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## **POLICE INVESTIGATE HATE-RELATED VANDALISM**

The Franconia Township Police Department is investigating vandalism to a township residence with indications that the crime is hate-related.

Officers were called to a home on the 100 block of Nectar Run shortly after midnight on Saturday morning, February 5, 2011. One of the occupants of the home had just arrived there to find that the home and cars in the driveway had been spray-painted sometime during the evening.

The graffiti consisted of swastikas as well as the printed words "Jew" and "Kike." The family who resides in the home is of Jewish descent. Police are treating this incident as a crime of ethnic intimidation. At this point, the vandalism appears to be targeted only to this home as there have been no other reports of this type in the area.

Anyone who has information that may be helpful to the investigation should call Franconia Township Police at 215-723-6777 or email at [police@franconia-township.org](mailto:police@franconia-township.org). All information will be treated confidentially.

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