

Community Security Bulletin
December 10, 2014

Santi Johar, who goes by Sandy Becker, an Asian female, 98 lbs., 5'1", 41 years-old, brown hair and brown eyes, has been repeatedly calling and visiting religious institutions in the Thousand Oaks area over the last 6 months. Her frequent calls and visits are focused on her requests for assistance regarding what she describes as a conspiracy plot which includes allegations that the KKK, the Metzger family and others plan to murder Jews.

Earlier this week, a synagogue determined it was necessary to contact Ventura County Behavioral Health Services (who in turn contacted law enforcement) to assist in removing her from the facility.

If Ms. Becker visits your institution and you have cause for concern, we urge you to contact law enforcement. Please dial 911 for emergency situations or 805-654-9511 to reach the Ventura County Sheriff's Office's Dispatch Center. You may also reach out to the crime prevention specialist, Sgt. Brian Slominski, 805-494-8256, to schedule a security assessment of your facility or request additional patrol.

Please contact Regional Director Cyndi Silverman at the Anti-Defamation League at 805-564-6670 or csilverman@adl.org if she does visit your facility and/or you do reach out to law enforcement.



ACTION STEPS

- Connect with local law enforcement to discuss security. If you have not established personal relationships with key police personnel, set up a meeting to do so. If you are not sure who to reach out to, ADL can help connect you with the appropriate personnel.
- Ensure that your institution's rules and procedures dealing with who gets into your facility and events are sufficient and are functioning (access control).
- A facility should have as few entry points as possible (ideally one), so that no one is able to enter your facility without being greeted and observed. Be sure to obey all fire codes and ensure adequate routes for exiting the building.
- Suspicious behavior should be promptly reported to the police or security personnel. See ADL's [Guide to Detecting Surveillance of Jewish Institutions](#).
- Ensure that your staff members, including newly hired personnel, know their role in security and what to do in the event of an emergency.
- Ensure that existing safety devices (video cameras, lights, walkie talkies, etc.) are in good working condition.
- Trust your instincts. If something strikes you as being out of place or problematic, call the police immediately.

Security is a long-term process that cannot be efficiently or effectively deployed only when there is a bulletin, advisory or alert. It is important to review security procedures on a regular basis and to always be thinking of ways to improve security.

The resources on [ADL's Security Website](#), ADL's security manual [Protecting Your Jewish Institution](#), and your local ADL regional office are important resources in your security planning. As always, please feel free to contact this office for any additional information.