



Hate Crime Report

Quarter 3 (July-September 2021)

September 26, 2021 (21-78240)

On September 26, 2021, a female suspect was arrested for assaulting a handicapped female for which she was also the caretaker. During the investigation, the suspect used a racial slur towards a friend of the victim, and the friend filed a report for disorderly conduct against the suspect. This case is currently pending with the Cass County State's Attorney's Office.

September 21, 2021 (21-76873)

On September 21, 2021, a suspect allegedly assaulted a juvenile Black female by slapping her, pulling her hair and lifting her off the ground by her neck, causing her airway to be restricted and other injuries. The victim and victim's sister both stated that the suspect used racial slurs towards them during the incident. The Suspect was arrested for Aggravated Assault on the victim. The FBI and US Attorney's Office are currently reviewing this case for prosecution under federal hate crime statutes.

August 4, 2021 (21-63689)

On August 4, an officer took a report from a Black female about an incident that occurred at a local truck stop. The victim said that a male yelled racial slurs at her and made disparaging remarks about the Black Lives Matter movement. The suspect told the victim, "You're going to die," and made an obscene gesture towards her before driving away. A store employee said the same male came into the store and yelled racially offensive remarks towards the staff. Officers reviewed the security video, but the male could not be identified, and no license plate was provided. The case was placed inactive until further information becomes available.

July 13, 2021 (21-57545)

On July 13, 2021, officers witnessed a disturbance at 4th Ave. N. and Broadway. One of the officers saw the suspect pull a knife and walk aggressively towards the victim. The suspect was Black, and the victim was Native American. During the interview with the suspect, he admitted he became angry towards the victim because the victim was panhandling and the suspect "hates Indians." The suspect was arrested for Terrorizing, and the case is pending prosecution. This case was sent to the FBI and US Attorney's Office for consideration of federal prosecution.

Additional Information

In addition to these four incidents, case 21-31741 from April 17, 2021 was referred to the FBI and US Attorney's Office at their request. In that incident, a female suspect allegedly spray painted a statute at St. Mary's church in downtown Fargo. The suspect was identified, and the case was referred for prosecution. Even though we didn't find the definitive bias during our investigation, the case potentially fit federal hate crime statutes because it involved damage to religious property.