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Synagogue Vandalism Suspect Arraigned

Beverly Hills, CA – Anton Nathaniel Redding, the suspect in the recent vandalism at Nessah Synagogue in Beverly Hills, appeared today in Los Angeles Superior Court, Airport Branch. Beverly Hills Police Department personnel attended the defendant’s arraignment hearing where he pleaded not guilty to the listed charges and is scheduled to return on January 30, 2020 in Department W31 at the Airport Branch. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of six years in state prison. The defendant’s bail is set at \$250,000 and he remains in custody.

Anton Nathaniel Redding, 24, of Millersville, Pennsylvania was arrested last week in Hawaii and charged with **Vandalism of a Religious Property** and **Commercial Burglary** (594.3(a) and 459 of the California Penal Code). The criminal complaint also includes a penalty enhancement for a **Hate Crime** under 422.75(a) of the California Penal Code.

Through investigation, Beverly Hills Police learned the suspect forced entry into the Nessah Synagogue and heavily ransacked the interior. The suspect overturned furniture and damaged several Jewish relics, including Torahs, scrolls, and prayer books. Additionally, the suspect took possession of the synagogue’s printed materials and scattered them throughout the interior. The disruption was primarily to the Synagogue’s interior contents, and there is limited structural damage.

The Beverly Police Department and the District Attorney’s Office continue to work together in order to obtain a successful resolution.

“We are committed to the safety and security of our religious institutions,” said Chief Sandra Spagnoli. “The Beverly Hills Police Department stands with our community in solidarity, to protect and serve, and commit to keeping Beverly Hills a safe place to live, work, and worship.”

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