

POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF NEW YORK

MAY 1, 2001

From: Commanding Officer, 71 Precinct RAM

To: Commanding Officer, Detective Borough Brooklyn

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO CONGREGATION LUBAVICH LOCATED AT 770 EASTERN PARKWAY

1. On Friday, April 27, 2001 at approximately 1800 hours, four (4) members of the Congregation Lubavich allegedly committed criminal mischief inside of Synagogue located at 770 Eastern Parkway. Details are as follows:

2. On Sunday, April 29, 2001, Mr. Chanina Sperlin of [REDACTED] was present at the 71st precinct to report a criminal mischief to the Lubavich World Headquarters. Mr. Sperlin reported that at approximately 1800 hours on Friday April 27, 2001, four (4) members of the Lubavaich Congregation entered the Synagogue and damaged a display case and removed rabbinical court announcements. This incident was recorded by a hidden video camera. It is believed that the perpetrators damaged the display in retaliation to disparaging comments against their family that were posted inside of the display case. The perpetrators of this crime are presently involved in a dispute with other members of the Lubavich Congregation for control of the Synagogue, since the passing of the Grand Rebbi Menachen Schneerson. The four (4) alleged Perpetrators are identified as :

- A) Mier Hershkop M/W/54 of 333 Crown St. Brooklyn N.Y. (probable cause to arrest is being reviewed)
- B) Arron Hershkop M/W/24 of 535 Brooklyn Ave. N.Y.
- C) Levi Hartman M/W/35 of 1227 President St. Brooklyn N.Y.
- D) Schneur Hershkop M/W/30 unknown address.

This case has been assigned to Detective Joseph Lamassa of the 71st Detective squad under U.F. 61# 4428 and squad case # 1432. Detective Lamassa contacted, via the telephone, Arron Hershkop who admitted to Detective Lamassa that they had committed the damage but he insisted that he had the authority to do so and that Mr. Sperlin had no authority to file a complaint report, do to the fact that the Hershkop