



ADL South Central & the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans release joint statement on the arrest of Cane Zander Brown

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On March 10, 2020, an arrest was made in Jefferson Parish of a man allegedly responsible for the anti-Semitic vandalism at the Northshore Jewish Congregation in September 2018. This arrest is the culmination of over a year of work by multiple law enforcement agencies, led by the Mandeville Police Department, and the arrest includes both hate crimes and criminal damage to property charges.

The vandalism of the Mandeville synagogue occurred just weeks before the Tree of Life Synagogue mass shooting, and the hate-filled messages sprayed on the side of the synagogue significantly impacted not just the Greater New Orleans Jewish community, but the entire community, who came together in solidarity to stand against hate.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans, and the Jewish Community Relations Council welcome the news of this arrest and what it means for the Jewish community and the community at large.

"This arrest, more than a year and a half after the Northshore Jewish Congregation was targeted by anti-Semitic vandalism, is a welcome development in the battle against hate," says Aaron Ahlquist, ADL's Regional Director. "It is with gratitude that we congratulate the committed team of officers and agencies for their stubborn refusal to let this go, and the closure that they have brought to the Jewish community members who still feel the impact of that graffiti. They have sent a powerful message of support to the community, and a powerful message to those who would act on hate that that they will find you."

"We are deeply appreciative that law enforcement never gave up on the pursuit of justice," remarked Jewish Federation CEO, Arnie Fielkow. "Only by standing up and confronting hate can we ever defeat bigotry."