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MEDIA RELEASE

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Suspect arrested in connection with anti-Semitic incident in Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills, Calif. – A suspect was arrested overnight for vandalizing and carving a Nazi symbol into the base of a large Menorah.

SYNOPSIS

On Sunday, December 18, 2022, at approximately 8 pm, BHPD units responded to a report of a suspect defacing a Menorah on private property in the area of Sunset Boulevard and Foothill Road. The suspect was located with the assistance of the police department's Real Time Watch Center.

Eric Brian King from Dallas, Texas, was taken into custody after surveillance video depicted him throwing objects at a Menorah. The initial investigation revealed that King carved Nazi symbols into the base of the Menorah. He was charged with felony vandalism and a hate crime. BHPD Detectives are conducting a follow-up investigation, which may lead to additional charges.

"A despicable act such as this will never be tolerated in our City," said Chief Stainbrook.