



April Bias Summary

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Date Occurred	District	Bias Class	Bias Type	Bias Type 2	Bias Code	Bias Code 2	Victim Type	Summary
4/30/2024	2D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		School/College	A swastika was found drawn on a desk in a high school. The school will handle the matter administratively.
4/30/2024	2D	Other	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	A high school student (victim) reported that another student (subject) gave the Nazi salute during class and the victim felt threatened by the action. The subject stated that he was pointing to a bug, not giving the Nazi salute. The school will handle the consequences.
4/30/2024	6D	Other	Religion		Anti-Jewish		School/College	At the end of class, a high school student (subject) was given an exit ticket to complete. When the subject returned the exit ticket, there was nothing on it but a swastika drawn on the paper. Only the teacher saw the drawing. No students were aware of the drawing. The school will handle all disciplinary actions.
4/29/2024	1D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		School/College	Vandalism was found at a high school with the words "free Palestine" written in chalk at the entrance of the school. The school will handle the matter administratively.
4/29/2024	1D	Other	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	The victim and his two young children were walking back home from the synagogue when they felt water splash them. A witness pointed out to them a vehicle whose occupants had allegedly thrown something at them. The victim made eye contact with the driver but the vehicle occupants did not make any verbal statements or other gestures toward the victim. The victim felt that this was a targeted incident based on him being near the synagogue and he and his son both were wearing yamakas.
4/27/2024	1D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	The victim reported that an unknown subject put a "Free Palestine" sticker on a magnet of the Israeli Flag that was on her mailbox. The victim has had other bias-based incidents occur prior to this event. It should be noted there is a large Israeli Flag that is in front of the above referenced residence.
4/27/2024	1D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Religious Organization	A banner that read "We Stand with Israel" at a Jewish temple was vandalized. An unknown subject crossed out Israel and wrote "Pales" above it in red spray paint. It is believed the subject was trying to spell out Palestine but did not finish. The temple's security cameras do not capture the area where the banner is hung.
4/26/2024	1D	Vandalism-Motor Vehicle	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	Four vehicles that were parked in front of a residence were struck with what appeared to be orange paintballs. Damage was caused to one vehicle. The residence had two large Israeli flags hanging in front. The complainant also reported that 2 weeks prior, an unknown driver yelled antisemitic language out the window of a vehicle. It is unknown if the incidents are related.
4/26/2024	2D	Other	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	A pencil eraser appeared to have been used to draw a swastika on a middle school desk. The victim, who is Jewish, did not report the image to school staff but later told her parents. A male student admitted to drawing the image and appeared remorseful. The victim's family believes she was targeted due to her religion, but there was no evidence to support the claim and no evidence of an intent to harm or harass the victim. The school will handle the consequences.
4/25/2024	1D	Written Intimidation/Simple Assault	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	The executive director at a Jewish temple received a suspicious letter in the mail which contained potentially threatening language and anti-Israel news articles.
4/24/2024	4D	Assault (simple)	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	A middle school student (victim) was physically assaulted and called a racial slur by another student. The school will handle the matter administratively.
4/24/2024	2D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Black		School/College	A middle school student (subject) made racist comments to several male students who are African American. The school will handle any administrative consequences.
4/24/2024	3D	Assault (simple)	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	An elementary school student (victim) reported that another student (subject) grabbed her arm in class and called her a racist term because she would not give him a toy he asked for. The victim was not able to give an exact date of when this incident occurred. It was only reported after the victim's parent noticed a bruise on her arm. The school will handle the consequences.
4/24/2024	5D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Sexual Orientation		Anti-Homosexual		Individual(s)	While on the school bus, two students (subjects) called the victim a homophobic term and ripped a keychain off his backpack, breaking it. The school will handle the matter administratively.
4/21/2024	2D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	As the victim was leaving a convenience store, two subjects followed closely for several minutes, making antisemitic comments. The victim ignored the comments and kept walking home. The subjects eventually stopped following. The convenience store will attempt to get video footage of the subjects.
4/19/2024	5D	Written Intimidation/Simple Assault	Ethnicity	Race	Anti-Hispanic	Anti-Black	Individual(s)	A high school student (subject) initiated a physical altercation with other students. The subject later sent a threatening social media message to the victim, which included derogatory racial/ethnic language. The subject received 3 days of out of school suspension and 1 day of in-school intervention for this incident. The parents of all students involved were notified and the school will handle the matter administratively.
4/18/2024	4D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Sexual Orientation		Anti-Male Homosexual		Individual(s)	A middle school student (subject) called a teacher a homophobic term after the teacher reprimanded the subject for poor behavior.
4/18/2024	RCPD	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	A 9 year-old was in a park when an unknown subject called him racial slurs out the window of a vehicle.
4/18/2024	2D	Written Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	A high school student reported that a former friend had used a racial slur in a text message. The text was originally meant as a joke between two friends, but when the two friends were no longer getting along, the student reported the text message. It is unknown when the text was originally sent, as the conversation has since been deleted. MCPS is handling the incident and has contacted parents of both students.
4/18/2024	4D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Sexual Orientation	Race	Anti-Homosexual	Anti-Black	Individual(s)	A middle school student (subject) called a teacher (victim) derogatory racial and homophobic terms because the teacher would not let the student use YouTube. The school will handle the incident administratively.
4/18/2024	3D	Other	Religion		Anti-Jewish		School/College	An elementary school student (subject) received a referral to a crisis center for mental health issues. On this date, the subject made inappropriate antisemitic comments and gestures to another student. The parents will discuss therapy options.

4/17/2024	2D	Social Media	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	The victim and his wife stopped by an anti-Israel/pro-Palestine protest. After the victim picked up one of the protester's loudspeakers and threw it to the ground, the victim was arrested. This interaction was filmed and posted on social media sites. The victims then began receiving numerous social media messages and messages to private and work accounts. Although no threats of harm were received, the victims requested increased police patrols around their neighborhood due to their belief that they were targeted because they are Jewish and Israeli.
4/17/2024	3D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		School/College	A "Swastika" was drawn on the desk in pencil in a high school. The classroom is shared by multiple staff members and their students do not have assigned seats. There are no cameras inside of the classrooms. The drawing did not cause permanent damage to the desk. The building service staff cleaned the image.
4/16/2024	2D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Religion		Anti-Islamic		School/College	While teaching a lesson in class, a middle school teacher showed a picture of a mosque. A student (subject) said that he had visited there and he almost got bombed. The teacher and the entire class heard it. The teacher felt some of the students may have been offended.
4/16/2024	1D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Society	An unknown subject spraypainted an antisemitic message on a bike trail asphalt.
4/15/2024	6D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	A customer (subject) called the business regarding an issue with her online food delivery order which was being sent to the wrong address. The subject continued to call the business several times using profanity and being rude. The victim advised the subject to contact the delivery service directly with any questions, then the subject called the victim a racial slur and hung up the phone.
4/15/2024	1D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	A student (subject) was bothered by other students who were making noise. The subject yelled a racial slur at them twice. When a staff member tried to intervene, the subject threw a chair at the staff member. The subject attends a school for students who have developmental disabilities. The matter will be handled by the school administration.
4/15/2024	3D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	An elementary school student (subject) called his classmate (victim) a derogatory name due to the victim's appearance. School administration will handle the incident administratively.
4/15/2024	5D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	A middle school student (subject) made antisemitic comments to another student (victim) who is Jewish. The school will handle the consequences.
4/14/2024	4D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		School/College	A citizen reported a swastika drawn with chalk on an elementary school's door. School staff cleaned the image off the door.
4/12/2024	3D	Other	Religion		Anti-Jewish		School/College	An elementary school student (subject) grabbed two post-it notes and drew swastikas on each of them. She then pulled out an index card and wrote "FUHRER" on the front, and "LEADER" on the back. When questioned where she knew the symbol from, the subject stated from the TV show, "Naruto" and she knew the word "FUHRER" after glancing through a book. The school deemed the incident not a hate/bias incident and will be meeting with the subject's parents.
4/12/2024	GCPD	Vandalism	Religion	Race	Anti-Jewish	Anti-Black	School/College	An unknown person drew three swastikas and three racial slurs on a desk in a middle school classroom. It is unknown the time and date this was completed. No cameras were available. A community letter was written to the students who potentially saw the writing and drawing.
4/11/2024	4D	Vandalism	Race	Gender/Gender Identity	Anti-Black	Anti-Transgender	School/College	A teacher at a high school was setting up portable desktops and found one with an offensive transexual drawing, a school threat, and hateful writing. It was noted that there are hundreds of portable desktops and many are covered with images and writings. The timeframe of when the above was drawn/written could not be determined.
4/11/2024	GCPD	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		School/College	Vandalism was reported in an elementary school, which included three swastikas written on the bathroom wall in pen.
4/11/2024	5D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Asian		Individual(s)	After watching a video in class, a middle school student turned to a fellow student and called him a derogatory term. The victim was offended by the statement and reported it to staff. The school will handle the matter administratively.
4/11/2024	2D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	Two high school students (subjects) made derogatory racial statements toward the victim when the victim made mistakes during sports practice. School administration will handle the consequences.
4/8/2024	3D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Gender/Gender Identity		Anti-Transgender		Individual(s)	An elementary school student (subject) displayed inappropriate and offensive behavior toward the victim who is transgender.
4/7/2024	1D	Written Intimidation/Simple Assault	Religion		Anti-Buddhist		Religious Organization	A Buddhist temple received threatening emails from a subject located in California. The first email referenced threats to a retreat center in California, then another email referenced threats to the temple in Montgomery County. Open-source searches did not reveal any known ties to Montgomery County. The temple does not know the subject or what prompted the emails. The emails were forwarded to the FBI for follow up.
4/6/2024	5D	Written Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	The victim pays for two reserved parking spots in front of her building, and has had issues with people parking in one of her spots. The victim had tried other means of dealing with the situation, but she decided to have the offender's car towed. The victim later found a handwritten note on her car containing a racial slur. It is unknown who placed the note but the victim believes it is related to the car tow.
4/6/2024	3D	Assault (simple)	Sexual Orientation		Anti-Male Homosexual		Individual(s)	A victim reported a sex offense that occurred a few years ago while he was attending middle school. The victim stated that another student (subject) repeatedly touched him inappropriately and called him homophobic terms. The victim feels he was targeted due to his sexual orientation.
4/5/2024	3D	Other	Sexual Orientation	Race	Anti-Male Homosexual	Anti-Black	Individual(s)	Officers responded to a residence for possible arson and burglary. The victim had just moved into the residence and had issues with neighbors complaining to the landlord about him. The victim believes this could be a hate/bias crime due to his race, gender, and sexual orientation. Further investigation will determine if the events are related to hate/bias.
4/5/2024	3D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	A middle school student (subject) made derogatory racial comments to another student (victim). The victim reported that this was not the first time it had happened. The school administration will handle the incident administratively.
4/5/2024	2D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		School/College	Vandalism was found on the 2nd floor girls' bathroom of a middle school with a Pro-Palestine message.
4/5/2024	3D	Assault (simple)	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	The victim was walking down the street when the subject and two children approached him asking him to purchase bracelets from her. When the victim declined, the subject became irate and started yelling racial slurs at him and physically assaulted him. When questioned, the subject stated she felt the victim was acting superior to her, to which she had to 'stand her ground'. The victim was given information on how to obtain charges.

4/5/2024	6D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	A middle school student (subject) called a teacher (victim) a racial slur multiple times after the teacher denied the student to use the restroom. The subject served a two-period in-school suspension for their actions.
4/4/2024	4D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Sexual Orientation		Anti-Male Homosexual		School/College	A middle school student walked into a classroom, pointed his finger inside and yelled a homophobic slur then immediately ran out of the classroom and ran down the hallway. The school will handle the consequences.
4/4/2024	6D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Black		School/College	Three middle school girls were heard saying a racial slur. It was discovered that the slur was a code name for a boy the girls liked. The school will handle the matter administratively.
4/3/2024	2D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	A restaurant received multiple phone calls from the same number making death threats and saying "Free Palestine". It is believed the restaurant is being targeted because it is a Jewish restaurant but it is not believed that anyone will take action on these threats.
4/2/2024	6D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	A middle school student (subject) called another student (victim) a racial slur. The victim felt the slur was said in a derogatory and mean way and told the subject not to use that word anymore. Later, the victim heard the subject use the slur again but it was referencing a song or song lyrics. The school will handle the matter administratively.
4/1/2024	2D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Business/Financial Institution	An unknown male was seen on surveillance video forcefully removing an Israeli flag from the front of a business. Through investigation, a subject was identified and admitted to taking the flag. The subject removed the flag because it was blocking the name of the business but the subject was unaware that the business owner placed the flag in that location. The subject was apologetic and returned the flag and the business owner elected to not press charges.