



# December Bias Incident Summary

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Date Occurred	District	Bias Class	Bias Type	Bias Type 2	Bias Code	Bias Code 2	Victim Type	Summary
12/22/2023	5D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		School/College	In the boys locker room of a high school, there was a swastika etched into a bench. The school will handle the matter internally.
12/21/2023	1D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Sexual Orientation		Anti-Female Homosexual		Individual(s)	A high school student (victim) had been continually bullied by another student (subject) regarding their sexual orientation and gender identity. The subject had initialed and signed a Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) 'No contact contract' and was provided MCPS Bullying and Harassment Policy. The subject was also involved in two other hate/bias crime incidents involving the same victim. The subject was charged with: CR 3-803 HARASS: A COURSE OF CONDUCT 1 0191
12/20/2023	5D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		School/College	Two swastikas were drawn on a desk in pencil at a high school.
12/19/2023	2D	Vandalism-Motor Vehicle	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	The victim found that the rear window of her car had been smashed in. Nothing was taken from the vehicle and it was still locked. No other vehicles in the area appeared to be damaged. The victim stated there was a star of David sticker on the back windshield and a Pagan star hanging from the rearview mirror.
12/19/2023	4D	Other	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	A middle school student (subject) asked another student if they were Jewish, to which the student said no. The subject then made a Nazi salute and started talking about Hitler. The school will handle the matter administratively.
12/19/2023	2D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Business/Financial Institution	Two Ukrainian flags had been placed on the doors of a business, one was vandalized with a swastika drawn in the center of it. Both flags were inside protective plastic sleeves. There is one security camera in the hallway and footage will be reviewed.
12/17/2023	2D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Religious Organization	A sign outside a temple was vandalized with three large black colored X's spray painted over the message stating the temple stands with Israel.
12/17/2023	1D	Written Intimidation/Simple Assault	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Religious Organization	Officers were alerted to suspicious emails containing bomb threats against several locations. Officers responded to two locations, both were reported to have been used for Jewish events. A visual and K9 scan produced negative results.
12/17/2023	6D	Vandalism-Motor Vehicle	Religion		Anti-Islamic		Individual(s)	While stopped at a red light, an unknown subject kicked the victim's car door, yelled obscenities at her several times, then he told her to go back to her country. The victim felt this action was because she was wearing a keffiyeh scarf around her neck.
12/15/2023	4D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Business/Financial Institution	An unknown subject burned an Israeli flag that was displayed along with other flags representing other nations. The Israeli flag was the only flag burned. The business owner believes the incident is related to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. A similar incident occurred at the same location on 12/13/2023.
12/15/2023	3D	Other	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	A middle school student (subject) sent a message to a group chat that included numerous swastikas in the message. The victim showed screenshots of the message to a school counselor. The school will develop a support plan and handle the matter internally.
12/15/2023	5D	Physical Intimidation/Simple Assault	Gender/Gender Identity		Anti-Gender Non-Conforming		Individual(s)	Two middle school students got into a verbal then physical altercation regarding beliefs about sexual orientation and gender identity. The subject pushed the victim down and hit them with a stick. The victim identifies as non-binary and is an advocate for gender/sexuality alliance.
12/14/2023	2D	Other	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Society	Two posters were found on a traffic control light box which were anti-semitic in nature and had swastikas on them.
12/14/2023	2D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	A verbal argument ensued between two neighbors when the subject called the victim an antisemitic slur. The subject suffers from mental health issues. The victim does not want to pursue further action, but is concerned about potential retaliation by the subject.
12/13/2023	GCPD	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	During a verbal altercation following a road rage incident, a female subject called the other driver a racial slur.
12/12/2023	4D	Other	Race		Anti-Black		School/College	Elementary school students on the playground were giving out "passes" to other students allowing the use of racial slurs. Most of the students who were offered the passes felt offended. The principal will send a community letter in reference to the incident to the school community.
12/11/2023	2D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	An elementary school student (subject) asked another student (victim) if she was Jewish. When the victim said yes, the subject made antisemitic comments and referenced a video. The subject later stated he was joking and that no video exists.
12/11/2023	GCPD	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Ethnicity		Anti-Hispanic		Business/Financial Institution	An unknown male entered a store and said the store should not be serving people of Hispanic origins, and the store needs to be shut down if they continued to sell to these groups. The subject never made any direct threats to harm anyone. The subject may be suffering from mental illness. A similar incident occurred on 12/3/23.
12/11/2023	2D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Black		School/College	A middle school student stood up in class and made a derogatory racial comment. When questioned, the student said she was "joking". School administration will be handling the consequences.
12/11/2023	4D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Business/Financial Institution	Officers responded to a store for a report of a burglary when the victim reported that a flag of the State of Israel had also been burned. The victim felt this was a hate crime due to the destruction of this particular flag during a time of world conflict.
12/11/2023	1D	Other	Race	Race	Anti-Black	Anti-Asian	School/College	Several elementary school students were planning to create "passes" to make fun of a particular race/ethnicity for the day. There were approximately fifteen (15) students involved in the incident, and were from all races and ethnicities. The students advised that this was just a joke and for fun. The parents of the involved students were notified and plans to hold a "townhall" meeting to address respectfulness. The school will handle the incident internally.
12/9/2023	3D	Other	Sexual Orientation		Anti-Homosexual		Individual(s)	A bomb threat was received referencing the victim's home address. The threat was against a restaurant and restaurant owner not associated with the victim's address. Officers did an external scan of the perimeter with negative results. The restaurant referenced in the threat was hosting an event for the LGBTQ+ community.
12/8/2023	4D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Religion	Race	Anti-Jewish	Anti-Black	Individual(s)	A middle school student (subject) made biased statements toward two other students while working on a class project. The school will handle the consequences.
12/8/2023	2D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		School/College	A swastika was found on the desk of a high school. The image was promptly erased.
12/7/2023	4D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Religious Organization	A witness reported seeing an unknown male kicking and punching a large metal menorah, then throwing it to the ground. The menorah was displayed on the front lawn of a synagogue.

12/7/2023	6D	Vandalism	Race		Anti-Black		School/College	A middle school teacher found a racial slur written on a desk. One student admitted to writing the slur because he was bored. The school will handle the matter administratively.
12/7/2023	6D	Vandalism	Race		Anti-Black		School/College	Following a disagreement with a student (subject), a teacher found racially derogatory writing and a drawing on a desk in the classroom. The subject admitted to the writing and drawing. The school handled the matter internally.
12/6/2023	1D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	An elementary school student (subject) was teasing another student (victim) and victim told the subject to stop. Later subject called the victim a racial slur. Both students are the same race. The school will handle the matter administratively.
12/5/2023	1D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Religion		Anti-Islamic		Individual(s)	The victim was attending a Muslim faith protest when two subjects assaulted him. The victim sent a video of the assault to officers.
12/5/2023	1D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		School/College	Antisemitic graffiti was found on the wall of a girls restroom of a high school. The graffiti was removed by school staff.
12/5/2023	1D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	Two high school students were playing and joking in class. The subject was heard making a racially derogatory comment. Both students were sent to the office.
12/4/2023	2D	Social Media	Religion		Anti-Jewish		School/College	A middle school teacher posted multiple anti-Israel posts on social media. Jewish parents felt the posts were hurtful and worried about their children's safety at the school. The teacher will be suspended until MCPS finishes an investigation.
12/4/2023	5D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	A high school student made an antisemitic comment in class. The teacher reported the comment to school administrators.
12/4/2023	2D	Vandalism	Race		Anti-Black		School/College	A racial slur was found written on a desk in an elementary school. The subject stated he didn't mean to do it, he knew he was wrong, and he knew it was inappropriate and stated that he had heard similar racial slurs used fellow classmates who are Black themselves. The school handle the matter administratively.
12/4/2023	4D	Other	Religion		Anti-Jewish		School/College	A middle school student (subject) drew a picture of a swastika which was displayed on the overhead projector. The Asst. Principal questioned the subject and stated that he believed the subject did not know what the symbol meant and the subject stated they drew the picture because they were bored and did not know the symbol had meaning. The school will handle the matter administratively.
12/4/2023	4D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	The victim and her caretaker reported that the caretaker's vehicle and various doors of the victim's home had been vandalized. The victim has a sign in her yard showing support for Israel and believes this is the reason she was targeted. There were no other reports of anything similar occurring in the neighborhood.
12/2/2023	3D	Assault (physical)	Ethnicity		Anti-Hispanic		Individual(s)	Two Hispanic males (victims) and a child were on a bus when a verbal altercation ensued between the victims and another patron (subject), with the subject making a derogatory comment about Latinos. The altercation became physical with both parties throwing punches. The two victims appeared intoxicated on the bus and the child was observed throwing a beer bottle at the subject during the fight. Video will be reviewed for further investigation.
12/1/2023	3D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	Two elementary school students were on a bus returning from a field trip when one called the other a derogatory racial term. The two students have a history of pinching and hitting each other and calling each other a derogatory names. Neither of the students reported any of the events to a staff member or a parent.
11/30/2023	2D	Verbal Intimidation/Simple Assault	Sexual Orientation		Anti-Male Homosexual		Individual(s)	A group of middle school students attempted to strike another student (victim) calling him a homophobic term. The victim is not homosexual but associates with other students who may identify as LGBTQ. No physical contact was made during the altercation. School administration interviewed all parties but was unable to verify if bias language was used. The school will handle the consequences.
11/30/2023	4D	Vandalism	Religion		Anti-Jewish		Individual(s)	The victim observed vandalism to a wooden fence on his property which the victim felt was meant to represent his family. The victim felt this was a hate crime due to his religious beliefs.
11/30/2023	1D	Other	Race		Anti-Black		Individual(s)	A high school teacher was monitoring student computer usage using a software program when she clicked on one student (subject #1), who was sharing a computer with another student (subject #2), and found a derogatory racial term had been typed in the search bar. When interviewed, Subject #1 said that Subject #2 typed the words, but Subject #2 denied it. Both subjects were transferred out of the class and Subject #2 was given out-of-school suspension.
11/30/2023	GCPD	Written Intimidation/Simple Assault	Religion	Race	Anti-Jewish	Anti-Black	School/College	Two middle school students were participating in a school-based group email session involving approximately 20 students when Subject #1 submitted an image of a Nazi flag and Subject #2 submitted an image of skin-lightening cream referencing changing the colors of the skin. Images of the emails were sent to the Asst. Principal.