



# WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Press Release

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On January 21, 2018 at 8:19am, West Lafayette Police responded to the Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian St. in West Lafayette, due to a report of two banners hung on the fence on the south side of the church property. The banners contained racial slurs and referenced singer-songwriter Jackson Browne. One of the banners had the word "Die" and made a veiled threat with the date of January 23<sup>rd</sup> and "Orlando just like Las Vegas", presumably referencing the mass shooting in Las Vegas, NV on October 1, 2017. Investigators were able to determine that Jackson Browne is scheduled to have a concert in Orlando, FL on January 23, 2018.

The West Lafayette Police Criminal Investigations Division has been in contact with the Orlando Florida Police Department to make them aware of the threat. We will continue to work with them and share information from this investigation. West Lafayette Officers have canvassed neighborhoods and will continue to provide extra patrol.

These hateful racist banners have no place in our community and the West Lafayette Police Department is investigating this as a crime of harassment and felony intimidation. We intend to use all available resources to identify the person(s) responsible and bring them to justice. If anyone has any information about this incident, they are asked to contact Lt. Jonathan Eager at the West Lafayette Police Department or the WeTip Hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME.

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