Mosques in Pennsylvania and Florida Targeted by Vandals

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The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) reported today that mosques in Pennsylvania and Florida have been targeted by vandals.

In Pennsylvania, red paint was splashed across the steps leading to the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh.

SEE: Vandals Hit Islamic Center in Oakland (Post-Gazette)

CAIR's South Florida chapter reported today that shots were fired at a Miami mosque and Islamic school. (**CAIR-SFL Executive Director Altaf Ali** will be available for media interviews at the scene.)

SEE: Police Investigate Shots Fired At Miami Mosque

LOCATION: Masjid An-Noor/The Islamic School of Miami, 11699 SW 147th Avenue, Miami **CONTACT**: **CAIR-SFL Executive Director Altaf Ali**, 954-298-8214, E-Mail: aali@cair.com

The <u>Washington</u> -based Islamic civil rights and advocacy group is urging Muslims nationwide to review security procedures using advice contained in its " <u>Muslim Communit</u> Y Safety Kit."

SEE: CAIR Muslim Community Safety Kit

We urge local, state and national law enforcement authorities to investigate possible bias motives for these incidents, ? said **CAIR National Communications Director Ibrahim Hooper.**

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Hooper asked leaders of all faiths to reject religious intolerance. He noted that just today, Pat Robertson called Islam a "religion of hate."

SEE: CAIR Asks Christians to Repudiate `Hate-Filled Rhetoric`

CAIR, America`s largest Islamic civil liberties group, has 35 offices and chapters nationwide and in <u>Canada</u>. Its mission is to enhance the understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower <u>American Muslims</u>, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.