

POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF NEW YORK

MAY 1, 2001

From: Commanding Officer, 71 Precinct RAM

To: Commanding Officer, Detective Borough Brooklyn

**SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO
CONGREGATION LUBAVICH LOCATED AT 770 EASTERN PARKWAY**

1. On Friday, April 27, 2001 at approximately 1800 hours, four (4) members of the Congregation Lubavich allegedly committed criminal mischief inside of Synagogue located at 770 Eastern Parkway. Details are as follows:

2. On Sunday, April 29 2001, Mr. Chanina Sperlin of [REDACTED] was present at the 71st precinct to report a criminal mischief to the Lubavich World Headquarters. Mr. Sperlin reported that at approximately 1800 hours on Friday April 27, 2001, four (4) members of the Lubavaich Congregation entered the Synagogue and damaged a display case and removed rabbinical court announcements. This incident was recorded by a hidden video camera. It is believed that the perpetrators damaged the display in retaliation to disparaging comments against their family that were posted inside of the display case. The perpetrators of this crime are presently involved in a dispute with other members of the Lubavich Congregation for control of the Synagogue, since the passing of the Grand Rabbi Menachen Schneerson. The four (4) alleged Perpetrators are identified as :

- A) Mier Hershkop M/W/54 of 333 Crown St. Brooklyn N.Y. (probable cause to arrest is being reviewed)
- B) Arron Hershkop MM/W/24 of 535 Brooklyn Ave. N.Y.
- C) Levi Hartman MM/W/35 of 1227 President St. Brooklyn N.Y.
- D) Schneur Hershkop M/W/30 unknown address.

This case has been assigned to Detective Joseph Lamassa of the 71st Detective squad under U.F. 61# 4428 and squad case # 1432. Detective Lamassa contacted, via the telephone, Arron Hershkop who admitted to Detective Lamassa that they had committed the damage but he insisted that he had the authority to do so and that Mr. Sperlin had no authority to file a complaint report, do to the fact that the Hershkop



Complaint Report

1 Jurisdiction NYPD	9 Pet of Report 71	O.C.C.B. No.	1. Complaint No. 2001-071-004428	File No. 31
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Offense(s) (If Any) CRIM MISCHIEF 4M	23 Time 1800	27 Date 04/27/2001	Day of Week Fri	Occurrence through	Time 1800	Date 04/27/2001
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Victim 1 Last: CONGREGATION	First: LUBAVICH	M.I.	Address, include City, State, Zip 770 EASTERN PARKWAY BROOKLYN NY
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Home Telephone	Business Telephone (718)774-1770	Actions of Victim Prior to Robbery, Larceny or Sex Crimes INSIDE SYNAGOGUE	Arrest Agency
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34 Sex* M	35 Age* 35	37 Race* W	37A Live Together No	38 Can Identify* OTHER	38A Victim Was Shot/Stabbed*	39 Comp. Rec'd* WALK-IN	Will Victim Report? Yes
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Reporter/Witness 1 Reporter	Last SPERLIN	First CHANINA	M.I.	Address, include City, State, Zip
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Type of Location (Specific) SYNAGOGUE	Address/Location of Occurrence 770 EASTERN PARKWAY	41 Sector/Beat/Post of Occ.* F 03 09	43 Vis. P. No
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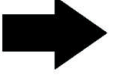
47 Pet of Arrest*	56 Arrest No's*	63 Rep. Agency Code* NYPD	Det. Sqd. Case No.	Vict notified of Crime Vic Comp.
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Evidence	Voucher No.	Case Status Open	Unit Referred To P.D.U.	Log No.
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THIS AREA FOR SYSTEM CODE USE ONLY

3 Coder ID	33 Time Code	40 Loc Code	45 PD Code	48 Burg/Larc	49 Weapon
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Total No. of Perpetrators	Wanted 4	Arrested 0
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Wanted/Arrested1 Wanted	Name Last: HERSHKOP First: MIER	M.I.	Address, include City, State, Zip 333 CROWN STREET BROOKLYN NY 112250001	Apt. No.	Res. Det.
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Sex MALE	Race WHITE	Date of Birth 08/05/1946	Age 54	Height ft. In.	Weight	Eye Color	Hair Color	Hair Length	Accent
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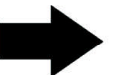
Facial Hair Beard	Glasses	Nickname/Alias - Last, First, MI
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Hair Style	Complexion	Body Mark1: Location 1:	Body Mark2: Location 2:
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Deforms/Peculiarities 1:	Headgear: Color:	Outerwear: Color:
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Other Clothing 1: Color 1:	Other Clothing 2: Color 2:	Footwear: Color:
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M.O. Information	Impersonation	NYSID No.
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Wanted/Arrested2 Wanted	Name Last: HERSHKOP First: AARON	M.I.	Address, include City, State, Zip 535 BROOKLYN AVENUE BROOKLYN NY	Apt. No.	Res. Det.
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Sex MALE	Race WHITE	Date of Birth 09/27/1976	Age 24	Height 6 ft. In.	Weight 180	Eye Color	Hair Color BROWN	Hair Length	Accent
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1 Jurisdiction
NYPD

0 Pet of Report
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O.C.C.B. No.

13 Complaint No.
2001-071-004428

File No.

17 Date 04/29/2001	Time 0100	Occurrence on or From	23 Time 1800	27 Date 04/27/2001	Day of Week Fri	Occurrence Through	Time 1830
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Offense(s) If Any CRIM MISCHIEF 4M	D.L. Section 14500	If fire related, structure was	Burnings forced?	IMR Required?
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Wanted/Arrested3 Wanted	Name Last: HARTMAN First: LEVI	M.I.	Address, include City, State, Zip 11227 PRESIDENT STREET BROOKLYN NY 112230000	Apt. No. 133	Res. No.
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Sex MALE	Race WHITE	Date of Birth 07/15/1965	Age 35	Height ft. In.	Weight	Eye Color	Hair Color	Hair Length	Accent
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Facial Hair	Glasses	Nickname/Alias - Last, First, MI
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Hair Style	Complexion	Body Mark1: Location 1:	Body Mark2: Location 2:
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Deforms/Peculiarities 1: Deforms/Peculiarities 2:	Headgear: Color:	Outerwear: Color:
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Other Clothing 1: Color 1:	Other Clothing 2: Color 2:	Footwear: Color:
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M.O. Information	Impersonation	NYSID No.
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Wanted/Arrested4 Wanted	Name Last: HERSHKOP First: SCHNEUR	M.I.	Address, include City, State, Zip	Apt. No.	Res. No.
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Sex MALE	Race WHITE	Date of Birth 30	Age 6	Height ft. In.	Weight 190	Eye Color	Hair Color	Hair Length	Accent
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Facial Hair	Glasses	Nickname/Alias - Last, First, MI
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Hair Style	Complexion	Body Mark1: Location 1:	Body Mark2: Location 2:
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Deforms/Peculiarities 1: Deforms/Peculiarities 2:	Headgear: Color:	Outerwear: Color:
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DETAILS

AT T/P/O ABOVE PERPS ENTERED THE SYNANGOGUE ON 4/27/01 AT 1830 HOURS AND DAMAGED THE FRAME OF A DISPLAY CASE AND REMOVED RABBINICAL COURT ANNOUNCEMENTS. THE ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE REMOVED ON TWO OTHER OCCASIONS. VIDEO OF THE INCIDENT VOUCHERED AS EVIDENCE.

Latent Print Team <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Crime Prevention Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Complaint Report Prepared By LIVINGSTONE, WI	Title PAA	Command 71
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Rank CAP	Name Printed MCCLELLAN, WILL	Tax Registry No. 888081	Command 71
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Rank SGT	Supervisor Approving IECAMPO	Tax Registry No. 899368	Command 71
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Complaint Room Screening Sheet

Screeners: Kashwarie Dyal
Screening date: May 30, 2001
30.80 Date:
GJ Date: Go Time:

Bureau: Trial Bureau 4 - Green

Narcotics: N

Defendants

Name - Last, First	Arrest Number	Sex	DOB	Age	Complaint/DP	Class	NON Grand Jury
HERSHKOP, MIER	K01044064	M	08/05/46	054	1	Misdemeanor	

Gang member N

Os	Date/Time	Place	PCT	Near School (if narcotics sale)
1	04/27/01 18:00 to	770 EASTERN PARKWAY	071	<input type="checkbox"/>

Arrests

Defendant	Date/Time	Place
HERSHKOP, MIER	05-07/01 16:20	421 EMPIRE BLVD

Circumstances: ARRESTED AT THE PRECINCT
Arrest Charges: PL 1450001

Complaint Charges

HERSHKOP, MIER TPO 1 PL 145.00(1)

CRIM MIS: DEF AND 3 APP OTHERS VANDALIZE DISPLAY CASE INSIDE LOCATION

LOCATION IS SYNAGOGUE IN WHICH THE DEF AND THE 3 APP OTHERS, DEFENDANT'S 2 SON'S AND SON IN LAW ATTEND.
P OTHER SON= ARON HERSHKOP A#44055
P OTHER SON= SCHNEUR HERSHKOP A#44053
P OTHER SON IN LAW= LEVI HARTMAN A#44059

THE DEF AND 3 APP OTHERS WERE UPSET BECAUSE OF TALK THAT THE TEMPLE WANTED TO EX-COMMUNICATE THEM
DUE TO RELIGIOUS BELIEFS THEY HAD WHICH STRAYED FROM THE CHURCHES BELIEFS.
DEF AND APP OTHERS BELIEVED THAT A SYNAGOGUE LEADER WHO HAD RECENTLY PASS ON WOULD GO TO HEAVEN, AS
PROPOSED TO RETURNING, AS THE CHURCH BELIEVES.)

NOTE: THE DEFENDANT AND 3 APP OTHERS VANDALIZED A DISPLAY CASE, WHICH DISPLAYS ANNOUNCEMENTS, POSTERS,
AND NOTICES.

THE DEF'S TWO SONS AND SON IN LAW PRIED OPEN THE DISPLAY CASE BREAKING THE PLEXIGLAS OF THE DISPLAY
CASE AND THE SON IN LAW SPRAY PAINTED DISPLAY CASE AND THE DEF PUSHED AWAY APPROACHING OTHERS WHO
TEMPTED TO STOP THE APP OTHERS FROM DAMAGING DISPLAY CASE.

(UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AT THE SCENE VIDEOTAPE THE WHOLE INCIDENT; VIDEOTAPE RECOVERED)

Reporters

TPO	Reporter	Date Reported	Method
1	CHANINA SPERLIN	4/29/01 1:00	walk-in

Delay in Report

Witnesses

Name	Age/Gender	Defendant	Relationship to Defendant
YEHUDA BLESAPFSKY	000	MIER HERSHKOP	Other ACQUAINTANCE
CHANINA SPERLIN		MIER HERSHKOP	Other ACQUAINTANCE

Identifications

Defendant	TPO	Witness Type	Date/Time	Place	Police Officer Present
HERSHKOP, MIER	1	Permission & Authority	5/7/01 0:15	421 EMPIRE BOULEV	JOSEPH LAMASSA, shield:01696, CMD:291

Type of ID Procedure: Confirmatory photograph Outcome: Positive Identification

Property Recovered

Description: VIDEOTAPE OF INCIDENT AT SCENE Voucher No: K901819
Recovered From: By: JOSEPH LAMASSA
Identified By: JOSEPH LAMASSA To:

Interview

JOSEPH LAMASSA (Arresting/Detective) Interview: In Person
If No Interview - Reason:
YEHUDA BLESAPFSKY (Permission & Authority) Interview: No Interview
If No Interview - Reason:

Investigation; Criminal Mischief 4.
 Location; 770 Eastern Pkway.
 Subject; Interview of Chanina Sperlin.

1. On 5/1/2001 at approximately 1500 the undersigned contacted the reporter in this investigation Chanina Sperlin by telephone. He stated that he is a member of the Congregation Iyehavich. He did not witness the criminal mischief of the display case inside the Synagogue but did see the vido cassette tape of this incident. He stated that even though he was the reporter of this incident. He further stated when asked if if was willing to speak with an ADA and sign a complaint against the subjects involved he stated no. He said that there are five members of the Board of Directors that pay the bills and are responsible for the maintenance of this location. This Directors are Menachem Gerlitzky, Yosef Holtzberg, Zalman Shindler and Yehuda Blesofsky. Yehuda Blesofsky secretary of the board and his he will sign the complaint, and confer with the ADA when an arrest is made and also provide proof of his position at the Synagogue.

2. In view of the above this case remains active.

CASE ACTIVE

CASE ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED		DATE REVIEWED / CLOSED		IF ACTIVE, DATE OF NEXT REVIEW	
REPORTING OFFICER:	RANK	SIGNATURE	NAME PRINTED	TAX REG. NO.	COMPLAINT
REVIEWING / CLOSING SUPERVISOR:	DET.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Joseph LaMassa	881074	71SQD
SUPERVISOR: <i>[Signature]</i>		OR 8	SIGNATURE	C.O.'s INITIALS	

Choice 1
Choice 2

Perp 1
Perp 2
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