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Criminal Mischief- Hate Crime Incidents

The Geneva Police Department is investigating two Criminal Mischief complaints involving the damage to private property. Both incidents are of a racially motivated nature by the symbols, swastikas and the phrase "white power," which were located at the scenes.

The original complaint which was reported on June 6th, 2019 @ 0943 hrs. in the Elm Street parking lot was investigated as a Criminal Mischief with the potential of being charged as hate crime if the individual(s) who are responsible could be identified. The Geneva Police Department investigated this incident which turned up no witnesses, surveillance footage or other leads. The case remains open.



The most recent incident was called into my office by a concerned citizen on Monday July 15th, 2019. The Geneva Police Department responded to Mt. Calvary Church Street on that date and found what appeared to be two swastikas which were spray-painted on the West side of the church building and clean up of those had already been attempted by unknown person(s). The Geneva Police Department received a formal complaint from the Church on Friday July 19th, 2019. The Police Department has investigated this incident and at this time has no witnesses, surveillance footage or other leads to bring this case to a prosecution.



As the Chief of Police for the City of Geneva as well as a City resident for most of my life, this type of divisive display on any property within the City of Geneva will not be tolerated at any level. The rich diverse makeup of our City is one of the best attributes we have that make the City of Geneva as beautiful as it is. As in any case, I assure you that any and all leads that are received will be followed up on. I am asking the citizens of Geneva and the general public to please come forward with any and all information that you may have at this time. Any information given to the Police Department can remain confidential in nature.

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