



The George Washington University Police Department  
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 INCIDENT REPORT  
 801 22nd Street NW - Rome Hall Suite #101, Washington, DC, 20052  
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LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE / ADDRESS: INTERNATIONAL HOUSE (RIVERSIDE) / 2201 VA AVE. NW, Washington, DC, [REDACTED]  
 DATE / TIME REPORTED: 03/16/2015 10:35  
 CASE NO.: 1501701

CODE SECTION: [REDACTED] CRIME: Defacing or Burning Cross or Religious Symbol  
 CLASSIFICATION: DESTRUCTION LOSS: 0 RECOVERY: 0

FROM: DATE/TIME: 03/16/2015 10:00 TO: DATE/TIME: 03/16/2015 10:15 APPROVED: YES CASE STATUS: [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES:  ALCOHOL RELATED  DRUGS INVOLVED  SENIOR CITIZEN  ARREST OCCURED  
 TRAFFIC RELATED  GROUP/GANG INVOLVED  WEAPONS INVOLVED  DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

ITEMS IN REPORT:  SUPPLEMENT  PICTURE/IMAGES  
 FOLLOW UP  PROPERTY/EVIDENCE

COPIES TO:  PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS  GWORLD  
 PARKING SERVICES  STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESP.  \_\_\_\_\_  EH & S  
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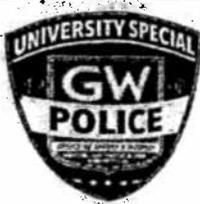
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 PHONES: [REDACTED]

NARRATIVE  
 At approximately 1035 hours, 03/16/2015, R-1 responded to the fourth floor of International House for a report of suspicious activity. Upon arrival, R-1 made contact with C-1 who stated that he returned to International House at approximately 1000 hours, on 03/16/2015, and observed a metallic bronze swastika that was hanging from a screw on a bulletin board. C-1 further stated to R-1 that he recalls leaving the fourth floor at 0100 hours, on 03-16-15, and noticed the bulletin board did not have a swastika attached to it. C-1 stated that the majority of the fourth floors ZBT fraternity members are Jewish with the exception of his roommate and one of the residents across the hall. R-1 removed the swastika and it was processed as evidence by Detective Robinson, who arrived on scene at approximately 1045 hours. Pictures were taken of the area, downloaded to the G:/Drive and attached to the report. R-1 swept the building with negative findings of swastikas on any other floors. Notifications were made to Assistant Chief Demes, by Detective Robinson. Ofc. David Hunter (Badge Number 2403) from the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), responded to 520, 22nd Street N.W. to take a report (Defacing private property) from Detective Robinson. CCN 15-036-630 was issued to Detective Robinson in reference to the report.

REPORTING OFFICER: TYER, TERRENCE REVIEWED BY: ANTHONY, KIMBERLY APPROVAL DATE: 03/17/2015  
 SIGNATURES: [REDACTED] PRINT DATE AND TIME: 03/17/2015 12:46 PRINTED BY: ROBINSON, MATTHEW PAGE NO.: 1 of 1



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 Supplement Case Report  
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Location of Occurrence / Address INTERNATIONAL HOUSE (RIVERSIDE) / [REDACTED] 2201 VA AVE. NW, Washington, DC		Case No. 1501701
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Supplement Narrative	CLASSIFICATION DESTRUCTION
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On 03-16-2015, at approximately 1336 hours, Detective Robinson contacted Captain Glaubach in reference to information that he received concerning the person responsible for hanging the metallic bronze swastika that was discovered on the fourth floor bulletin board. Detective Robinson responded to International House Room 401 and made contact with S-1, who was inside his room. Detective Robinson escorted S-1 back to 520 22nd Street, N.W. so he could be interviewed by Captain Glaubach and Detective Robinson.

At approximately 1416 hours, S-1 was asked a series of questions relating to the swastika that was discovered on the fourth floor. S-1 stated in his interview that he purchased the metallic swastika from a store in India when he and some friends were there on Spring Break. S-1 further stated that on 03-16-15, at approximately 1000 hours, he arrived back to his room at International House and started to unpack his suitcase, when he came across the swastika. Shortly after unpacking his belongings, S-1 decided to walk around the fourth floor to show his fraternity brothers some of his souvenirs and to catch up.

S-1 then went onto say that after few minutes of wandering around the fourth floor and not finding anyone from his fraternity, S-1 decided to hang the swastika from a nail that was on the bulletin board. When Detective Robinson asked S-1 what compelled him to do such an act, S-1 stated that he was only trying to empower members of his Jewish fraternity (Zeta Beta Tau) that were alarmed and concerned over the recent incidents involving a swastika at International House (Reference GWPD Cases # 1501261 and #1501416). According to his written statement, S-1 figured that someone from the fraternity would have seen the swastika soon after hanging it up, thus allowing him to explain the purpose for purchasing and posting of the symbol. S-1 further stated that he and some friends made plans to get breakfast and he forgot to take down the swastika from the bulletin board before leaving International House. After arriving back from breakfast, S-1 received notification from his fraternity that made reference to a swastika being found on the fourth and immediately contacted the President of Zeta Beta Tau to explain that the hanging of the swastika was a misunderstanding and a horrible mistake on his part.

At the conclusion of the interview, S-1 provided a written statement (see attachment) and asked that it be noted in the investigation that the purpose for displaying the swastika on his floor was to empower his fraternity brothers against the negativity that the swastika symbol holds and was not meant to be hurtful. However, S-1 did acknowledge that he used poor judgment when trying to ignite a conversation among members of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity.

Reporting Officer ROBINSON, MATTHEW	Supplement Date and Time Reported 03/16/2015 19:00	Reviewed By	Approval Date and Time
Signatures <i>Matthew Robinson # 129</i>	Print Date and Time 03/17/2015 06:56	Printed By SIMS, CHARLES	Page No. 1 of 1

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**Incident Statement Form**

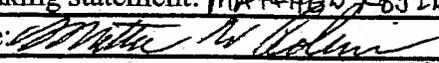
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University Affiliation: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]

I visited India over spring break. Over there the Swastika has a very different meaning where it reflects peace and unity on earth, it is everywhere, painted on trees, painted on clothing etc. This fact, coupled with the recent antisemitism in I have got me thinking that the fact that Hitler essentially stole the ancient symbol and turned it's meaning into the demonic one we know today was a horrible tragedy in history. While at a market in Delhi I ended up buying the metal Swastika (along with some other souvenirs) for ~~100~~ 100 rupees (about a dollar). I bought it on a whim with the intention of displaying it only privately. When I got home from my trip at about 10am the morning of the incident I was unpacking my bag and found the Swastika. I began walking around the hall with some of my souvenirs in hand trying to find some of my friends and catch up, none of them were awake but for some reason while in the hallway I was compelled to hang the Swastika from a protruding nail on the bulletin board. I do not know why I did this and I do regret that it was an incredible mistake. I figured that when one of my friends saw it I would then explain to them my reasons behind the purchase and the situation would be defused. Unfortunately, my roommate and I ended up making last minute plans to get breakfast with some friends and in our haste to leave I forgot to take the symbol down. By the time I got back, all of the authorities had been notified and the ball on this horrible misunderstanding had begun rolling. I quickly explained the truth of the situation to my brothers and apologized to them for my shock and fear I may have accidentally caused. I then contacted the president of our fraternity in order to get in front of the situation and hereby present any further work or stress by any of those involved. We then got in contact with Detective Robinson and after explaining the situation to him I am now writing this report. My intentions in purchasing the symbol were only positive, it was my small (if a bit misguided) attempt to rebel against the negativity that the Swastika now holds. Displaying it on that board was an incredible mistake. In the face of the moment after a 19 hour operation across the globe, I profusely apologize to all of my brothers and those who have worked in the hours since to remedy the situation. It was a tremendous lapse in judgment and I am sorry.

I HAVE READ THIS STATEMENT GIVEN BY ME OR HAVE HAD IT READ TO ME. I FULLY UNDERSTAND IT AND CERTIFY THAT IT IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND RECOLLECTION.

Signature  03/16/2015

Officer taking statement: <u>MATTHEW ROBINSON</u>	Location statement taken: <u>520 22<sup>ND</sup> STREET, N.W. WASHINGTON DC 20052</u>
Signature: <u></u>	Date and Time ended: <u>3-16-15 1508 Hours</u>
Date and Time started: <u>3-16-15 1416 Hours</u>	

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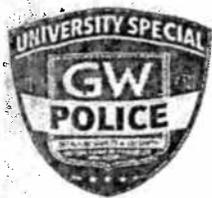
\* [REDACTED] and I had been traveling in India for the week of Spring Break while abroad we were educated in the ancient meaning of the Swastika symbol, it being a symbol for world peace, unity, and all things good. In India, Swastikas can be seen all over as a religious symbol. Upon seeing it, [REDACTED] shared with me his thoughts on the stigma of the symbol in Western culture as anti-semitic, racist, and its conjugation with the Nazi Party. He talked about his intention to start conversation and education about the real meaning of the symbol when we got home. In a market I was with him when he purchased the metal Swastika in question to facilitate his plans to discuss the symbol back home. When we got home Monday morning right from the airport, he started unpacking and found the metal Swastika. He wanted to show it to our friends to start their discussion on the symbol's meaning, but as we was awake on the floor, I saw him attach it to the bulletin board under the same notion that we could discuss the meaning of the symbol in the culture we just came from. The symbol was left there, and accidentally forgot about when we went to breakfast a couple hours later, we got messages from our floor mates about the symbol. [REDACTED] immediately started replying and apologizing for posting it, but UPD and our Fraternity President were already notified.

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Signature [REDACTED]

3/17/2015

Officer taking statement: Det. Murt Robinson	Location statement taken:
Signature: Murt Robinson #129	520 22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET, N.W WASHINGTON DC 20052
Date and Time started: 3-17-2015 1036 Hours	Date and Time ended: 3-17-2015 1056 Hours



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Property case report  
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CASE #: 1501701      INCIDENT #: 15-03-16-002678      OFFICER: TYER, TERENCE  
DATE OF REPORT: 03/16/2015      CRIME: DESTRUCTION Defacing or Burning Cross or Religious Symbol

ITEM #: 1      PROPERTY TYPE: Miscellaneous Property      PROPERTY STATUS: Confiscated-may be by other department and turned over to GWPD  
PROPERTY #: 1      QUANTITY: 1      VALUE: 5.00  
MAKE:      MODEL:  
DESCRIPTION: Metallic swatiska, bronze colored  
NOTES: Turned over to Detective Robinson  
The property is stored in Evidence Locker #1 at 520 22nd Street, N.W.  
SERIAL #:      STORED AT:      RECOVERY VALUE: 0  
NCIC:      ENTERED ON:      RECOVERED ON:  
OWNER APPLIED #:      DISPOSED ON:      REVIEW DATE:  
DISPOSITION:  
DATE FOUND: 03/16/2015  
LOCATION: International House [redacted] hallway

ASSOCIATED WITH:  
NAME: [redacted] \*  
ADDRESS: [redacted]  
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WORK PHONE:

TOTAL ITEMS: 1

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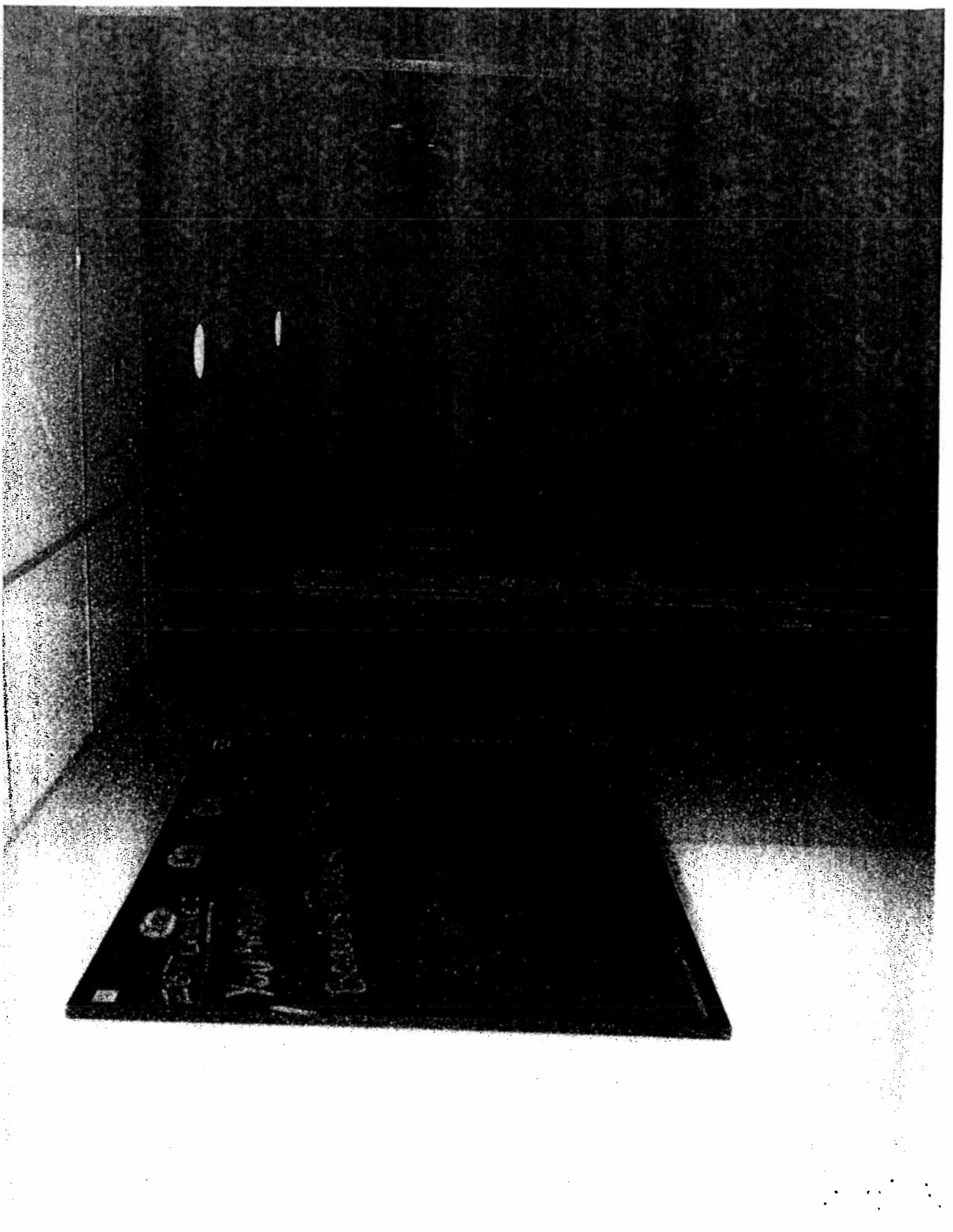
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