



## MONTEREY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **Hate Crime – Graffiti / Vandalism**

On December 5, 2022, The Monterey Police Department was informed of graffiti located in the 300 block of Alvarado Street, Monterey. It is believed the vandalism occurred sometime on December 4, 2022. The graffiti consisted of racial slurs and Anti-Semitic imagery written in black paint or marker. The Monterey Police is investigating this as a hate crime.

*A Hate Crime is defined as any criminal act or attempt directed against a person(s), public agency or private institution based on the victim's actual or perceived race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or gender or because the agency or institution is identified or associated with a person or group of an identifiable race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or gender. A hate crime includes an act, which results in injury, however slight; a verbal threat of violence which apparently can be carried out; an act which results in property damage; and property damage or another criminal act(s) directed against a public or private agency.*

Hate crimes impact both the individual they are targeted toward as well as the community as a whole. The Monterey Police Department safeguards the rights of all individuals. Any acts or threats of violence, property damage, harassment, intimidation, or other crimes motivated by hate or bias are viewed very seriously and given the highest priority.

Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to call Lieutenant Jake Pinkas at (831) 646-3816 or to remain anonymous, call (831) 646-3840.

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