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Update on the Suspicious Vehicle Near ICSD

SAN DIEGO – The Metro Arson Strike Team (MAST) determined the suspicious canister was not a danger, and no explosive materials were found.

Out of an abundance of caution, several nearby businesses were evacuated and residents of a nearby apartment complex were asked to shelter in place while the team did its work. Those precautionary measures have now been lifted and affected businesses and residents may resume normal activities.

At this time, there is no active threat to the Islamic Center of San Diego or the surrounding community. The investigation remains ongoing.

On Thursday, June 18, 2026, at approximately 12:15 p.m., San Diego Police officers detained an individual following a suspicious vehicle investigation near the Islamic Center of San Diego (ICSD).

The vehicle came to the attention of officers who were already at the Islamic Center around 11:45 a.m. The officers immediately shared information about the vehicle with dispatchers, who broadcast the information to surrounding units. Northern Division officers canvassed the area and located the vehicle near the 4300 block of Derrick Drive.

Officers stopped the vehicle and detained the driver. During the stop, officers saw a Nazi flag as well as a suspicious canister inside the vehicle. Out of an abundance of caution, the Metro Arson Strike Team was requested to respond and evaluate the suspicious item.

The Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) was immediately notified and is coordinating with SDPD.

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