settled in Ontario, where he opened his restaurant, purchased a home valued at approximately one million American dollars, and became a respectable figure in his neighborhood. He is married, the father of two teenagers and describes himself as non-religious.<sup>202</sup>

On March 4, 2024, Akbari entered a car dealership in Newmarket where, in a conversation with the salesperson, he made a series of antisemitic threats and dehumanizing and conspiratorial remarks about Jews and Israel. Akbari told Cameron Ahmad, the salesperson: “I know when I’m going to die because I’m going to plant a bomb in every synagogue in Toronto and blow them up to kill as many Jews as possible,” and “I’ll make sure those attacks are filmed and posted online so the world can see what I’ve done.”<sup>203</sup>

Akbari was allegedly angered by his theory that Jews benefit from car-loan interest payments and had expressed his belief that Jews control world events. Moreover, Akbari stated that Israelis and Jews should be subjected to genocide in retaliation for the “genocide” against the Palestinians in Gaza. Ahmad alerted the police immediately, who then issued a search warrant. A search of Akbari’s home found no evidence of weapons, explosives or any attack plans.<sup>204</sup>

On March 27, 2025, Akbari was found guilty by the Ontario Court of Justice in Newmarket on one count of uttering threats to kill Jews and another on uttering threats to damage synagogues. Akbari told the court that as an Ismaili Muslim, he could not have committed the crimes for which he was convicted and denied harboring antisemitic intentions. He claimed that his statements about bombing synagogues were exaggerated and that he was merely trying to

<sup>202</sup> Stewart Bell, “Man Convicted of Threatening to Bomb ‘Every’ Toronto Synagogue, ‘Kill as Many Jews as Possible,’” *Global News*, March 25, 2025, <https://globalnews.ca/news/11094503/waisuddin-akbari-antisemitism-bomb-threat-toronto-synagogues>.

<sup>203</sup> Ontario Court of Justice, “R. v. Akhbari, 2025 ONCJ 398,” July 28, 2025, <https://www.canlii.org/en/on/oncj/doc/2025/2025oncj398/2025oncj398.html>.

<sup>204</sup> Bell, “Man Convicted of Threatening to Bomb.”

end a conversation with a persistent car salesperson. Akbari also asserted that he did not know what a synagogue was and had never heard the term “Jew” before.<sup>205</sup>

On July 28, 2025, Akbari was sentenced to 60 days of house arrest, three years of probation, a 10-year weapons prohibition, mandatory antisemitism education, and counseling for gambling addiction. The presiding judge, Justice E. Prutschi, cited mitigating factors including Akbari’s troubled childhood, lack of prior criminal record, and need to provide for his family.<sup>206</sup>

### **Kenneth Jeewan Gobin (34, Ontario, Assault)**

On January 6, 2024, Kenneth Jeewan Gobin, a 34-year-old male from Toronto of Pakistani origins, assaulted Tilda and Malcolm Roll, members of the Chabad Flamingo Synagogue in Vaughan, spitting on them and making antisemitic remarks. Gobin, an unemployed high school graduate with no post-secondary education living with his parents and sister, had a previous criminal record and was on probation for fraud and personation offenses at the time of the assault.<sup>207</sup>

As the Rolls, together with two other congregants, walked home from Shabbat services in the area of Bathurst Street and Flamingo Road, Gobin, riding an electric bike, rode onto the curb and narrowly avoided striking the group. After an initial exchange, Gobin began to hurl antisemitic slurs. He shouted: “Hitler should have killed you all,” “Hitler was right” and “You should have died in the Holocaust.” According to witness testimony, Gobin spat on Tilda Roll and performed a Nazi salute: “he raised his arm above a 45-degree angle.”<sup>208</sup>

Gobin was arrested by York Regional Police just hours after the incident occurred and charged with two counts of assault and one count of breach of probation. During his trial, Gobin was adamant that he had only sought to avoid the group by driving on the grass when Roll’s husband, Malcolm, blocked his path and called him a “dirty paki.” Malcolm “vehemently denied” using that term. During cross-examination, Gobin contradicted himself when he said he was unaware the people were Jewish and throughout he refused to express remorse for his actions or apologize despite opportunities to do so, portraying himself as the victim in the affair.<sup>209</sup>

Gobin was convicted of two counts of assault and one count of breach of probation and sentenced to 12 months in custody and two years of probation. In his decision, the presiding judge, Justice M. Townsend stated: “I am prepared to find beyond a reasonable doubt that the Crown has proven Mr. Gobin said words to the effect ‘Hitler should have killed you all,’ ‘Hitler

<sup>205</sup> Ibid.

<sup>206</sup> “R. v. Akhbari, 2025 ONCJ 398,” and Alex Rose, “Man Who Threatened to Plant a Bomb in ‘Every Synagogue in Toronto’ Sentenced to House Arrest,” *The Canadian Jewish News*, July 28, 2025, <https://thecjn.ca/news/man-who-threatened-to-plant-a-bomb-in-every-synagogue-in-toronto-sentenced-to-house-arrest/>.

<sup>207</sup> Ontario Court of Justice, “R. v. Gobin, ONCJ 266,” May 13, 2025, <https://www.canlii.org/en/on/oncj/doc/2025/2025oncj266/2025oncj266.html>.

<sup>208</sup> Ibid., and Michael Talbot, “Vaughan Man Sentenced to 12 Months for Spitting at People as They Walked from Synagogue,” *CityNews*, May 13, 2025, <https://toronto.citynews.ca/2025/05/13/vaughan-man-sentenced-to-12-months-for-spitting-at-people-as-they-walked-from-synagogue/>.

<sup>209</sup> “R. v. Gobin, ONCJ 266,” and Avi David Blaff, “Toronto-Area Man Found Guilty of Assault after Spitting on Jewish Couple, Praising Hitler,” *National Post*, March 25, 2025, <https://nationalpost.com/news/toronto-area-man-found-guilty-of-assault-after-spitting-on-jewish-couple-praising-hitler>.

was right,' 'Hitler should have taken you out,' or some variation thereof." He continued: "I am also prepared to find that Mr. Gobin made a 'salute' often associated with the Nazi movement, and something like 'heil Hitler.' All of these words were proximate to the intentional assault on Mr. and Ms. Roll by spitting."<sup>210</sup>

### **Omar Elkhodary (33, Ontario, Assault)**

On November 2, 2023, Omar Elkhodary, a 33-year-old Arab male residing in Toronto, approached Ms. Vicky Moscoe, a Jewish woman who was affixing posters of children kidnapped by Hamas on a utility pole near Yonge Street and Empress Avenue in North York, Toronto. Elkhodary, a high school graduate working in tech support and parts management and living with his common-law wife at the time, approached Moscoe and called the leaflets "stupid-ass propaganda," before tearing them down. When Moscoe tried to protect a poster with her hand, Elkhodary shoved her and struck her forehead.<sup>211</sup>

Elkhodary, who has a Palestinian stepfather, was taken into custody and went to trial at the Ontario Court of Justice. He was charged with one count of assault, with hate motivation flagged as an aggravating factor.<sup>212</sup>

On February 19, 2025, the Ontario Court of Justice found that Elkhodary was not acting in self-defense but rather acted to force Moscoe away from the utility pole so that he could remove the posters. Elkhodary claimed in court that he believed the posters were "fabricated" and "hateful propaganda." He said his actions were a political protest and cited the fact that he "had family over there."<sup>213</sup> On September 3, 2025, Elkhodary, who expressed remorse for his actions and stated, in hindsight, that he should have walked away from the situation, was sentenced to five months of house arrest.<sup>214</sup>

<sup>210</sup> Ibid.

<sup>211</sup> Ontario Court of Justice, "R. v. Elkhodary, 2025 ONCJ 587," November 5, 2025, <https://www.canlii.org/en/on/oncj/doc/2025/2025oncj587/2025oncj587.html>; Caryma Sa'd, "Man Tears Down Posters of Kidnapped Israeli Children in North York, Assaults Woman Who Tries to Stop Him," *The Canadian Jewish News*, November 3, 2023, <https://thecjn.ca/news/man-tears-down-posters-of-kidnapped-israeli-children-in-north-york-assaults-woman-who-tries-to-stop-him/>; and "Woman Assaulted While Putting Up Missing Israeli Children Posters in North York," CTV News Toronto, November 4, 2023, <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/woman-assaulted-while-putting-up-missing-israeli-children-posters-in-north-york-1.6636023>.

<sup>212</sup> "R. v. Elkhodary, 2025 ONCJ 587," and "Man Charged after North York Assault over Israeli Hostage Posters," *Toronto Sun*, January 22, 2025, <https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/man-charged-after-north-york-assault-over-israeli-hostage-posters>.

<sup>213</sup> "R. v. Elkhodary, 2025 ONCJ 587," and "Court Finds Omar Elkhodary Acted Out of Hostility, not Self-Defense, in Attack on Woman Posting Hostage Posters," *The Canadian Jewish News*, February 20, 2025, <https://thecjn.ca/news/court-finds-omar-elkhodary-acted-out-of-hostility-not-self-defense-in-attack-on-woman-posting-hostage-posters/>.

<sup>214</sup> "R. v. Elkhodary, 2025 ONCJ 587," and "Five Months House Arrest for Man Who Assaulted Toronto Jewish Woman Posting Hostage Posters," *The Canadian Jewish News*, September 3, 2025, <https://thecjn.ca/news/five-months-house-arrest-for-man-who-assaulted-toronto-jewish-woman-posting-hostage-posters/>.

## **Amir Arvahi Azar (32, Ontario, Arson)**

Amir Arvahi Azar, a 32-year-old male of Iranian origin from Toronto (North York), Ontario, was accused in a multi-incident case involving antisemitic arson, vandalism, threats, and hate-speech charges. His personal status and employment are not available.<sup>215</sup>

Police and court reports allege that between April 26, 2024, and January 3, 2025, Azar targeted multiple Jewish institutions in Toronto, including signs at synagogues and Jewish community sites, damaged windows, and left a threatening voicemail for staff at Forest Hill Jewish Centre. News reports also state that the charges include incidents involving Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Pride of Israel Synagogue, Kehillat Shaarei Torah, Temple Sinai, Tiferet Israel Congregation, and the Jewish-owned Café Landwer. Some reporting further described social media posts attributed to Azar that allegedly promoted anti-Jewish violence and formed part of the basis for hate-speech charges, which are rare in Canada.<sup>216</sup>

Azar was arrested on January 11, 2025. In March 2025, Toronto Police announced 29 criminal charges, including advocating genocide and willful promotion of hatred (laid with the consent of the Ministry of the Attorney General), along with arson, mischief, threats, weapons-related, and other charges. News reports also state that police alleged he possessed loaded firearms and other prohibited items at the time of arrest. The case remains before the courts.<sup>217</sup>

## **Paul Koppe (29, Ontario, Spreading Antisemitic Material)**

Paul Koppe, 29, of Ottawa, Ontario, was charged in connection with a series of antisemitic posters and stickers placed across Ottawa’s west end in 2021. News reports and court coverage state that he had no criminal record except for a 2016 impaired-driving charge, and that defense materials described him as having lost his job during the COVID-19 period and then spending long periods alone consuming conspiracy content online. Personal status, religious affiliation, and family origin/ethnicity were not available.<sup>218</sup>

Police and court reports indicate that Koppe placed approximately 80 antisemitic posters and stickers in about 20 locations in Ottawa between October and December 2021, including high

<sup>215</sup> Stewart Bell, “Suspect Charged with Hate Crimes Spree That Included Attacks at 5 Toronto Synagogues,” *Global News*, March 17, 2025, <https://globalnews.ca/news/11085673/suspect-charged-with-hate-crimes-spree-that-included-attacks-at-5-toronto-synagogues/>.

<sup>216</sup> Ibid.; Michael Starr, “Toronto Man Charged with Advocating Genocide, Antisemitic Arson, Vandalism, and Other Hate Crimes,” *The Jerusalem Post*, March 18, 2025, <https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-846617>.

<sup>217</sup> Stewart Bell, “Suspect Charged with Hate Crimes Spree,” and Meredith Bond, “Toronto Man Facing Hate Crime Charges Allegedly Motivated by Hatred Towards Jewish Community,” *CityNews Toronto*, March 17, 2025, <https://toronto.citynews.ca/2025/03/17/toronto-man-facing-hate-crime-charges-allegedly-motivated-by-hatred-towards-jewish-community/>.

<sup>218</sup> Peter Smith, “Ottawa Man Behind Antisemitic Posters and Stickers Sentenced to 18 Months House Arrest,” Canadian Anti-Hate Network, May 30, 2024, [https://www.antihate.ca/ottawa\\_man\\_behind\\_antisemitic\\_posters\\_stickers\\_sentenced\\_18\\_months\\_house\\_arrest](https://www.antihate.ca/ottawa_man_behind_antisemitic_posters_stickers_sentenced_18_months_house_arrest), and Ottawa Police Service, “Willful Promotion of Hatred Charge Laid against Ottawa Man,” June 23, 2022, <https://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/news/willful-promotion-of-hatred-charge-laid-against-an-ottawa-man.aspx>.

pedestrian-traffic areas in the west end and Barrhaven. The materials reportedly blamed Jews for 9/11, the slave trade, and other antisemitic conspiracy theories. Ottawa Police arrested Koppe on December 8, 2021, and laid 26 hate-motivated mischief charges; on June 23, 2022, police announced that, following approval from the Attorney General of Ontario, he was also charged with willful promotion of hatred.<sup>219</sup>

On May 30, 2024, Koppe pleaded guilty and was sentenced in the Ontario Court of Justice to 18 months of house arrest followed by two years of probation. The court imposed additional conditions, including restrictions on attending Jewish places of worship.<sup>220</sup>

### **Nevin Thunder Young (19, Winnipeg, Antisemitic Graffiti)**

Nevin Thunder Young, single, 19, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, is a Canadian male identified by the Winnipeg Police Service and the RCMP (The Royal Canadian Mounted Police) in connection with an antisemitic graffiti spree and later terrorism-related charges.<sup>221</sup>

According to the Winnipeg Police Service, between September 28 and December 31, 2024, officers received numerous reports of graffiti in Winnipeg's Charleswood area that included antisemitic acronyms and symbols, including swastikas, on structures, objects, and fences. Police stated that investigators gathered CCTV footage, interviewed affected property owners, identified a suspect, and, on January 12, 2025, executed a search warrant at a residence in the Westdale neighborhood, where Young was arrested and charged with 26 counts of mischief under 5,000 Canadian Dollars.<sup>222</sup>

In February 2025, the case was referred by Winnipeg Police to the RCMP Federal Policing National Security Enforcement Section (NSES), Northwest Region. On March 17, 2025, RCMP arrested Young and laid terrorism-related charges, including facilitating terrorist activity, participation in activity of a terrorist group, and two counts of commission of an offence for a terrorist group. RCMP stated that he remained in custody and was scheduled to appear in Winnipeg Provincial Court on March 18, 2025.<sup>223</sup>

Young was accused of having alleged ties to the extremist group M.K.Y./Maniac Murder Cult, a neo-Nazi and accelerationist violent extremist group. It was reported that investigators

<sup>219</sup> Ibid., and Alexmazur1, "Ottawa Man Faces 26 Hate-Motivated Charges for Antisemitic Posters: Police," *Global News*, December 8, 2021, <https://globalnews.ca/news/8433981/ottawa-hate-posters-antisemitism/>.

<sup>220</sup> Smith, "Ottawa Man Behind Antisemitic Posters and Stickers."

<sup>221</sup> Winnipeg Police Service, "Antisemitic Graffiti – Arrest: C24-303346," January 14, 2025, <https://www.winnipeg.ca/police/community/news-releases/2025-01-14-anti-semitic-graffiti-arrest-c24-303346>, and RCMP Manitoba, "Winnipeg Resident Charged with Terrorism-Related Offences," March 18, 2025, <https://rcmp.ca/en/manitoba/news/2025/03/winnipeg-resident-charged-terrorism-related-offences>.

<sup>222</sup> Winnipeg Police Service, "Antisemitic Graffiti – Arrest: C24-303346."

<sup>223</sup> RCMP Manitoba, "Winnipeg Resident Charged with Terrorism-Related Offences," and Sam Thompson, "Winnipeg Man's Terrorism Charges Linked to Violent Extremist Group, Officials Say," *Global News*, March 21, 2025, <https://globalnews.ca/news/11092707/winnipeg-man-terrorism-charges-extremism-rcmp/>.

believed Young was radicalized online. Presently, Young remains in custody pending further proceedings, and no final trial outcome or sentencing has occurred.<sup>224</sup>

### **Mai Abdulhadi (39, Quebec, Nazi Salute)**

Mai Abdulhadi, 39, from Montréal and of Middle Eastern roots, is a franchise operator who ran two kosher-certified Second Cup cafés inside the Jewish General Hospital in Montréal under the hospital’s foodservices leasing structure.<sup>225</sup>

On November 21, 2024, during a pro-Palestinian demonstration in downtown Montréal near Concordia University, video footage circulated online showing a woman later identified by Second Cup Canada as Abdulhadi. The footage reportedly captured her chanting “the Final Solution is coming your way” toward pro-Israel protesters and making a full-arm Nazi salute while wearing a keffiyeh, sunglasses, and a surgical mask.<sup>226</sup>

On November 24, 2024, Second Cup Canada announced that it had terminated Abdulhadi’s franchise agreement, and the two café locations at the Jewish General Hospital were closed. Reporting further indicates that the health network overseeing the hospital supported the decision. On April 28, 2025, Québec prosecutors reportedly laid three counts of uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm, with each count tied to alleged statements made during the November 2024 demonstration.<sup>227</sup>

### **Travis Patron (34, Saskatchewan, Digital Antisemitism)**

Travis Patron, a white Canadian man, 34, from Redvers, Saskatchewan, became publicly known as a far-right activist who presented himself as a “Canadian nationalist” and promoted an ethnocentric political vision centered on opposition to multiculturalism. News reports and party-related descriptions identify him as the founder (June 2017) and leader of the Canadian Nationalist Party (CNP), a federal political party that advanced extreme-right nationalist positions and later lost its registration in March 2022 after failing to meet Elections Canada membership requirements. Patron also ran as a CNP candidate in the 2019 federal election in Souris–Moose Mountain, Saskatchewan.<sup>228</sup>

In 2019, Patron posted a video titled “Beware the Parasitic Tribe” on channels associated with his political activity, where he used dehumanizing antisemitic language and called for

<sup>224</sup> Thompson, “Winnipeg Man’s Terrorism Charges,” and John Longhurst, “Graffiti with Antisemitic Messaging Leads to Terrorism-Related Charges in Winnipeg Teen Case,” *The Canadian Jewish News*, March 19, 2025, <https://thecjn.ca/news/maniac-murder-cult/>.

<sup>225</sup> Nathaniel Dove and Dan Spector, “Second Cup at Montreal Jewish Hospital Shut Down after Antisemitic Remarks, Nazi Salute at Rally,” *Global News*, November 24, 2024, <https://globalnews.ca/news/10886004/montreal-second-cup-jewish-hospital-franchisee-nazi-salute/>.

<sup>226</sup> “Former Coffee Chain Franchisee Charged with Making Threats at Montreal Pro-Palestinian Protest,” *CityNews Montreal*, April 29, 2025, <https://montreal.citynews.ca/2025/04/29/second-cup-franchisee-charged-nazi-salute-protest/>.

<sup>227</sup> Ibid.

<sup>228</sup> Nolan Kowal, “Patron Found Guilty of Promoting Hate in On-Line Video,” *CKOM News/Discover Estevan*, October 5, 2022, <https://www.ckom.com/2022/10/05/patron-found-guilty-of-promoting-hate-in-online-video/>.

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the removal of Jews from Canada. Prosecutors later argued that the video relied on classic antisemitic tropes and openly promoted hatred against Jews as an identifiable group. Following an investigation, Patron was arrested on February 17, 2021, by the RCMP in Saskatchewan and charged with willful promotion of hatred.<sup>229</sup>

While awaiting resolution of the hate-speech case, Patron was also involved in separate criminal proceedings. In 2022, he was convicted on two counts of assault causing bodily harm involving two women in incidents dating to 2019. He received concurrent 18-month sentences with credit for time served.<sup>230</sup>

Journalist Nolan Kowal reported that Crown prosecutor Ryan Snyder argued Patron's video was not merely political rhetoric but a public communication promoting hatred against Jews as an identifiable group, emphasizing that it reproduced longstanding antisemitic tropes and advocated expulsion. Patron's hate-speech trial proceeded before the Court of King's Bench in Estevan, Saskatchewan, and on October 5, 2022, a jury found him guilty of willfully promoting hatred. At sentencing on October 20, 2022, the court imposed one year imprisonment (with credit for time served) and one year probation, including a condition barring him from posting online about Jewish people for one year after release.<sup>231</sup>



Photo by YouTube

*Former Canadian Nationalist Party leader Travis Patron in a CNP video, 2019*

<sup>229</sup> Kelly Skjerven, "Canadian Nationalist Party Leader Charged with Promoting Hate," *Global News*, February 17, 2021, <https://globalnews.ca/news/7645779/canadian-nationalist-party-leader-charges/>.

<sup>230</sup> Nolan Kowal, "Patron Gets One-Year Sentence for Promoting Hate in On-Line Video," *CKOM News/Discover Estevan*, October 20, 2022, <https://www.ckom.com/2022/10/20/patron-gets-one-year-sentence-for-promoting-hate-in-online-video/>.

<sup>231</sup> *Ibid.*, and Nolan Kowal, "Patron Found Guilty."

## Kenneth Paulin (51, Ontario, Holocaust Denial)

Kenneth Paulin, a white Canadian man, 51, of North Bay, Ontario, became a landmark defendant in Canadian hate speech enforcement after receiving what was publicly described as the first custodial sentence in Canada specifically tied to Holocaust denial under the Criminal Code's newer antisemitism provision. News reports and legal commentary note that Canada's hate propaganda framework had long relied on the general willful-promotion-of-hatred offence, while the 2022 Criminal Code amendment added a specific offence for willfully promoting antisemitism by condoning, denying, or downplaying the Holocaust.<sup>232</sup>

Paulin's online antisemitism began in early 2024 when he vilified the Jewish community, promoted conspiracy theories, and encouraged blood libel. He incited violence against Jews and repeatedly denied the Holocaust. Jews are "demons," he shared on his social media feed. Paulin celebrated the Holocaust as one of "the greatest mass murders in human history," and said Jews are "to blame for every American who falls." In other posts, he said he thought Jews were responsible for "almost 100%" of the world's problems. For almost a year, Paulin expressed support for a "worldwide Jew Hunt" and shared that "antisemitism is the only thing that can save the world."<sup>233</sup>

Paulin's Holocaust denial was also expressed in video form, with titles including "their victim card gets permanently denied as the hollow-cost-Hoax is exposed," accompanying the hateful content. In another post, he stated that "six million didn't happen, but it should've." In November 2024, North Bay Police Service (NBPS) launched a hate crime investigation after receiving "reports of concern regarding the online content being produced by the accused."<sup>234</sup>

Journalist Ron East, writing in TheJ.ca, reported that Kenneth Paulin's September 18, 2025, sentence was described by Crown prosecutors as the first jail term in Canada specifically tied to Holocaust denial, framing the case as a legal milestone beyond North Bay itself. Investigation into Paulin lasted seven months, and after gathering evidence, police sought and obtained the Attorney General of Ontario's consent to lay charges.

On June 20, 2025, the North Bay Police Service (NBPS) arrested Paulin and charged him with willful promotion of hatred and willful promotion of antisemitism by condoning, denying, or downplaying the Holocaust. The case then proceeded through the provincial criminal courts in North Bay, and on September 18, 2025, Paulin was convicted and sentenced to nine months in jail, followed by two years of probation.<sup>235</sup>

<sup>232</sup> Government of Canada, Criminal Code (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46) s. 319, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/c-46/section-319.html>.

<sup>233</sup> FSWC, "Court Issues First Ever Jail Sentence for Holocaust Denial, October 1, 2021, <https://www.fswc.ca/news/court-issues-first-ever-jail-sentence-in-canada-for-holocaust-denial>.

<sup>234</sup> North Bay Police Service (NBPS), "Media Release: Local Man Charged with Hate Crimes," June 23, 2025, <https://www.northbaypolice.ca/news-releases/media-release-local-man-charged-with-hate-crimes>.

<sup>235</sup> Ron East, "North Bay Man Jailed in Landmark Case for Holocaust Denial," thej.ca, October 3, 2025, <https://thej.ca/2025/10/03/north-bay-man-jailed-in-landmark-case-for-holocaust-denial/>.

## Iain Aspenlieder (46, Ontario, Vandalism)

Iain Aspenlieder, 46, a former City of Ottawa lawyer, was charged in 2025 in connection with the defacement of Canada's National Holocaust Monument in Ottawa. News reports identified him as a former municipal lawyer and framed the case as one of national significance because the monument is a central site of Holocaust remembrance and because the proceedings unfolded amid heightened concern over antisemitic incidents in Canada.<sup>236</sup>

While no confirmed marital status was identified, one report noted that he had recently ended a three-year relationship with a girlfriend.<sup>237</sup>

According to public reporting, the incident occurred in the early morning hours of June 9, 2025, when red paint was thrown on the National Holocaust Monument and the words "FEED ME" were written across the structure. Reports further stated that surveillance footage showed Aspenlieder arriving by bicycle carrying red bags before defacing the monument, and later coverage noted that he pleaded guilty to mischief in July 2025.<sup>238</sup>

The case's sentencing phase drew broader attention because Jewish organizations and legal advocates emphasized the symbolic and communal impact of targeting a Holocaust memorial rather than an ordinary public structure. Public statements and legal commentary described the monument as a site of collective memory and argued that its desecration carried effects extending beyond property damage, including harm to Jewish community dignity and Holocaust remembrance in Canada.<sup>239</sup>

Aspenlieder received a sentence of two years' probation. He was barred from attending the Holocaust memorial and Jewish places of worship, schools, or community centers.<sup>240</sup>

<sup>236</sup> "CIJA Disappointed by Sentencing in Holocaust Monument Desecration Case," CIJA, January 27, 2026, [https://www.cija.ca/cija\\_disappointed\\_by\\_sentencing\\_in\\_holocaust\\_monument\\_desecration\\_case](https://www.cija.ca/cija_disappointed_by_sentencing_in_holocaust_monument_desecration_case).

<sup>237</sup> Ellin Bessner, "What's Behind the Guilty Plea by the Former City of Ottawa Lawyer Who Defaced Canada's National Holocaust Monument," *The Canadian Jewish News*, July 29, 2025, <https://thecjn.ca/news/whats-behind-the-guilty-plea-by-the-former-city-of-ottawa-lawyer-who-defaced-canadas-national-holocaust-monument/>.

<sup>238</sup> Anja Karadeglija, "Man Receives Suspended Sentence for Defacing National Holocaust Monument," *The Canadian Press*, January 7, 2026, <https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/canada/2026/01/07/man-receives-suspended-sentence-for-defacing-national-holocaust-monument>.

<sup>239</sup> "CIJA Disappointed by Sentencing in Holocaust Monument Desecration Case."

<sup>240</sup> "R. v. Aspenlieder, 2026 ONSC 281 (CanLII)," canlii.org, January 14, 2026, <https://www.canlii.org/en/on/onsc/doc/2026/2026onsc281/2026onsc281.html>, and Karadeglija, "Man Receives Suspended Sentence."

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Case data for 2020–2025 in the United Kingdom were collected from publicly available Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) materials, including charging decisions, press releases, and case outcome announcements. Additional case identification and details were drawn from news reports and, where relevant, posts on social media. Cases were included only when antisemitic conduct or motivation were explicitly identified in CPS statements or in judicial findings.

### **Ben Styles (25, Leamington Spa, Digital Antisemitism)**

Ben Styles, a white British man, 25, from Leamington Spa (Warwickshire, West Midlands), linked to neo-Nazi extremist ideology, became publicly known through a counter-terrorism case involving extremist online activity, firearms construction, and terrorism-related material. News reports identified Styles as the man who posted inciteful messages in an online group titled “#Kill All the Jews,” where he referred to the Holocaust as a “Holohoax” and wrote: “I hope the Holocaust is real next time,” placing explicit anti-Jewish hatred at the center of the case from an early stage. His personal status and occupation are not known.<sup>241</sup>

On April 12, 2021, Styles, of Plymouth Place in Warwickshire, was arrested by detectives from Counter Terrorism Policing West Midlands after officers searched his property and discovered parts of a homemade submachine gun in his garage, along with tools and materials linked to weapons-making.

Reporting and prosecution summaries also stated that police recovered store-bought blanks and manuals explaining how blank rounds could be converted into live ammunition, as well as extremist items including a Nazi fitness manual and a book titled *The SS Family Yearly – Celebrations of the SS Family*. His phone lock screen also reportedly displayed swastika imagery.<sup>242</sup>

Styles first appeared in the Magistrates’ Court on April 14, 2021, and later appeared by video link at the Old Bailey on April 30, 2021, where he confirmed his name and age and the court addressed charges including constructing a lethal firearm (between February 1, 2019 and April 2021) and multiple counts related to possession of terrorism-useful documents. It was also noted that the court was told he had drafted a manifesto during that period. The case later proceeded at Birmingham Crown Court, where in November 2021 he pleaded guilty to three counts of collecting information likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act

<sup>241</sup> Campaign Against Antisemitism, “Leamington Spa Man Who Posted in ‘Kill All the Jews’ Group Given Seven Years in Jail for Building Submachine Gun,” antisemitism.org, June 27, 2023, <https://antisemitism.org/leamington-spa-man-who-posted-in-kill-all-the-jews-group-given-seven-years-in-jail-for-building-submachine-gun/>.

<sup>242</sup> Rangzeb Hussain, “Midlands Far-Right Extremist was Making Submachine Gun for ‘Religious War,’” I Am Birmingham, June 15, 2023, <https://iambirmingham.co.uk/2023/06/15/midlands-far-right-extremist-making-submachine-gun-religious-war/>.

of terrorism (section 58) and to possessing a prohibited weapon under the Firearms Act 1968. He was acquitted of preparing an act of terrorism.<sup>243</sup>

Prosecutor Matthew Brooks described how Styles had traveled to New Zealand shortly before the 2019 Christchurch mosque attack and became “fascinated” by the attacker. He embraced extreme right-wing ideology and viewed his conduct through a broader “religious war” lens. On June 23, 2023, Birmingham Crown Court sentenced him to five years’ imprisonment for possessing a prohibited weapon and two years for possessing terrorism-related material.<sup>244</sup>

### **Mason Reynolds (22, Brighton, Attempted Bombing)**

Mason Reynolds, 22, a white, Christian from Brighton, Sussex, lived with his parents in Moulsecoomb, “[in a] not untypical existence of a young man in his late teens,” studying bricklaying and doing roofing or other part-time laboring work. Beneath that outwardly ordinary routine, prosecutors said he had embraced neo-Nazi beliefs and began spreading hate online in late 2022, including co-administering a Telegram channel called “Far-Right Sigmas” that circulated far-right propaganda and glorified extremist violence.<sup>245</sup>

By early 2023, Reynolds’ online activity was paired with a concrete target: Holland Road Synagogue (Hove Hebrew Congregation) in the seaside town of Hove. Investigators described a “synagogue plan” that read like reconnaissance rather than abstract ideology. It included maps and diagrams of entrances and exits, security camera locations, notes about access points and fire exits, and timing linked to services and the Jewish calendar. A Google Maps clip of the building’s exterior was found as well as annotated comments about the “quickest and efficient way in.” Police also found extremist manuals and bomb-making material on his devices, including the “Mujahideen Explosives Handbook,” the “Terrorist’s Handbook,” and the “Anarchist Cookbook,” alongside propaganda that praised previous far-right attackers.<sup>246</sup> Sky News reported that the prosecution tied Reynolds’ planning to openly antisemitic intent and to maximizing harm. His notes highlighted the High Holy Days Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as times when synagogues are most crowded, and he produced or shared material with slogans such as “Make Jews Afraid Again,” while also commenting online that it would be “10x better seeing Jews get killed.”<sup>247</sup>

Counter Terrorism Policing Southeast acted on intelligence and raided Reynolds’ home on June 27, 2023, arresting him and seizing devices that investigators said stored both neo-Nazi material and the synagogue attack planning documents. He was charged in early July 2023,

<sup>243</sup> Counter Terror Business, “Man Admits Collecting Terrorism Material,” June 16, 2023, <https://counterterrorbusiness.com/news/16062023/man-admits-collecting-terrorism-material>.

<sup>244</sup> Hussain, “Midlands Far-Right Extremist,” and Ben Cartwright, “Warwickshire Man Jailed after Counter Terrorism Investigation,” [hellorayo.co.uk](https://hellorayo.co.uk), June 28, 2023, <https://hellorayo.co.uk/greatest-hits/coventry-warwickshire/news/warwickshire-man-jailed-after-counter-terrorism-investigation/>.

<sup>245</sup> “Teenage Neo-Nazi Who Planned Suicide Bomb Attack on Synagogue Jailed for Eight Years,” Sky News, June 14, 2024, <https://news.sky.com/story/teenage-neo-nazi-who-planned-suicide-bomb-attack-on-synagogue-jailed-for-eight-years-13152887>.

<sup>246</sup> Ibid.

<sup>247</sup> “Teenage Neo-Nazi Who Planned Suicide Bomb Attack.”

and the case proceeded to Winchester Crown Court. Reynolds pleaded guilty in October 2023 to five counts of collecting information likely to be useful for terrorism and five counts of disseminating terrorist publications. However, on April 26, 2024, a jury found him guilty of just one count of possessing an article for terrorist purposes under section 57 of the Terrorism Act 2000.

On June 14, 2024, the court imposed a sentence of eight years' imprisonment followed by five years on license and ordered a 15-year notification requirement to monitor him after release.<sup>248</sup>

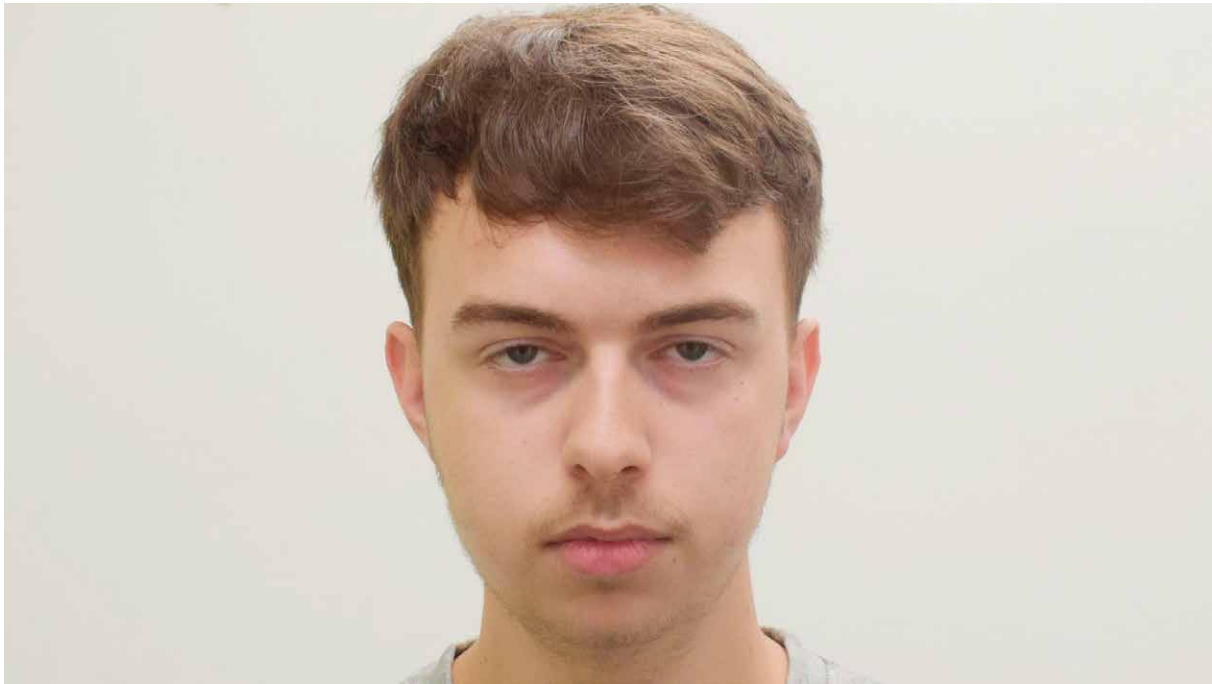


Photo by CTPSE

Mugshot of Mason Reynolds, 2023

### **Kristofer Thomas Kearney (39, Liverpool, Digital Antisemitism)**

Kristofer Thomas Kearney, a white British man, 39, from Liverpool, is a married father of four and a former British Army soldier, member of the Parachute Regiment, who was indicted for extremist Telegram activity conducted under the alias “Charlie Big Potatoes.” News reports identified him as posting from Alicante, Spain, where he had been living before being extradited to the United Kingdom in September 2022, and linked him to the far-right group Patriotic Alternative, where he was described as “Head of Fitness.”<sup>249</sup>

The charges focused on two posts dated January 21, 2021 and March 8, 2021, in which Kearney disseminated material drawn from manifestos associated with far-right mass killers including Anders Breivik. The material he shared included anti-Jewish and anti-Muslim content, “white

<sup>248</sup> CST, “Brighton Man Who Possessed Plans to Attack Synagogue Sentenced,” cst.org, June 14, 2024, [https://cst.org.uk/public/data/file/7/d/Brighton%20man%20who%20possessed%20plans%20to%20attack%20synagogue%20sentenced%20\\_%20Counter%20Terrorism%20Policing%2014%20Jun%202024.pdf](https://cst.org.uk/public/data/file/7/d/Brighton%20man%20who%20possessed%20plans%20to%20attack%20synagogue%20sentenced%20_%20Counter%20Terrorism%20Policing%2014%20Jun%202024.pdf).

<sup>249</sup> Campaign Against Antisemitism, “Member of Far Right Group Patriotic Alternative Who Told Telegram Followers Hitler did ‘Nothing Wrong’ is Jailed,” antisemitism.org, June 26, 2023, <https://antisemitism.org/member-of-far-right-group-patriotic-alternative-who-told-telegram-followers-hitler-did-nothing-wrong-is-jailed/>.

genocide” rhetoric, and messages capable of encouraging extremist violence; prosecutors also cited Telegram posts in which he said Adolf Hitler “showed people the way” and “did nothing wrong.”<sup>250</sup>

After extradition from Spain, Kearney was held at HM Prison Chelmsford and later appeared at the Old Bailey by video link, where he pleaded guilty on March 1, 2023 to two counts of disseminating terrorist publications.

His defense argued that his conduct was reckless rather than intentional, but prosecutor Naomi Parsons told the court that the Crown’s case was “consistent with intent.” During hearings on May 4 and 5, 2023, Kearney maintained that he would not have circulated the material if he had believed it risked promoting violence, and he also claimed he hoped his rhetoric would function as a “rallying cry” for involvement in community groups.<sup>251</sup>

On June 23, 2023, Kearney was sentenced to four years and eight months in prison for two counts of disseminating terrorist publications, with an additional two-year extended license period and a ten-year notification requirement.<sup>252</sup>

### **Michael Derham (Newcastle Upon Tyne, Digital Antisemitism)**

Michael Derham, likely in his 50s or 60s in 2024–2026, is a Newcastle upon Tyne resident who came under scrutiny in the period following the October 7 attacks for antisemitic content posted on X. His case proceeded at Newcastle Magistrates’ Court after a private prosecution brought by Campaign against Antisemitism (CAA).<sup>253</sup>

The posts attributed to Derham were not limited to a single message but reflected a recurring pattern of anti-Jewish conspiracy rhetoric and Holocaust revisionism. Among the statements were: “Western politicians have all been bought or blackmailed by Israel, Mossad or Jewish lobby,” “how much of what we’ve been told about Jews and Israel since WWII has been lies/propaganda? We should stop believing it now,” and “mind you Jewish people are showing themselves to be easy to hate. Especially their politicians, diplomats and media. Makes you question all the myths they have spread about themselves.” He wrote about the Holocaust: “The figure of six million dead is by far the highest outlier estimate” and “six million is the most extreme estimate by a long way.”

<sup>250</sup> Ibid.

<sup>251</sup> Emily Pennink, “First Alleged Member of Far-Right Patriotic Alternative Admits Terror Charges,” *Belfast Telegraph*, March 1, 2023, <https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/uk/first-alleged-member-of-far-right-patriotic-alternative-admits-terror-charges/1668727673.html>.

<sup>252</sup> Campaign Against Antisemitism, “Alleged Member of Far Right Group Patriotic Alternative Told Telegram Followers Hitler Did ‘Nothing Wrong,’ Court Hears,” antisemitism.org, May 7, 2023, <https://antisemitism.org/alleged-member-of-far-right-group-patriotic-alternative-told-telegram-followers-hitler-did-nothing-wrong-court-hears>, and CT Insight, “Far Right Fitness ‘Guru’ Kristofer Kearney Jailed Over Terror Manifestos,” June 24, 2023, <https://ctinsight.net/far-right-fitness-guru-kristofer-kearney-jailed/>.

<sup>253</sup> Campaign Against Antisemitism, “CAA Private Prosecution Leads to Conviction and Sentence for Man who Shared Antisemitic Conspiracy Theories Online,” antisemitism.org, December 8, 2024, <https://antisemitism.org/caa-private-prosecution-leads-to-conviction-and-sentence-for-man-who-shared-antisemitic-conspiracy-theories-online/>.

According to CAA’s published account, Derham pleaded guilty and was convicted of five offences under section 127(1)(a) and (3) of the Communications Act 2003. CAA states that the posts were first exposed on X by Steve Cooke, a Labour Party political activist who speaks out on antisemitism, after the Metropolitan Police had said that “no suspect was identified” and would not refer the matter to the Crown Prosecution Service. At sentencing in Newcastle Magistrates’ Court, Derham received a 600 British Pounds fine and was ordered to pay 400 British Pounds in prosecution costs (at 100 British Pounds per month), with the court noting his early guilty plea, apparent remorse, good character, age, health difficulties, and limited income.<sup>254</sup>

### **Fiona Elizabeth Ryan (40, Wiltshire, Digital Antisemitism)**

Fiona Elizabeth Ryan, 40, a white British woman from Salisbury, Wiltshire, described herself online as a “geo-political analyst” and a journalist. She maintained a large TikTok audience before her prosecution.<sup>255</sup>

In a TikTok post from October 28, 2023, she wrote: “many of us DON’T condemn Hamas. These are men who have grown up in a concentration camp and found a way to bust out. They are hero’s” [sic]. In other posts she was reported to have shared blunt antisemitic contents, including Holocaust-related mockery. Her bail conditions included restrictions on posting social media content relating to religion or to domestic and international conflicts.<sup>256</sup>

Proceedings advanced in Salisbury Magistrates’ Court, where Wiltshire Police reported on September 4, 2024, that Ryan had been found guilty of four counts of offensive communications after pleading not guilty, and that District Judge Timothy Pattinson held that “any reasonable person would find all of this material featured in this trial grossly offensive.” Judge Pattinson described the posts as “disgusting and nauseating” and motivated by hostility based on race and religion, while Wessex prosecutor Gavin Sumpter said Ryan’s “vile rhetoric reached a wide audience” and caused “real harm in the Jewish community.”<sup>257</sup>

On November 14, 2024, she was sentenced to a total of 20 weeks’ imprisonment suspended for 18 months, with prosecution costs, a victim surcharge, and a rehabilitation requirement.<sup>258</sup>

<sup>254</sup> Ibid.

<sup>255</sup> Crown Prosecution Service, “TikToker Sentenced for Grossly Offensive Antisemitic Posts,” November 14, 2024, <https://www.cps.gov.uk/wessex/news/tiktoker-sentenced-grossly-offensive-antisemitic-posts>; Wiltshire Police, “Salisbury Woman Guilty of Offensive Social Media Posts,” April 9, 2024, <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/news/wiltshire/news/2024/september-2024/salisbury-woman-guilty-of-offensive-social-media-posts/>; ITV News, “TikToker from Salisbury Who Made ‘Grossly Offensive’ Antisemitic Posts Avoids Prison, November 15, 2024, <https://www.itv.com/news/westcountry/2024-11-15/tiktoker-who-made-grossly-offensive-antisemitic-posts-avoids-prison>.

<sup>256</sup> UKLFI, “Social Media Influencer Arrested over Pro-Hamas Tweets,” December 17, 2023, <https://www.uklfi.com/social-media-influencer-arrested-over-pro-hamas-tweets>; Crown Prosecution Service, “TikToker Sentenced for Grossly Offensive Antisemitic Posts”; and ITV News, “TikToker from Salisbury Who Made ‘Grossly Offensive’ Antisemitic Posts.”

<sup>257</sup> ITV News, “TikToker from Salisbury Who Made ‘Grossly Offensive’ Antisemitic Posts,” and Crown Prosecution Service, “TikToker Sentenced for Grossly Offensive Antisemitic Posts.”

<sup>258</sup> Wiltshire Police, “Salisbury Woman Guilty of Offensive Social Media Posts,” and Crown Prosecution Service, “TikToker Sentenced for Grossly Offensive Antisemitic Posts.”

## **Hussein Altamimi (22, London, Assault) and Ali Alanzi (30, London, Assault)**

Hussein Altamimi, 22, and Ali Alanzi, 30, both from London and of Arab origin, were convicted of an antisemitic assault that occurred in November 2024 outside Western Marble Arch Synagogue after worshippers had left a social event.<sup>259</sup>

Outside the synagogue, the two men targeted a group of four Jewish victims, shouting: “Jews aren’t welcome here,” with additional abuse reported in court, including “you don’t belong here,” “fucking Jew,” and repeated cries of “free Palestine.”

Court reporting states that when one victim began recording the incident on a mobile phone, Altamimi hit her arm so that she could no longer continue filming, while Alanzi threw the contents of an alcoholic drink toward one of the victims. Both men were detained by synagogue security before police arrived, and Alanzi assaulted a police officer during the arrest process.<sup>260</sup>

At Isleworth Crown Court, both were convicted of four counts each of religiously aggravated fear, provocation of violence and religiously aggravated assault. Alanzi was also convicted of assaulting an emergency worker. Altamimi was additionally found guilty in relation to a separate July 1, 2023, incident involving assaulting a police officer and racially aggravated abuse. Altamimi received eight months’ imprisonment, while Alanzi received seven months and an additional 12 weeks following the activation of a suspended sentence.<sup>261</sup>

## **Mohammed Nafees Ahmed (32, Birmingham, Digital Antisemitism)**

Mohammed Nafees Ahmed, 32, Muslim, from Tipton in England’s West Midlands, is an accountant who later worked as a pharmacy delivery driver, married and the father of two. After the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack, he focused his X account on Gaza and Israel, posting content that celebrated violence and repeatedly baiting authorities online, including goading the Metropolitan Police to arrest him.<sup>262</sup>

Across October and November 2023, Ahmed used social media to praise Hamas and escalate into explicitly violent and antisemitic language. He replied to then Foreign Secretary James Cleverly’s October 8 condemnation by writing “your a fool, long live Palestine, long live Hamas,”

<sup>259</sup> Tristan Kirk, “Two Jailed for Hurling Antisemitic Abuse and Alcohol at Worshipers Outside Jewish Synagogue in Marble Arch,” *The Standard*, June 6, 2025, <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/marble-arch-synagogue-abuse-antisemitism-palestine-jews-court-hate-crime-b1231574.html>; “Two Men Sentenced for Antisemitic Abuse Outside London Synagogue,” *The Jewish Chronicle*, June 5, 2025, <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk/two-men-sentenced-for-antisemitic-abuse-outside-westminster-synagogue-ywe5t2zm>; and David Michael Swindle, “Two UK Men Convicted, Jailed Following November Antisemitic Harassment,” *The Algemeiner*, June 6, 2025, <https://www.algemeiner.com/2025/06/06/two-uk-men-convicted-jailed-following-november-antisemitic-harassment/>.

<sup>260</sup> Ibid.

<sup>261</sup> Ibid.

<sup>262</sup> Emily Pennink, “Jail for ‘Idiot’ Hamas Supporter Who Threatened Primer Minister with Knife Emoji,” *The Independent*, December 19, 2024, <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/hamas-keir-starmer-prime-minister-israel-old-bailey-b2667314.html>.

and then posted on October 11: “Wipe them off the map. Death to Israel and America.” On October 16, he wrote that Hamas were “resistance fighters” and that “we will eradicate every Zionist ... INSHALLAH,” while also glorifying videos of Israeli soldiers being killed. In late November, he posted “Parish Juda,” described in reporting as meaning “death to Jews,” and he also directed a knife-emoji threat at Sir Keir Starmer during a Chanukah message, writing: “You Zionist, your time will come (knife icon).”<sup>263</sup>

The case moved from online monitoring to prosecution after the Jewish Community Security Trust (CST) said its open-source research team identified the author of the extremist posts and shared the evidence with counter-terrorism police. West Midlands Police arrested Ahmed on March 20, 2024, at his home in Tipton; he initially gave no comment but later acknowledged possession of the device used for the posts and provided an access code. On September 16, 2024, he was charged with eight counts of supporting a proscribed terrorist organization (Hamas), pleaded guilty to all counts in early December 2024 at Westminster Magistrates’ Court, and was then sentenced at the Old Bailey on December 19, 2024, to 12 months’ imprisonment with a further year on extended license.<sup>264</sup>

In court, the prosecution framed the offending as a sustained pattern of “antisemitic, violent and threatening” messaging over roughly five months, and pointed to the knife icons aimed at public figures alongside posts advocating attacks on Israel as part of why the conduct was treated as terrorist support rather than mere political commentary. Judge Nigel Lickley said he was satisfied Ahmed had “terrorist motivations” and that he knew Hamas was proscribed as a terror organization despite claiming otherwise, stressing that his words “played a part in a worldwide dialogue at the time” and could not be overlooked. The defense argued he was a “keyboard warrior,” politically driven by distress over images from Gaza, and insisted he did not view himself as antisemitic.<sup>265</sup>

## **Shakeel Yunis (44, Coventry, Digital Antisemitism)**

Shakeel Yunis, 44, Muslim, married and the father of one from Craven Street, Coventry, came to the attention of the UK authorities after posting a three-minute TikTok video in which he threatened to kill an Israeli Jewish man who was due to speak at King’s College London as part of his charity work. In the video, published March 20, 2024, Yunis boasted that he had found the man’s location and addressed him directly, saying: “Plenty of people, including myself, are itching to get my hands on you.”<sup>266</sup>

<sup>263</sup> Ibid.

<sup>264</sup> CST, “Hamas Supporter Behind Bars because of CST Research,” cst.org, January 7, 2025, <https://cst.org.uk/news/blog/2025/01/07/hamas-supporter-behind-bars-because-of-cst-research>.

<sup>265</sup> Daniel Walton, “Face Revealed of Tipton Terrorist Who Threatened Prime Minister with Knife Emojis,” *Express & Star*, December 20, 2024, <https://www.expressandstar.com/news/local-hubs/sandwell/tipton/2024/12/20/face-revealed-of-tipton-terrorist-who-threatened-prime-minister-with-knife-emojis/>.

<sup>266</sup> Campaign Against Antisemitism, “Coventry Man Jailed after Targeting Jewish Man on TikTok,” antisemitism.org, June 25, 2025, <https://antisemitism.org/coventry-man-jailed-after-targeting-jewish-man-on-tiktok/>, and Carl Jackson and Claire Harrison, “Coventry Dad’s Three-Minute TikTok Rant That Landed Him in Jail Despite Apology,” YahooNews UK, June 25, 2025, <https://uk.news.yahoo.com/coventry-dads-three-minute-tiktok-110148591.html>.

Yunis framed the post as a form of retaliation tied to the Gaza war, telling viewers that “people are actively looking to dish out justice,” that the man “will never be able to walk the streets of the UK again in safety,” and that “people will drag him away from his family as he did to others.” He claimed the target was a former IDF soldier who had recently fought in Gaza. But the man was in fact a charity worker whose military service was in the more distant past. The threat triggered a security response that included the target moving homes, removing his image from social media, and using an alias out of fear for his safety.<sup>267</sup>

On March 28, 2024, the Campaign against Antisemitism (CAA), a British NGO combating hate crimes directed against Jews, reported Yunis to the Metropolitan Police.

On August 22, 2024, Yunis pleaded guilty at the Birmingham Crown Court to one count of sending a communication threatening death or serious harm.<sup>268</sup>

The Coventry Telegraph reported that Yunis apologized and accepted he had acted on misinformation, while his barrister, Matthew Cullen, said he felt “severe guilt.” Cullen said his client held strong political views but had not shown hostility based on race or religion.

Sentencing at Birmingham Crown Court, Judge Andrew Smith concluded that only immediate custody was appropriate and emphasized the need for deterrence because the offence undermined a “stable and civilized society.” Yunis was handed an 18-month prison term.<sup>269</sup>

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<sup>267</sup> Campaign Against Antisemitism, “Coventry Man Jailed after Targeting Jewish Man.”

<sup>268</sup> Ibid.

<sup>269</sup> Carl Jackson and Claire Harrison, “Coventry Dad is Jailed after Rant on TikTok,” *Coventry Telegraph*, June 28, 2025, <https://www.magzter.com/stories/newspaper/Coventry-Telegraph/COVENTRY-DAD-IS-JAILED-AFTER-RANT-ON-TIKTOK>.