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Statement by Mayor David J. Narkewicz on Sherman Avenue incident involving property vandalism and spray-painted swastikas

The acts of vandalism that occurred on Sherman Avenue involving spray-painted swastikas and the word "Jews" are being fully investigated by the Northampton Police Department. That investigation is ongoing and no charges have been filed. The City of Northampton and the Northampton Police Department take very seriously any crimes potentially motivated by race, religion, disability, ethnic origin or sexual orientation.

Northampton is a city committed to diversity and tolerance and I condemn any acts of vandalism, regardless of motivation or location, involving historically and emotionally charged symbols of hatred such as the swastika. Acts that engender concern or fear for any member of our community are an affront to all members of our community.