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NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE



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January 18, 2000

The President
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Dear Mr. President,

Three years ago, in response to a sharp rise in reported attacks on our Nation's houses of worship, especially on African American churches in the South, you called upon all Americans to come together in a spirit of respect and reconciliation to help victimized congregations. You made the investigation and prevention of church arson a national priority and directed the formation of the National Church Arson Task Force (NCATF or Task Force). Since June 1996, the Task Force has coordinated a nationwide federal, state, and local law enforcement effort to identify and prosecute those who burn or damage our houses of worship, to help rebuild those houses of worship, to prevent additional fires, and to help heal community tensions resulting from attacks on our houses of worship.

We are pleased to report that the Task Force continues to achieve marked success. The number of church arsons continues on a downward trend. As we reported last year, we have achieved this, in part, due to increased vigilance, well-publicized arrests, and ongoing prevention efforts under your Administration's three-pronged strategy.

These accomplishments notwithstanding, we must remain vigilant. Fires continue to be reported. As last summer's synagogue fires in Sacramento, California demonstrate, arson affecting America's houses of worship is a problem that cuts across denominational, racial, and geographic lines. Accordingly, we will continue aggressively to investigate these fires and prosecute those found responsible.

Today, we are pleased to present the Third Year Report of the NCATF. To date:

- The NCATF has opened investigations into 827 arsons, bombings or attempted bombings that have occurred at houses of worship between January 1, 1995 and October 5, 1999.
- Federal, state, and local law enforcement officials have arrested 364 suspects in connection with 294 incidents.
- NCATF's 35.6 percent rate of arrest is over twice the 16 percent rate nationwide.

- Federal and state prosecutors have successfully obtained convictions of 287 defendants in connection with 206 arsons or bombings at houses of worship occurring between January 1, 1995 and October 5, 1999. Of that number, federal prosecutors have successfully obtained convictions of 39 defendants in connection with 24 arsons or bombings of houses of worship occurring between January 1, 1995 and October 5, 1999 that were motivated by bias. Other defendants are awaiting trial.
- The Community Relations Service (CRS) has helped over 250 localities heal community tensions and rebuild community trust in the aftermath of attacks on our houses of worship.

We are pleased to be able to report to you on an important investigative development. On April 20, 1999, the United States returned two indictments charging Jay Scott Ballinger with a series of church arsons. Additional charges were filed against Mr. Ballinger later in the year, to include conspiracy to commit arson at 29 churches in eight states. As a result, the Ballinger indictments represent the largest number of fires linked to a single defendant during the life of the Task Force. We report more fully on these and related indictments in the enclosed report.

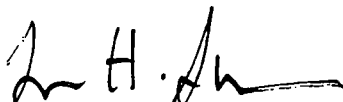
In its third year, the Task Force has effectively integrated its work into existing federal law enforcement structures and taken steps to ensure that church arson prosecutions will be a permanent priority. The innovative and highly successful protocols and best practices for the joint investigation and prosecution of suspected church arsonists that were developed by the NCATF Operations Team have been integrated into the operations of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, the United States Attorneys' offices, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and have become a regular part of federal law enforcement efforts. Responsibility for federal prosecution of church arsons and bombings motivated by race and religion has been lodged in the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, which has jurisdiction over these and other federal criminal civil rights cases. Regional offices of the Community Relations Service have assumed responsibility for the work of the CRS Church Burning Response Team to help heal community tensions resulting from church arson.

At the same time, ATF and the FBI, in close partnership with state and local law enforcement, continue to investigate every arson, bombing, and attempted bombing at houses of worship in the United States. The Department of Housing and Urban Development continues to work with the National Council of Churches, the Congress of National Black Churches, leading financial institutions, and others to help victimized congregations rebuild. The Federal Emergency Management Agency continues its extensive prevention initiative. Through these and other permanent mechanisms, the Task Force remains committed to expending the time, resources, and effort necessary to solve and prevent racially or religiously motivated arsons at our Nation's houses of worship.

We wish to commend the Task Force co-chairs, Treasury Under Secretary James E. Johnson and Acting Assistant Attorney General Bill Lann Lee, for their continuing dedication as the Task Force has institutionalized its practices and mission into the work of its constituent offices and agencies. The Task Force's success could not have been achieved without the demonstrated commitment of the special agents from ATF and the FBI. Justice Department and local prosecutors, state and local law enforcement officials, CRS conciliators, and countless other individuals have also contributed to this successful effort.

The enclosed report details the progress of the Task Force's efforts to date. We would be pleased to brief you in more detail.

Respectfully,



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Secretary of the Treasury



Janet Reno
Attorney General

Enclosure



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THIRD YEAR REPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In early 1996, federal officials detected a sharp rise in the number of reported attacks on our Nation's houses of worship, especially African American churches in the South. In response to this trend, President Clinton directed the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury to form the National Church Arson Task Force (NCATF or Task Force) in June 1996 and made the investigation of these fires and the swift prosecution of the arsonists a top priority of federal law enforcement. The President called on all Americans to come together in a spirit of respect and reconciliation to help victimized congregations rebuild and to heal tensions in affected communities.

The President directed his Administration to implement a three-pronged strategy: identify and prosecute the arsonists; help communities rebuild the burned houses of worship; and offer assistance in preventing more fires. Working in partnership with state and local law enforcement and community and private groups, federal officials have continued to achieve considerable success in carrying out the President's mission and strategy.

The success of the President's strategy is clear and measurable. We are pleased to report that the number of church arsons continues on a downward trend. We believe this is due to increased vigilance, well-publicized arrests and prosecutions, and enhanced prevention strategies.

Yet, even as victimized churches are rebuilt and the number of fires declines, reports of new fires continue. We must remain vigilant. We must work to heal tensions in affected communities and to rebuild affected houses of worship. We must not let those who espouse hate prevail. Accordingly, we continue aggressively to investigate these fires and prosecute those arrested. The following presents highlights of the report.

Prosecutions

- 827 Incident Investigations - The NCATF has opened investigations into 827 arsons, bombings or attempted bombings that have occurred at houses of worship between January 1, 1995 and October 5, 1999.

- 364 Arrests - Federal, state, and local authorities have arrested 364 suspects in connection with 294 of the 827 incidents.
- 35.6% Arrest Rate - The 35.6% rate of arrest in NCATF arson cases is more than double the 16% rate of arson arrests nationwide.
- 287 Convictions - Between January 1, 1995 and October 5, 1999, federal and state prosecutors successfully obtained convictions of 287 defendants in connection with 206 incidents. Most of the incidents involved arsons at houses of worship, but some involved the use of firearms, bombs or violent threats against houses of worship.

Rebuilding

- The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) continues to work in partnership with the National Council of Churches and the Congress of National Black Churches to provide assistance to congregations in their rebuilding efforts.
- HUD administers the \$10 million Federal Loan Guarantee Fund, which was established by Congress as part of the 1996 Church Arson Prevention Act to assist the rebuilding effort. Approximately \$3.8 million in loan guarantee commitments were made as of October 5, 1999.
- HUD, with participation from the Departments of Treasury and Justice, convened a conference with senior-level officials of some of the Nation's largest financial institutions and other Washington-area lenders. The conference was designed to enlist participation in making loans to restore places of worship. HUD understands the importance of maintaining this special partnership and is acting on a number of recommendations made by the financial institution representatives regarding lending operations and the loan guarantee process.

Prevention

- The National Arson Prevention Initiative (the Initiative) continues to create coalitions and provide communities with the tools and technical assistance necessary to battle arson. The Initiative issued \$225,000 in arson prevention grants to 14 cities in Fiscal Year 1998 and \$125,000 to eight cities in Fiscal Year 1999.
- The National Arson Prevention Clearinghouse (the Clearinghouse) was established to provide public education materials and coordinate technical assistance requests from communities. Accessible by a toll-free number (1-888-603-3100), the Clearinghouse has reached over three million individuals, organizations, and communities with arson awareness and prevention materials since its inception in 1996.
- The primary focus of the Initiative is to develop arson prevention awareness at places of worship. The Initiative, however, also focuses on juvenile firesetting. These efforts

complement the programs of the United States Fire Administration (USFA), which has been combating this problem since the 1970's.

- NCATF data indicate that many church arsons are set by juveniles. During Arson Awareness Week in 1999, the Initiative sponsored a seminar entitled "Community Awareness: Child Firesetting and Juvenile Arson." The seminar generated community awareness about the role of fire service, law enforcement, and education personnel and emphasized the seriousness and magnitude of the child firesetting and juvenile arson problem that exists nationally and locally.

Reconciliation

- The Community Relations Service (CRS) plays a key role in the work of the Task Force. CRS continues to provide conflict prevention and resolution assistance to local officials, law enforcement authorities, clergy, and other leaders in some 17 states across the country.
- In December 1998, CRS participated with other members of the NCATF, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, in a three-day National Church Burning Status Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.
- CRS remains committed to dispatching conflict resolution and reconciliation experts from its regional offices to work directly with local communities to promote multiracial cooperation in the construction of houses of worship, and to provide technical assistance in ways that bring together law enforcement agencies and minority neighborhoods.

OVERVIEW

In this third year, the NCATF concentrated its resources on identifying and prosecuting suspected arsonists, rebuilding damaged or destroyed houses of worship, preventing future damage and destruction, and coordinating reconciliation in affected communities. Outlined in this report are the results of the past year.

A PERMANENT PRIORITY

In June 1996, President Clinton established the NCATF to coordinate the efforts of federal, state, and local law enforcement in response to a sharp increase in reports of attacks on churches, particularly African American churches in the South. Attorney General Janet Reno promptly directed all 94 U.S. Attorneys to establish or expand local task forces focusing on arsons at houses of worship in their districts. These local task forces brought together state and local law enforcement, fire prevention officials, special agents of ATF and the FBI, mediators from the CRS, and victim/witness coordinators.

Congress also supported the efforts of the Task Force by strengthening federal laws. At the time of the formation of the Task Force, federal prosecutors often relied on general anti-arson statutes, such as the Anti-Arson Act of 1982, to prosecute those who used fire to destroy property involved in interstate commerce (18 U.S.C. § 844(i)). Under criminal civil rights statutes, they also had the authority to prosecute those who conspired to deprive persons of their civil rights or desecrated religious property or a house of worship under 18 U.S.C. §§ 241 and 247. On July 3, 1996, President Clinton signed the Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996, which granted federal prosecutors greater power in pursuing those who burn and desecrate houses of worship.

The NCATF has ensured that the investigation and prosecution of attacks on houses of worship remains a permanent priority within the Federal government, and that the innovative and highly successful practices of the NCATF Operations Team become a regular part of federal law enforcement efforts. The NCATF Operations Team established protocols and guidelines for the joint investigation and prosecution of suspected arsonists. The protocols and best practices developed by the Operations Team remain in force as the Task Force has integrated its work into the existing structures of the Civil Rights Division, the United States Attorneys' offices, ATF, and the FBI.

For the NCATF, best practices include the use of an array of law enforcement tools. For instance, the databases and computer systems of ATF and the FBI are used to track and analyze evidence and to generate investigative leads. A nationwide investigative lead database maintained by ATF helps identify, sort, and track information from selected church arsons. The Geographic Information System's computer technology also is used as an investigative tool to identify trends and patterns in tabular data through the use of maps. Investigators look to see whether unsolved crimes against houses of worship are related to solved crimes that have been committed at a nearby religious institution that is located across a jurisdictional boundary, such as a county or state border.

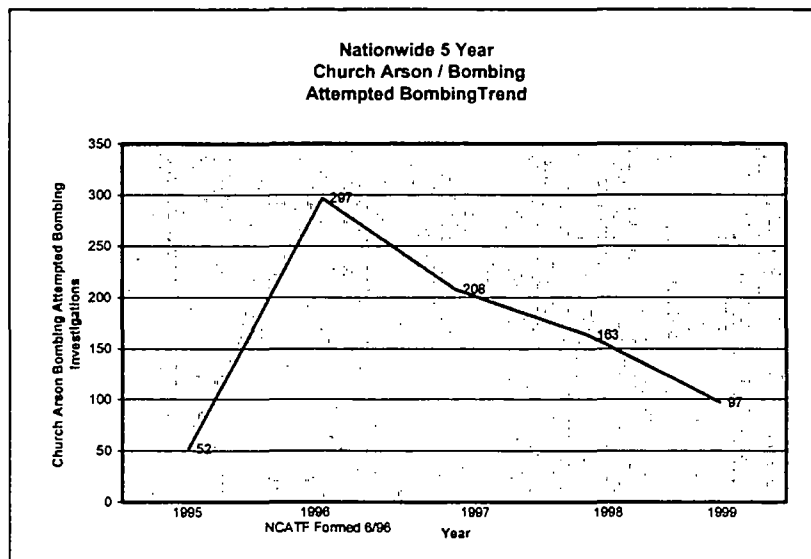
As reported last year, the NCATF took action to ensure that prosecutions of attacks on houses of worship continue as a permanent priority. To this end, the Task Force lodged the responsibility for federal prosecution of church arsons and bombings motivated by race or religion in the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division, the existing structure within the Justice Department that has jurisdiction over these and other federal criminal civil rights cases.

Progress To Date

Investigations

We are pleased to report, once again this year, that the number of church arsons has declined. We believe that this is due to more focused investigative efforts, well-publicized arrests and prosecutions, and an enhanced prevention strategy.

Notwithstanding these results, we must remain vigilant. Arsons at our Nation's houses of worship continue to occur. We continue aggressively to investigate these fires and prosecute those arrested.



As of October 5, 1999, the NCATF has opened investigations into 827 arsons, bombings, or attempted bombings that have occurred at houses of worship since January 1, 1995. (See Appendix 1, Charts A, Q, R, and S reflecting the number of church arsons, bombings, and attempted bombings nationwide; see Charts T, U, and V reflecting the number of church arsons, bombings, and attempted bombings in the South). In addition to those investigations, federal and state law enforcement and fire officials have responded to 403 fires that were determined to be caused accidentally and to 173 fires for which the cause remains undetermined.

Of the 827 incidents that the NCATF investigated, 269 have involved African American churches, 185 of which are located in the southern United States (See Appendix 1, Chart A reflecting total house of worship arsons and bombings; see Appendix 1, Charts G-P for a list of church fire investigations throughout the United States).

Arrests

Partnership among law enforcement agencies has produced a significant number of state and federal arrests. Between January 1, 1995, and October 5, 1999, federal, state, and local authorities arrested 364 defendants in connection with 294 of the 827 incidents that the Task Force has investigated. The 35.6% arrest rate is more than double the general arrest rate for arsons, which is approximately 16%, according to Justice Department statistics (See Appendix 1, Chart B).

Of the 364 persons arrested, 301 are Caucasian, 55 are African American, and eight are Hispanic. Juvenile arrests numbered 144. Of the 119 suspects arrested for arsons at African American churches, 75 are Caucasian, 43 are African American, and one is Hispanic. Of the 240 suspects arrested for arsons at non-African American houses of worship, 221 are Caucasian, 12 are African American, and seven are Hispanic. Five Caucasian suspects were arrested for arsons

at both African American and non-African American churches (See Appendix 1, Charts C-F and W-Y). As of October 5, 1999, there were 516 open investigations in which arrests have not yet been made. Since January 1, 1995, there have been 17 investigations solved with no arrests. (Investigations may be considered solved without arrest when, for example, the child is too young to prosecute or the church refuses to press charges.)

On April 20, 1999, the United States returned two indictments charging Jay Scott Ballinger with a series of church arsons. One indictment, returned in the Southern District of Indiana, charged Ballinger with seven church arsons. The second, filed in the Northern District of Georgia, alleged that Ballinger was responsible for three arsons. One of the Georgia fires led to the death of a volunteer firefighter.

After additional investigation, Ballinger was charged with two fires in the Middle District of Georgia on May 20, 1999 and the Indiana indictment was superceded on July 27, 1999 to include a conspiracy to commit arson at 29 churches in eight states – 14 in Indiana, five in Georgia, two in Ohio, four in Kentucky, and one each in California, Missouri, South Carolina and Tennessee. Many of the fires alleged to have been committed in furtherance of the conspiracy have also been charged by the United States as separate crimes of arson in the jurisdictions where those fires occurred. The Ballinger indictments represent the largest number of fires linked to a single defendant during the life of the Task Force.

Ballinger was arrested in February 1999, after being interviewed by agents investigating a rash of fires in southern Indiana, and remains in federal custody. If convicted on all charges, Ballinger faces a minimum imprisonment term of 90 years. Trial has been set for February 2000 in the Southern District of Indiana. No trial date is currently scheduled in either district on the Georgia charges.

Federal authorities have charged two other persons in relation to several Indiana fires. Donald Puckett pleaded guilty to one count of arson and was sentenced on September 30, 1999 to 27 months in prison. On November 9, 1999, Angela Wood pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit church arson and the commission of multiple church fires in connection with arsons at five churches within the Southern District of Indiana. The evidence at the plea hearing showed that Wood traveled from state to state with Jay Scott Ballinger seeking churches to burn. No sentencing date has been scheduled for Wood.

These arrests and charges would not have been possible without the tireless efforts and cooperation of many state, local and federal agents, prosecutors and officers.

As in all cases at this stage, the charges are only an allegation of guilt and are not proof of any crime. The defendant is presumed innocent and retains that presumption unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Convictions

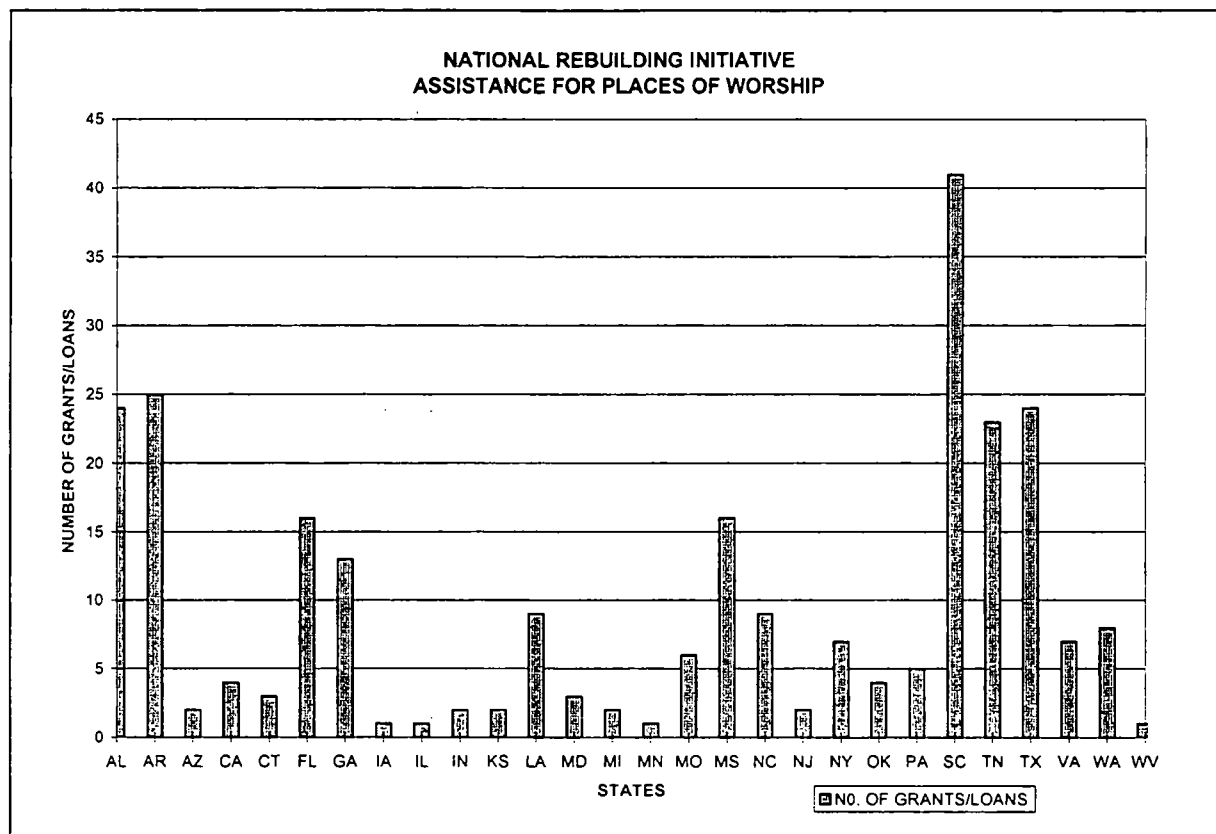
Between January 1, 1995 and October 5, 1999, federal, state, and local prosecutors successfully obtained convictions of 287 defendants in connection with 206 arsons or bombings of houses of worship. (See Appendix 1, Chart Z; see also Appendix 2 for a list of incidents in which a conviction has been obtained between September 9, 1998 and October 5, 1999). Of the 73 defendants who have been convicted of federal charges, 39 defendants were convicted of crimes arising from 24 arsons or bombings motivated by bias. Thirty of those defendants were convicted of hate crimes charges, and the remaining nine were convicted of, or were allowed to plead guilty to, other federal charges. (See Appendix 3 for a list of Federal hate crimes convictions.)

REBUILDING

The Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996 authorized the establishment of a Loan Guarantee Recovery Fund for use by HUD to assist in rebuilding places of worship damaged or destroyed by arson. With this \$10 million funding mechanism, HUD can guarantee specific loans made by financial institutions to nonprofit organizations, including houses of worship, to aid in rebuilding property damaged or destroyed by an act or acts of arson or terrorism.

In addition to administering the Loan Guarantee Recovery Fund, HUD continues to work in partnership with the National Council of Churches (NCC) and the Congress of National Black Churches (CNBC), which also provide assistance to congregations in their rebuilding efforts. HUD Secretary Cuomo created this public-private partnership under the National Rebuilding Initiative, which has been maintained by the partnership to aid in the rebuilding of houses of worship. While the partners provide grants for rebuilding, HUD provides loan guarantees.

To date, the partnership has provided approximately \$12.4 million in direct assistance for the rebuilding of burned places of worship. Of this amount, approximately \$9 million was in the form of grants awarded by the NCC and the CNBC. Additionally, approximately \$3.3 million was provided as private loans guaranteed by HUD. This combined assistance of grants and guaranteed loans has resulted in assistance to burned places of worship in twenty-eight states. The chart below illustrates assistance by states. States in the South have received most of the financial support and related resources.



In addition to this direct assistance, over 300 places of worship have been contacted and evaluated as to their rebuilding plans and needs. Of those places of worship, 70 have been completely rebuilt and another 89 are in various stages of rebuilding.

Grants and guaranteed loan funds have been used to finance a wide variety of rebuilding activities to include acquisition of real property, construction materials, furnishings, plans and specifications, site improvements, the installation of security systems, and related costs. Also, much has been provided in the form of in-kind contributions to the rebuilding effort. Such contributions have been in the form of volunteer labor and project management, architectural and legal assistance, donated lumber, construction modules, pews, altar furnishings, bibles, hymnals, and choir robes. The sources of in-kind contributions have been many, including other congregations around the country, private companies, nonprofit organizations and individuals.

In addition to financial assistance, in-kind contributions, and volunteer coordination, the rebuilding effort aided places of worship in yet another important way: the provision of technical assistance. The National Council of Churches conducted site assessments and visits, and provided each congregation with the information, resources and networking that addressed their individual situation. The CNBC also performed assessments, assisted with construction planning, made insurance and fire prevention information available, established a special arson prevention program, and made on-site visits. HUD provided detailed information on the loan guarantee program, and continued to identify financial institutions interested in providing rebuilding loans for guarantee by HUD.

Recent Activity

In an effort to ensure adequate rebuilding resources, HUD, with participation by the Departments of Treasury and Justice, convened a conference with senior-level officials of the Nation's largest financial institutions (banking, mortgage banking, and credit unions) to discuss the continuing need for their participation in making loans to restore places of worship. Seventeen senior officials attended the conference. A few others not able to attend made HUD aware of their interest in being part of a participating lenders group for those places of worship that may need assistance in rebuilding. HUD understands the importance of maintaining this special partnership and is acting on a number of recommendations made by the financial institution representatives to improve the loan-making and the loan guarantee process.

Future Actions

HUD plans to reach out periodically with a public-private partnership perspective to those who can provide the assistance needed to restore, replace, and repair houses of worship destroyed or damaged by these heinous acts.

In the upcoming months, in continuation of its outreach efforts, HUD will again host a set of conferences in various parts of the country for affected congregations interested in the HUD loan guarantee process and in receiving training on that process and in the area of financial management.

Assistance to Date

As of October 5, 1999, approximately \$3.3 million in loan guarantee commitments were made to ten different churches. These churches include: Emmanuel Church (Decatur, AL), Second New Light OFW Baptist Church (Bridgeport, CT), New Birth Temple Church of God In Christ (COGIC, Shreveport, LA), Greater Mount Zion Tabernacle (Portsmouth, VA), New Harvest Baptist (Town of Cornwall, NY), Bethel AME Church (Monroeville, PA), Southtowns Christian Center (Lakeview, NY), Avenue M COGIC (Birmingham, AL), Springhill Missionary Baptist Church (Memphis, TN), and Greater Holy Temple COGIC (Wichita, KS).

Who May Apply

The HUD loan guarantee process accepts applications from nonprofit organizations, including houses of worship, which are described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Though the organization may not have sought or obtained a ruling from the IRS under this section, its purpose must be consistent with that of organizations described therein. To qualify, a federal, state, or local fire official must certify the fire at the place of worship to be arson. For purposes of the guarantee process, the financial institution which serves as a lender may be a bank, trust company, savings and loan association, credit union, mortgage company, or other issuer regulated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Office of Thrift Supervision, the Credit Union Administration, or the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency. The financial institution may also be a pension fund.

Application Process

A place of worship initiates the loan-making process by submitting a HUD application to a local bank or other financial institution requesting a rebuilding loan. The financial institution reviews the application, seeks additional financial data (if necessary), conducts its underwriting analysis (using its own underwriting standards), and makes a submission to HUD requesting a loan guarantee. The Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to guarantee up to 100% of the loan amount.

HUD will participate in the rebuilding process through new construction, rehabilitation of real property, refinancing of existing debt, or restoration or acquisition of personal property, and related costs. Assistance may be given if the insurance proceeds for the property are not sufficient to complete rebuilding or to reimburse the related loss/damage.

PREVENTION

Community-Based Arson Prevention Efforts

Efforts to prevent arsons from occurring represent the third prong of the President's national strategy. Working under the National Arson Prevention Initiative, communities continue to create coalitions and are provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with the tools and technical assistance necessary to battle arson.

The Initiative issued \$225,000 in Arson Prevention Grants to 14 cities in Fiscal Year 1998 and \$125,000 to eight communities in Fiscal Year 1999. These funds will be used to build community-based coalitions and combat arson at the grassroots level.

The following cities each received \$15,000 in FY 1998:

Sacramento, California	Lynn, Massachusetts
Baltimore, Maryland	New York City, New York
Burlington, Vermont	Youngstown, Ohio
Clark County/Las Vegas, Nevada	Portland, Oregon
Danville, Illinois	Houston, Texas
New Orleans, Louisiana	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Duluth, Minnesota	

The following cities are setting up regional coalitions and receiving \$30,000: Orange County, Florida; Osceola County, Florida; and Orlando, Florida. This regional alliance will offer services to 15 cities with an estimated population of 950,000.

The following cities each received \$15,625 in FY 1999:

Anchorage, Alaska	Camden, New Jersey
Denver, Colorado	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Spartanburg, South Carolina	Elisabeth, Pennsylvania
Cedar Falls, Iowa	Woonsocket, Rhode Island

These cities join the four original Initiative municipalities of Macon, Georgia; Charlotte, North Carolina; Nashville, Tennessee; and Utica, New York.

Most communities have used their arson prevention grants to address juvenile firesetting or church arson prevention. Other challenges include initiating church watch programs, boarding-up or demolishing vacant and abandoned buildings (Target Arson Program or TAP), developing stricter code enforcement, and implementing church arson awareness programs.

Arson Prevention Clearinghouse

The Clearinghouse was established to provide public education materials and coordinate technical assistance requests from communities. Accessible by a toll-free number (1-888-603-3100), the Clearinghouse has reached over three million individuals, organizations, and communities with arson awareness and prevention materials since its inception in 1996. Working through the National Council of Churches, the CNBC, and others in the religious community, thousands of houses of worship have been reached with arson prevention pamphlets and brochures. Materials distributed through the Clearinghouse include threat assessment and fire safety documents, juvenile firesetter intervention brochures, public education materials including bumper stickers, community organization information, and coalition building guidance manuals. The Clearinghouse distributes to affected communities more than 500,000 information packets annually.

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention

The initial and primary focus of the Initiative was to develop arson prevention awareness. The prevention of juvenile firesetting is also an issue currently being highlighted. These efforts complement the vigilant programs of the USFA, which has been combating this problem since the 1970's.

Along with the help of the USFA, the Initiative has developed three juvenile firesetting-training packages. They are Child Firesetter and Juvenile Arson Community Awareness, Professional Development, and Practitioner Training Needs.

Public Education

During the first week of May 1999, the Initiative sponsored National Arson Awareness Week for the third consecutive year. This event was built on the concept of creating an identifiable, unifying message for arson prevention. The three major goals of Arson Awareness

Week were to: 1) create a national umbrella of recognition, awareness, and understanding of arson problems throughout the United States; 2) highlight accomplishments and successes of the eighteen pilot communities under the Initiative and embrace ten additional communities as part of the coalition building effort; and 3) promote the dissemination of arson awareness, prevention, and investigation literature and training materials via the Clearinghouse. The Initiative worked with other partners such as the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) to help encourage communities to become involved in building solutions to their arson problems.

FEMA promoted broad public education efforts by enlisting the help of various national television, radio, and print media outlets. Chapters of the IAAI hosted events and activities in almost every state. Under the Initiative, the eighteen arson pilot cities and counties launched their arson prevention partnerships in 1997 with strong community support. One year later, the model programs they developed were showcased nationally and became the impetus for an additional ten communities to participate in the roll-out events during Awareness Week 1998. Some 150 cities across the country participated in that National Arson Awareness Week.

During Arson Awareness Week in 1999, the Initiative sponsored a seminar called "Community Awareness: Child Firesetting and Juvenile Arson." This was part of the National Town Meeting (NTM) for a Sustainable America that took place during May 2-8, 1999 in Detroit Michigan. The NTM highlights nationwide best practices and protocols for arson prevention. The "Community Awareness: Child Firesetting and Juvenile Arson" seminar, which was held at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland, was designed to generate community awareness about the role of fire service, law enforcement, and education personnel and to emphasize the seriousness and magnitude of the child firesetting and juvenile arson problem that exists nationally and locally. The program informed the community-at-large so they could better understand children's perception of fire and how it could be misused. It focused on motivating the community to form a community-based effort, involving all necessary services, organizations, agencies, and individuals and emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts. The audience for this successful presentation included fire service officers, law enforcement officials, childcare agencies, and members of both the USFA Program Office and the National Fire Academy.

Technical Assistance and Training

The Initiative and National Volunteer Fire Council sponsored an Arson Detection & Prevention in a Rural Communities seminar. The seminar also took place at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland in February 1999. The training targeted members of volunteer fire departments responsible for arson prevention and investigation and was supported by a grant from the Initiative.

During 1998 and 1999, the Initiative sponsored dozens of training seminars. These were delivered to local communities via the Council of National Black Churches, National Sheriffs Association, and the National Coalition of Burned Churches.

Memorandum of Understanding with Congress of National Black Churches, Inc.

Spearheaded by the Initiative, FEMA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the CNBC to provide training and public education for churches and houses of worship. The overarching goal of this initiative is to prevent arson and promote arson awareness. This confirmed the USFA commitment to providing a significant in-kind contribution to CNBC's Church Rebuilding and Arson Prevention efforts. The contribution will include technical assistance, mitigation, arson prevention materials, and training in the areas of community coalition building and arson prevention. In response to the problems at houses of worship, CNBC launched its three-year Church Rebuilding and Arson Prevention Program in January 1998 to rebuild burned churches, prevent arson, and promote multiracial and ecumenical inclusiveness for the new millennium. Since its inception, CNBC's Church Rebuilding Program has provided the financial support needed to rebuild 32 of the 50 targeted churches.

RECONCILIATION

The Community Relations Service plays a key role in the work of the Task Force. CRS continues to provide conflict prevention and resolution assistance to local officials, law enforcement authorities, clergy, and other leaders in some 17 states across the country. CRS regional offices, along with two contractors, have assumed responsibility for the work of the CRS Church Burning Response Team. Their close work with U.S. Attorneys, community leaders, and federal, state, and local law enforcement developed the relationship that facilitated the coordinated effort necessary for community healing and reconciliation to occur.

CRS is committed to dispatching conflict resolution and reconciliation experts from its regional offices to work directly with local communities to promote multiracial cooperation in the construction of houses of worship, and to provide technical assistance in ways that bring together law enforcement agencies and minority neighborhoods.

CONCLUSION

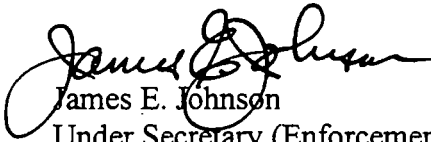
This year we have seen law enforcement, government agencies, private groups, and individuals continue their tireless and diligent efforts to investigate fires, identify and prosecute arsonists, rebuild houses of worship and restore communities.

While the statistics indicate great progress in the fight against church arsons, and while our community work yields refurbished and healing communities, our task is not yet complete. We have thus made combating arsons at America's houses of worship a permanent priority. We do this recognizing the continuing commitment necessary not only to prevent future fires, but also to heal racial divides.

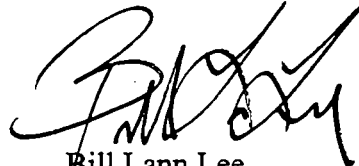
Acknowledgment

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Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX 1

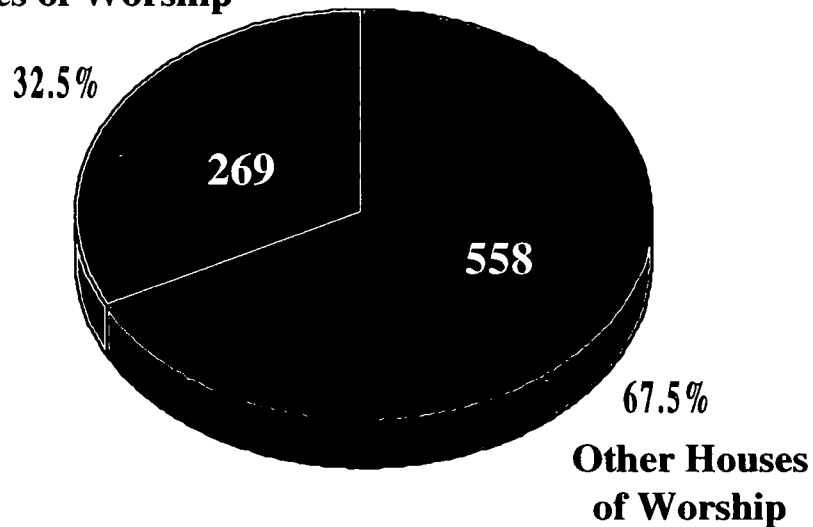
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January 1, 1995 - October 5, 1999

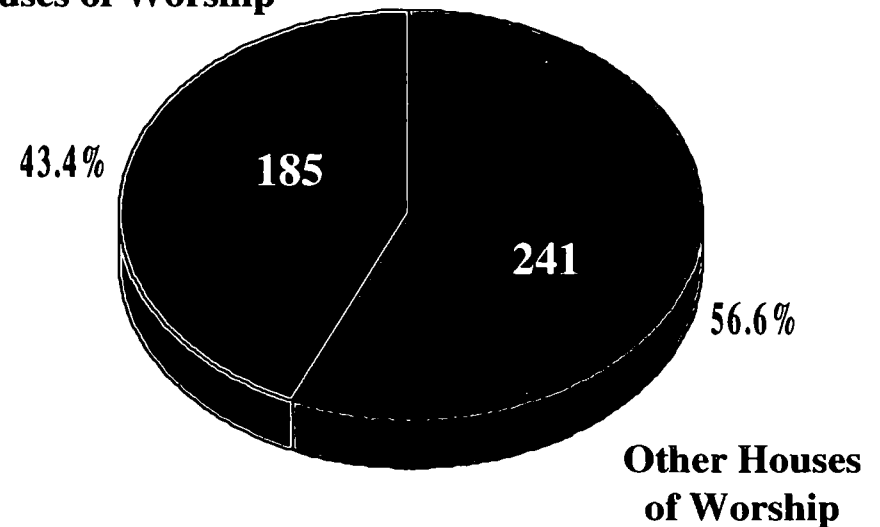
Houses of Worship Nationwide

**African American
Houses of Worship**



Houses of Worship In the South

**African American
Houses of Worship**



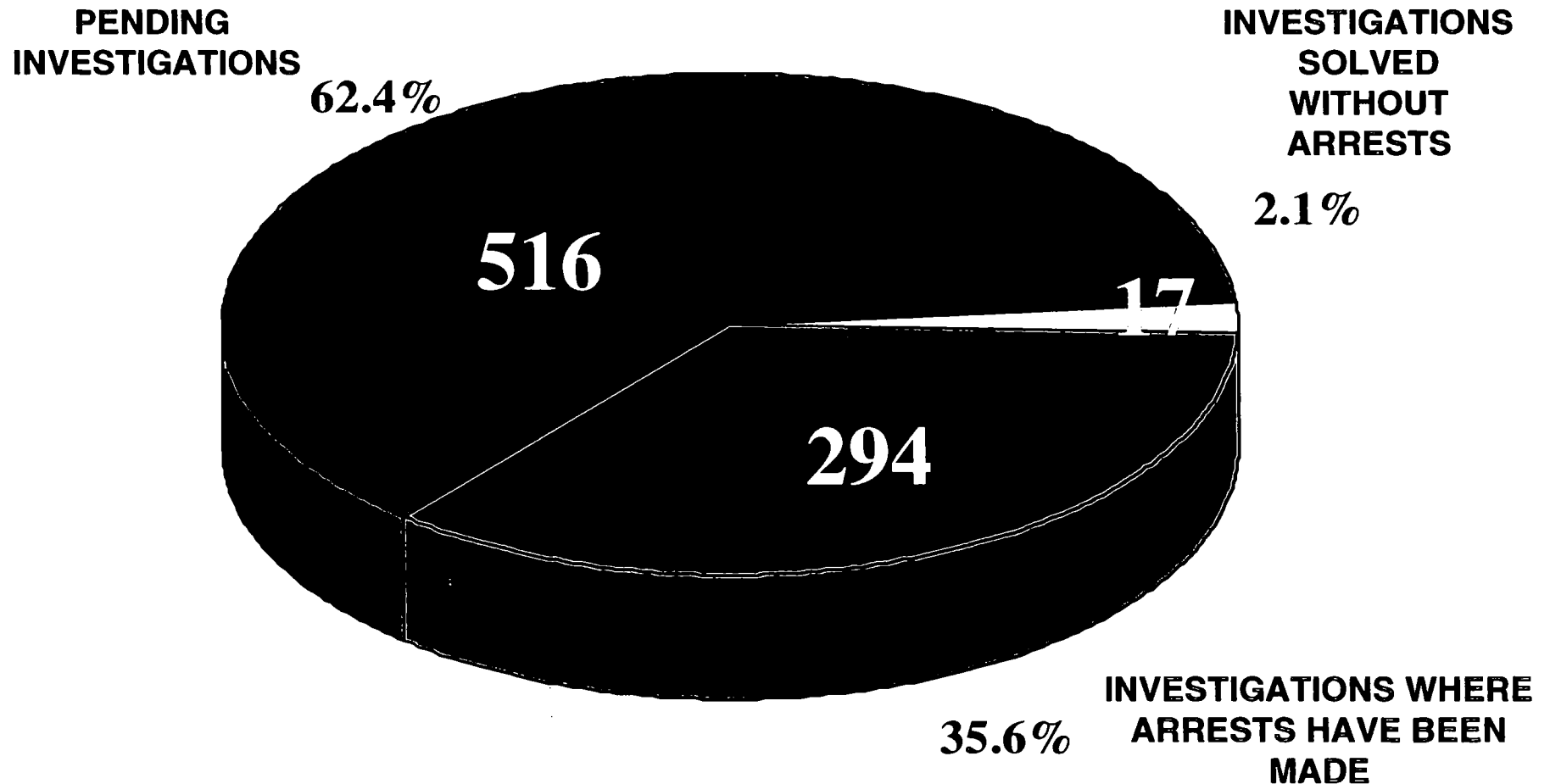
Total House of Worship Arsons/Bombings - 827

CHART A

NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE

Breakdown of Arson/Bombing/Attempted Bombing Investigations

January 1, 1995 - October 5, 1999



TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS = 827

CHART B

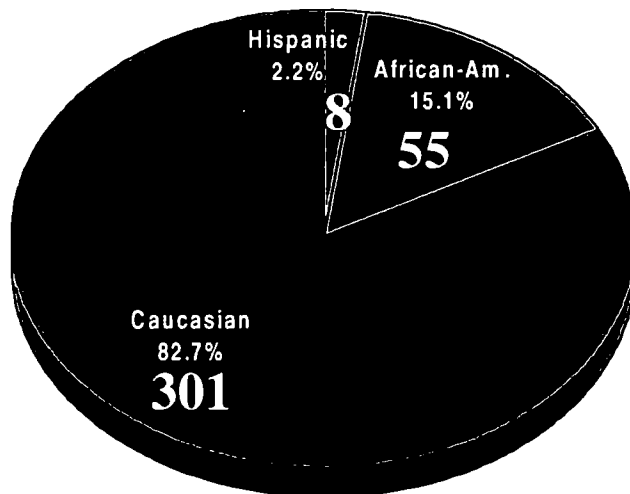
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Racial Makeup of Subjects Arrested for Church Arsons/Bombings Nationwide

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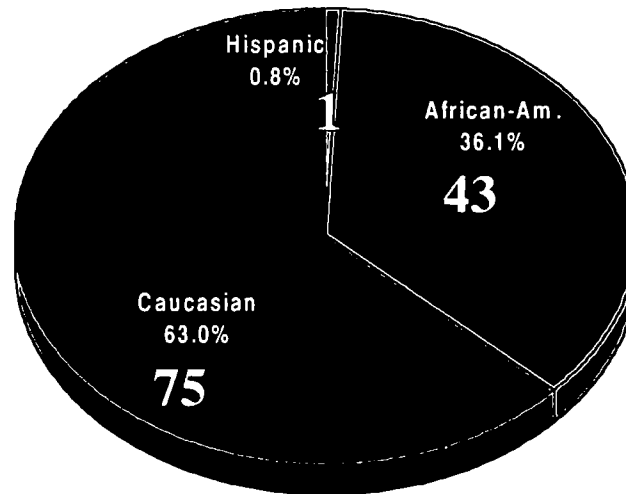
ALL HOUSES OF WORSHIP

**ARSONS - 287
BOMBINGS - 7**



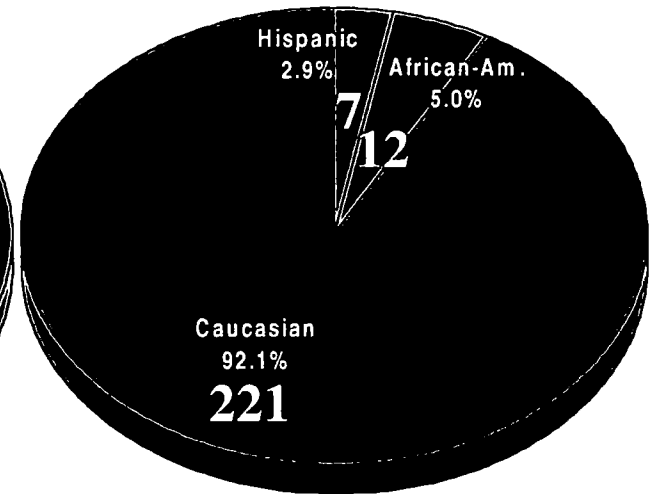
AFRICAN AMERICAN HOUSES OF WORSHIP

**ARSONS - 84
BOMBINGS - 2**



OTHER HOUSES OF WORSHIP

**ARSONS - 203
BOMBINGS - 5**



**NOTE: FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL CAUCASIAN SUBJECTS ARRESTED FOR ARSON/BOMBING OF AN
AFRICAN AMERICAN HOUSE OF WORSHIP AND A NON-AFRICAN AMERICAN HOUSE OF WORSHIP**

364 SUBJECTS ARRESTED NATIONWIDE

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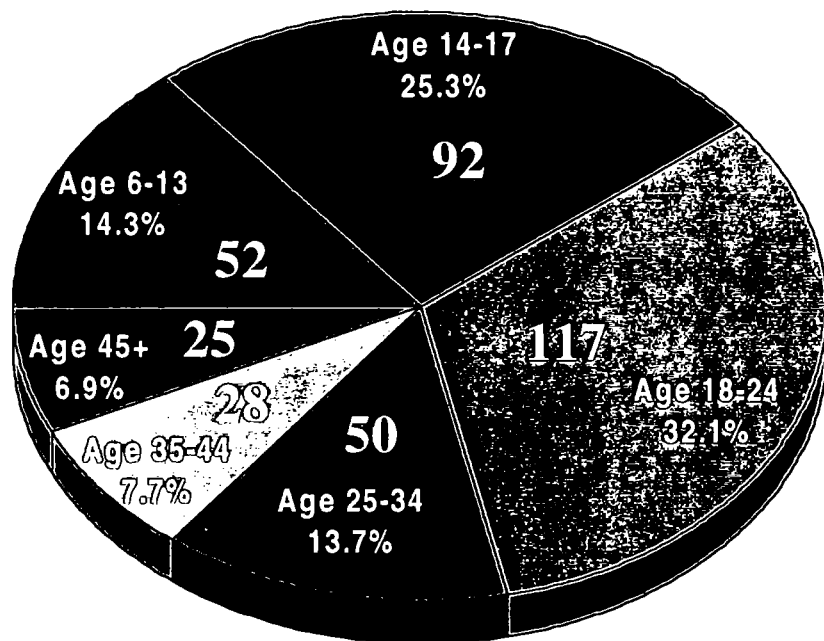
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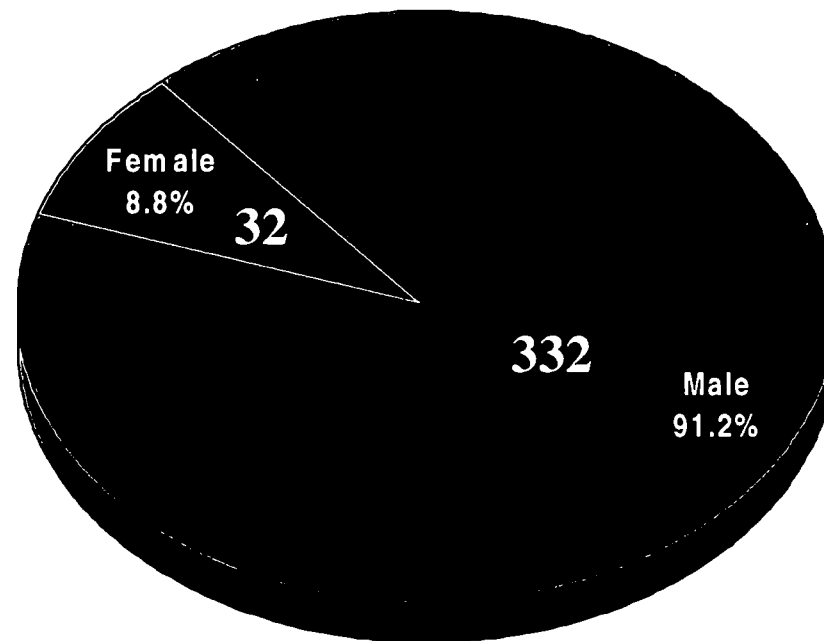
Nationwide

January 1, 1995 - October 5, 1999

**BREAKDOWN BY
AGE**



**BREAKDOWN BY
GENDER**



TOTAL ARRESTS = 364

CHART D

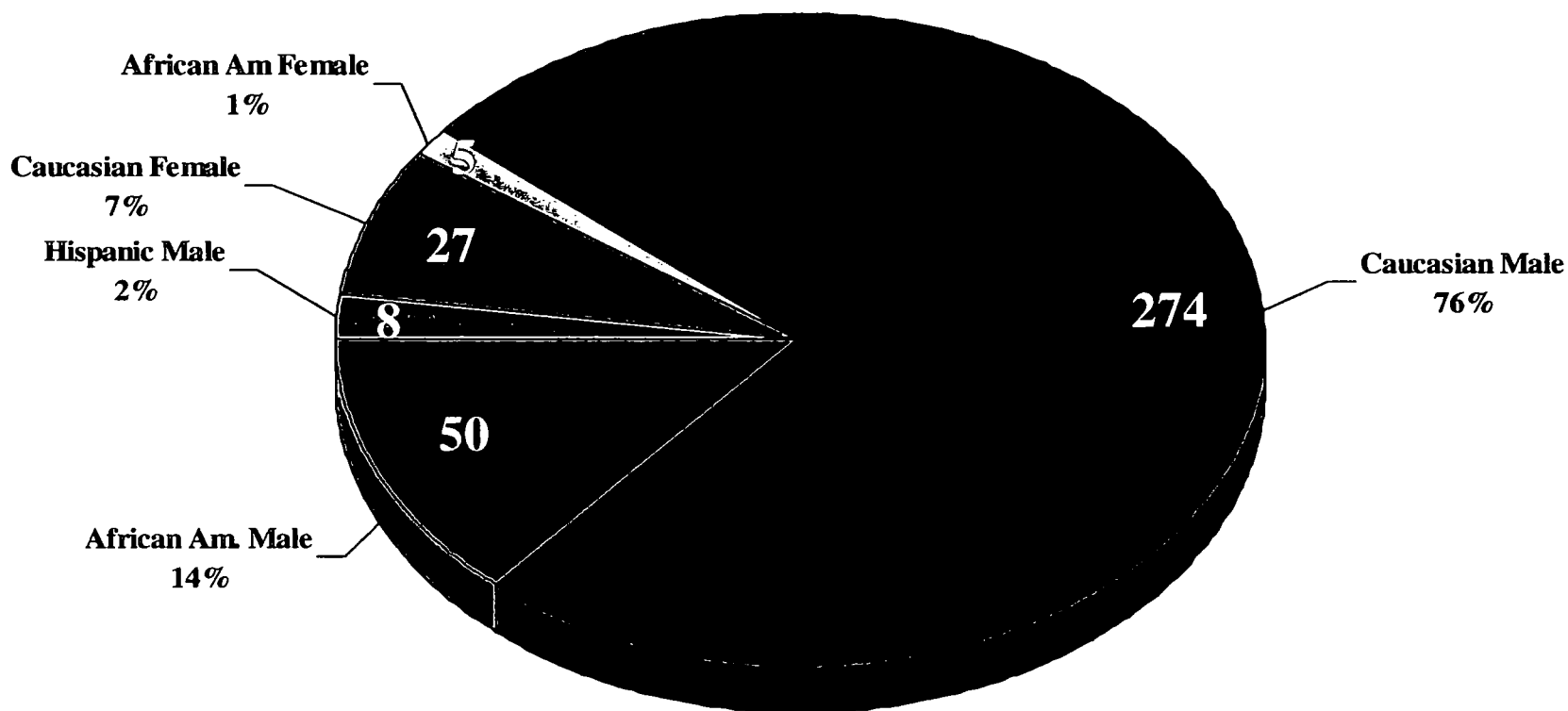
NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE

Demographic Information on Subjects Arrested for Church Arsons/Bombings

Nationwide

January 1, 1995 - October 5, 1999

BREAKDOWN BY GENDER/RACE



TOTAL ARRESTS = 364

CHART E

NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE

Racial Makeup of Subjects Arrested for Church Arsons/Bombings

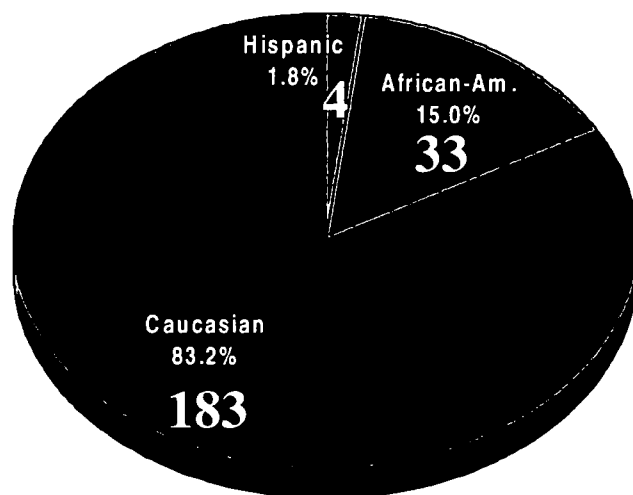
In the South

January 1, 1995 - October 5, 1999

ALL HOUSES OF WORSHIP

ARSONS - 149

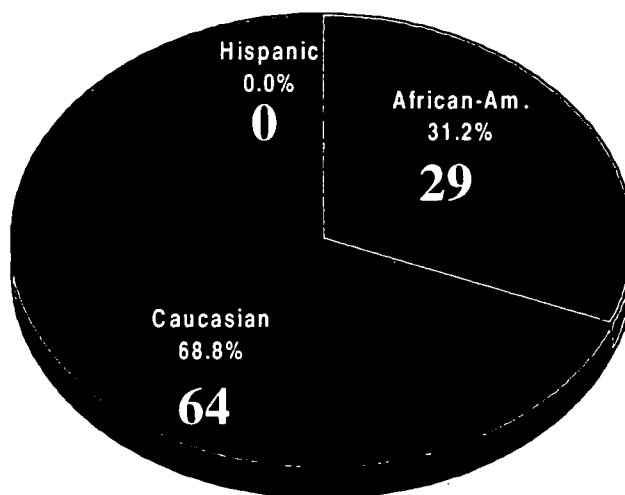
BOMBINGS - 4



AFRICAN AMERICAN HOUSES OF WORSHIP

ARSONS - 58

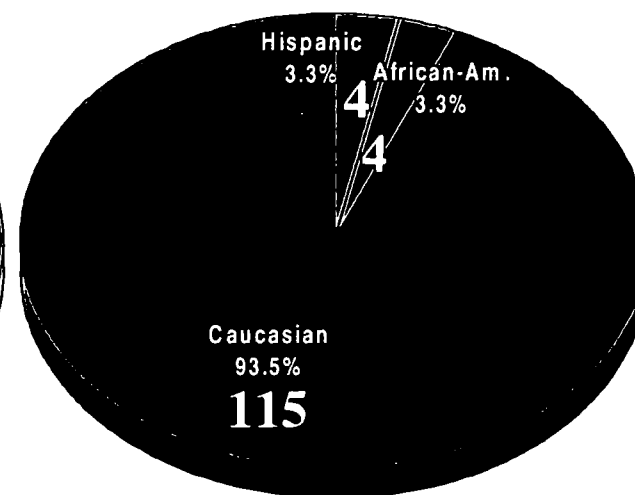
BOMBINGS - 2



OTHER HOUSES OF WORSHIP

ARSONS - 91

BOMBINGS - 2



NOTE: FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL CAUCASIAN SUBJECTS ARRESTED FOR ARSON/BOMBING OF AN AFRICAN AMERICAN HOUSE OF WORSHIP AND A NON-AFRICAN AMERICAN HOUSE OF WORSHIP

220 SUBJECTS ARRESTED IN THE SOUTH

CHART F

NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE

Church Incidents in the United States

January 1, 1995 - Present

ALABAMA



10/31/95 Pennington, AL - Faith Whole Truth
 12/22/95 Boligee, AL - Mt. Zion Baptist
 01/11/96 Boligee, AL - Little Mt. Zion
 01/12/96 Boligee, AL - Mt. Zoar Baptist
 02/28/96 Tyler, AL - New Liberty Baptist
 03/25/96 Browns, AL - Central Missionary Baptist
 05/06/96 Nauvoo, AL - Ashbank Freewill
 06/03/96 Greensboro, AL - Rising Star
 07/22/96 Tyler, AL - Isabella Baptist
 07/28/98 Decatur, AL - Emanuel Outreach
 08/31/96 Skyline, AL - Skyline Free Holiness
 09/10/96 Dothan, AL - First Assembly of God
 10/27/96 Eastaboga, AL - Sunlight Baptist
 11/14/96 Hefelin, AL - Born Again Church of Christ
 07/01/97 Little River, AL - St. Joseph Baptist
 07/01/97 Little River, AL - Tate Chapel AME Zion
 07/05/97 Mobile, AL - St. John's Deliverance Temp.
 09/21/97 Johns, AL - Holiness Deliv. Tabernacle
 11/17/97 Docena, AL - St. Paul CME
 11/19/97 Oak Grove, AL - Five Points Baptist
 09/04/98 Lisman, AL - Gilfield Baptist Church

ARIZONA



02/09/96 Tucson, AZ - First Southern Baptist
 04/10/96 Phoenix, AZ - Greater New Mt. Zion
 07/23/96 Glendale, AZ - Iglesia Del Nombre
 07/23/96 Tucson, AZ - Korean First Full Gospel
 09/30/96 Yuma, AZ - Our Lady of Guadeloupe
 10/01/96 Yuma, AZ - Union Baptist
 11/01/96 Glendale, AZ - Trinity Mennonite
 11/09/96 Phoenix, AZ - Temple Beth Israel
 12/22/96 Phoenix, AZ - Gospel Center & School
 01/23/97 Chandler, AZ - New Life Trinity C.O.G.
 06/30/97 Tucson, AZ - Tanque Verde Lutheran
 03/22/99 Tucson, AZ - Mt. Sinai Baptist Church
 ★05/23/99 Heber, AZ - Latter Day Saints

ARKANSAS



05/21/95 Shirley, AR - Universal Church of God
 05/02/96 Helena, AR - Church House of the Lord
 07/20/96 Arkadelphia, AR - Clayborn Chapel
 07/27/96 Camden, AR - New Calvary Church
 08/20/96 Marvell, AR - Mt. Zion Missionary
 08/21/96 Turner, AR - St. Matthew Miss. Baptist
 08/24/96 Benton, AR - Kentucky Missionary
 09/26/96 Helena, AR - Fredonia Miss. Baptist
 10/31/96 Griffithville, AR - Pleasant Grove Bapt.
 11/17/96 Luxora, AR - Princess Chapel Mission.
 04/02/97 Beardon, AR - El Bethel C.O.G. in Christ
 07/17/97 Luxora, AR - Luxora First Baptist
 07/19/97 Miss. Co., AR - Princess Chapel Church
 07/19/97 Joiner, AR - Joiner Church of Christ
 08/14/97 Shirley, AR - Universal Church of God
 10/05/97 Forest City, AR - Forest Hills United Meth.
 09/23/98 Little Rock, AR - Capital View Baptist
 10/04/98 Harrison, AR - First Christian Church
 02/02/99 Magnolia, AR - Full Gospel Holiness
 07/25/99 N. Little Rock, AR - Riverview AME Ch.
 08/28/99 Harrison, AR - Northvale Baptist Church

ALASKA



07/06/97 Fairbanks, AK - Ch. Of Latter Day Saints

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CHART G

CALIFORNIA



09/25/95 Dana Point, CA - South Shores Community
 03/18/96 Spring Valley, CA - Trinity Presbyterian
 06/01/96 El Monte, CA - First Baptist Church
 06/08/96 Oceanside, CA - St. Anne's Episcopal
 06/08/96 El Monte, CA - First Baptist Church
 06/28/96 Visalia, CA - Visalia Community Church
 07/14/96 Los Angeles, CA - Lighthouse Ch. Of God
 08/04/96 Highland, CA - Church of the Body of Christ
 08/21/96 San Diego, CA - Gethsemane Lutheran
 09/07/96 Los Angeles, CA - Deliverance Ch. Of God
 09/08/96 Sacramento, CA - New Home Miss. Baptist
 09/15/96 San Francisco, CA - First Union Baptist
 10/09/96 Los Angeles, CA - Iglasia Pentecostes
 10/09/96 Los Angeles, CA - St. Vibiana Church
 10/31/96 Colusa, CA - Sanatan Dharm Temple
 12/26/96 Redding, CA - Native Am. Christian Outreach
 12/31/96 Arcadia, CA - Serbian Orthodox Church
 12/31/96 North Hollywood, CA - Liuvias De Gracia
 01/19/97 Buena Park, CA - New Begin. Fr. Baptist
 02/15/97 San Francisco, CA - Trinity Presbyterian
 02/20/97 Wilmington, CA - Christo La Unica Esp.
 02/25/97 Apple Valley, CA - Latter Day Saints Church
 02/25/97 San Diego, CA - First United Methodist
 03/26/97 San Fran., CA - Presby. Ch. Of Chinatown
 04/14/97 Los Ang., CA - St. Mark Coptic Egypt. Orth.
 05/18/97 Sylmar, CA - Mary Immaculate Church
 06/27/97 Seaside, CA - Carpenter's House Pentecost.
 07/10/97 Los Angeles, CA - Fountain Of Hope Fellow.
 07/21/97 Los Angeles, CA - First AME Zion Church
 09/30/97 San Francisco, CA - Mt. Enon Baptist
 10/22/97 Downey, CA - Trinity Baptist
 12/28/97 Los Angeles, CA - Menachem & Krika Klein
 12/29/97 Los Angeles, CA - Kanner Hall
 01/25/98 Garden Grove, CA - Latter Day Saints
 01/31/98 Gualala, CA - Gualala Baptist Church
 01/27/99 Arcata, CA - Church Of The Nazarene
 ★03/09/99 Arcata, CA - Arcata Mormon Institute Of Rel.
 03/24/99 Los Angeles, CA - Celestial Church Of Christ

CALIFORNIA (Continued)



06/12/99 Los Angeles, CA - St. Thomas the Apostle
 06/18/99 Sacramento, CA - Beth Shalom Synagogue
 06/18/99 Sacramento, CA - Mikuah Synagogue
 06/18/99 Sacramento, CA - B'Nai Isreal Temple
 07/22/99 Rancho C., CA - Shephard Of The Hills
 08/03/99 Hollywood, CA - Trinity Comm. Presby.

COLORADO



08/07/96 Denver, CO - Church Alive
 08/10/98 Denver, CO - Central Baptist Church
 10/30/96 Bailey, CO - Platte Canyon Community
 11/03/96 Colorado Springs, CO - Household Faith
 12/20/97 Denver, CO - St. Francis DeSales
 01/03/98 Ft. Carson, CO - Soldiers Mem. Chapel
 02/18/98 Denver, CO - St. Francis DeSales

CONNECTICUT



01/23/97 Mystic, CT - St. Marks Episcopal
 03/03/98 New Haven, CT - St. Mary's Catholic
 ★05/03/98 Danbury, CT - Ariyamettaram Buddhist

DELAWARE



03/25/96 Newark, DE - St. Andrews Presbyterian
 05/25/96 Milford, DE - Slaughter Neck Methodist
 09/01/96 Wilmington, DE - Emaculate Heart
 12/23/97 Middleton, DE - St. Joseph Catholic

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



08/04/98 Washington, DC - Solid Rock Ch / Christ
 ★04/25/99 Washington, DC - Mohammed's Mosque

FLORIDA



05/06/95 Tallahassee, FL - First Born Church
 04/13/96 Lee Co., FL - Gunnery Road Baptist
 04/14/96 Inverness, FL - Old Fashion Gospel Ctr
 06/12/96 Marianna, FL - Evangelist Temple
 08/06/96 Jacksonville, FL - Hunterdale Pent.
 ★08/06/96 Jacksonville, FL - Mayfair Baptist
 08/07/96 Jacksonville, FL - Bethel Baptist
 09/07/96 Jacksonville, FL - Faith United Meth.
 09/08/96 Deland, FL - New Life Tabernacle
 09/15/96 Indiantown, FL - Apostle Faith
 09/16/96 Sarasota, FL - Church of the Trinity
 10/24/96 St. Petersburg, FL - Trinity United Meth.
 10/27/96 Davie, FL - Jehovah Witness Hall
 10/27/96 Jacksonville, FL - Shiloh Mission. Bap.
 01/27/97 Miami, FL - Plantation Worship Center
 02/15/97 Pensacola, FL - Holy Spirit Catholic
 ★02/22/97 Jacksonville, FL - J-ville Jewish Center
 03/19/97 Ocala, FL - Covenant Missionary Bap.
 04/03/97 Pembroke Park, FL - Lake Forest Bap.
 04/19/97 Miami, FL - Muslim Church of America
 06/15/97 Florosa, FL - Florosa Baptist Church
 06/19/97 Cape Coral, FL - Grace United Meth.
 10/30/97 Jacksonville - Iglesia Advent. D. Septimo
 11/13/97 Madison - Over Coming Body of Jesus
 02/11/98 Lakeland, FL - First United Methodist
 02/28/98 Fort Lauderdale, FL - Sikh Temple
 05/18/98 Jacksonville, FL - Tabernacle Baptist
 06/06/98 Ft. Pierce, FL - St. Andrew Episcopal
 09/19/98 St. Petersburg, FL - Christ Gospel
 12/02/98 Winter Haven, FL - Hurst Chapel AME
 03/01/99 St. Petersburg, FL - St. Raphael's Ch.
 03/11/99 Tampa, FL - Palma Ceia Presby. Ch.
 03/17/99 Tampa, FL - Without Walls Int'l Church
 05/07/99 Cross City, FL - Cross City United Meth.
 05/29/99 Ft. Myers, FL - Penial 7th Day Adventist
 06/21/99 Jacksonville, FL - Potter's House Chrstrn.
 09/29/99 Naranja, FL - First St. John Miss. Baptist

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GEORGIA

03/27/96 Millen, GA - Gay's Hill Baptist
 05/26/96 Stone Mtn., GA - New Life Christian
 08/07/96 Macon, GA - Swift Creek Missionary
 08/07/96 Warner Robins, GA - Central Baptist
 08/14/96 Ft. Valley, GA - New Beginning Bap.
 08/28/96 Auburn, GA - Church of Christ
 10/22/96 Brunswick, GA - Holy Band of Insp.
 11/30/96 Macon, GA - Greater Zion Mission. Bap.
 12/19/96 Albany, GA - Jehovah's Witness Hall
 02/19/97 Savannah, GA - Antioch Holiness
 02/22/97 Elko, GA - Oak Grove CME Church
 04/01/97 Atlanta, GA - New Covenant Mission
 04/03/97 Columbus, GA - Glenn Anthony Baptist
 05/01/97 Nashville, GA - Graham Temp. Holiness
 05/07/97 Marietta, GA - Galilee Missionary Bap.
 05/16/97 Taylorsville, GA - Mt. Sinai Baptist
 05/23/97 Stone Mt., GA - Stone Mt. Sev. Day Adv.
 07/12/97 Carrollton, GA - Old Bright Star Church
 12/16/97 Atlanta, GA - New Hope Baptist
 12/28/97 Springfield, GA - Mount Hope Baptist
 01/08/98 Hawkinsville, GA - Hartford Baptist
 01/19/98 Homersville, GA - First Homerville Hol.
 02/13/98 Pavo, GA - Bethel Primitive Baptist
 03/07/98 Lutherville, GA - Mount Zion Holiness
 04/01/98 Columbus, GA - Faith Tabernacle Full Gos.
 04/09/98 Jonesboro, GA - Corinth Baptist Church
 05/17/98 Athens, GA - Hill Chapel Baptist Church
 06/23/98 Tocca, GA - St. Matthias Episcopal Church
 07/08/98 Jessup, GA - Westside Church of God
 12/15/98 Stone Mtn., GA - Corpus Christi Catholic
 12/23/99 Chatsworth, GA - Amazing Grace Baptist
 12/24/98 Chatsworth, GA - Mtn. View Bapt. Church
 12/25/99 Monroe, GA - Sardis Full Gospel Church
 12/31/98 Commerce, GA - New Salem United Meth.
 01/01/99 Bishop, GA - Johnson United Methodist
 02/11/99 Butler, GA - Crowell United Methodist
 03/08/99 Jonesboro, GA - Bethel Baptist Church
 04/27/99 Hinesville, GA - Full Gospel Tabernacle

GEORGIA (Continued)

06/25/99 Tifton, GA - Greater Macedonia Free Will
 09/16/99 Cairo, GA - Redeeming Life Fellowship

IDAHO

09/03/98 Boise, ID - Parkview Bible Fellowship

ILLINOIS

08/09/95 Charleston, IL - Charleston Community
 11/07/95 Chicago, IL - Revival Center
 01/08/96 Chicago, IL - First Baptist Apostle
 05/02/96 Chicago, IL - New Pilgrim 2 Baptist
 06/16/96 South Aurora, IL - Church of God
 06/28/96 Chicago, IL - Masjed Al Faatir Mosque
 08/18/96 Evanston, IL - Lake St. Ch. of Evanston
 08/30/96 Ford Hghts., IL - Baptist Ch. of Christian
 ★10/01/96 Libertyville, IL - First Presbyterian
 11/11/96 Chicago, IL - Good Hope Baptist
 11/12/96 Chicago, IL - Celestial Church of God
 11/30/96 Bradley, IL - St. Joseph Catholic
 03/26/97 Chicago, IL - Iglesia Evan. Jesucristo
 06/15/97 Unity, IL - Unity Baptist Church
 ★12/30/97 Oakwood, IL - United Methodist
 ★05/24/98 Danville, IL - First Assembly of God Ch.
 12/01/98 Aurora, IL - Sacred Heart Catholic Ch.
 03/14/99 Chicago, IL - Evangelistic Ch. Of Christ

INDIANA

08/03/96 Fort Wayne, IN - Peace Evangelical Luth.
 04/23/97 Lawrence Co., IN - Mt. Olive Ch. of Christ
 05/10/97 South Bend, IN - New Apostolic Church
 05/19/97 Shelbyville, IN - First Baptist Church
 05/29/97 Galveston, IN - Galveston United Methodist
 07/13/97 Kokomo, IN - Faith United Methodist
 07/17/97 Kokomo, IN - Shiloh United Methodist
 07/22/97 Leesburg, IN - Leesburg Grace Brethren
 10/04/97 Scipio, IN - Brown Corner Church
 10/14/97 Poland, IN - Oak Grove Baptist
 10/21/97 Columbus, IN - Ohio Chapel United Meth.
 10/21/97 Lexington, IN - Pleasant Ridge Methodist
 11/08/97 Indianapolis, IN - West. Missionary Baptist
 11/13/97 Milledgeville, IN - Milledgeville United Meth.
 04/21/98 Hope, IN - Hawcreek Missionary Baptist
 05/16/98 Seymour, IN - Calvary Baptist Church
 06/10/98 Coatsville, IN - Grace Baptist Church
 07/05/98 Petersburg, IN - Sugar Ridge Ch. of Christ
 07/12/98 Muncie, IN - Partners United Methodist
 07/25/98 Lynn, IN - New Liberty Congreg. Christ.
 07/26/98 Losantville, IN - Church of the Nazarene
 08/19/98 LaFontaine, IN - Boundry Line Ch. of Christ
 09/10/98 Lewisville, IN - Ebenezer Presbyterian
 09/11/98 Salem, IN - Plattsburg United Methodist
 10/18/98 Kitchel, IN - Hanna's Creek Christian Ch.
 11/01/98 Indianapolis, IN - Church Of God In Christ
 11/20/98 Filmore, IN - Bethel Missionary Baptist
 11/27/98 Sheridan, IN - Christian Liberty Church
 12/20/98 Little York, IN - Mount Eden Christian Ch.
 01/21/99 Indianapolis, IN - Crusaders For Christ Pent.
 01/25/99 Lafayette, IN - Stidham United Methodist
 01/30/99 Huntington, IN - Wabash Primitive Baptist
 08/30/99 Evansville, IN - Bethel Fellowship Church

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IOWA



07/07/96 Westphalia, IA - St. Boniface
09/02/96 Ottumwa, IA - Hickory Grove Comm.
02/25/97 Council Bluffs, IA - Lighthouse Temple
03/20/97 Des Moines, IA - St. Anthony's Cath.
10/23/97 Des Moines, IA - Community Baptist
05/13/99 Ft. Dodge, IA - St. Paul's Lutheran
07/02/99 Des Moines, IA - St. Ambrose Cathedral
08/10/99 Sheldon, IA - Bethel Reform Church

KANSAS



06/30/96 Bonner Springs, KS - Sacred Heart
12/02/96 Wichita, KS - Holy Temple Ch. of God
11/24/97 Basehor, KS - Basehor United Methodist
08/10/98 Pittsburgh, KS - St. Peter's Episcopal
11/12/98 Kansas City, KS - 7th Day Adventist Ch
03/29/99 Wichita, KS - Reorganization Ch. JC LDS
04/03/99 Pittsburg, KS - Evangel Christian Center

KENTUCKY



05/05/95 Dawson Spgs., KY - Pine Grove Chapel
05/05/95 Princeton, KY - Beulah Hill Baptist
05/05/95 Dawson Spgs., KY - Family Worship Ctr.
05/05/95 Crofton, KY - Shy Flat Church
10/03/95 Henderson Co., KY - Green Ridge Bapt.
02/10/96 Louisville, KY - St. Martin's Catholic
03/09/96 Somerset, KY - Mt. Zion Baptist Church
04/04/96 Crofton, KY - Shy Flat Church
04/04/96 Princeton, KY - Beulah Hill Baptist
04/04/96 Dawson Spgs, KY - Lafayette Baptist
04/10/96 Henderson, KY - Cash Creek Baptist
05/01/96 Louisville, KY - St. Therese Catholic
06/27/96 Nicholasville, KY - Meth. Ch. of Christ
07/18/96 Walton, KY - Walton Church of God
07/23/96 Providence, KY - Church of God
07/26/96 Monticello, KY - Gospel Barn
07/27/96 Mt. Vernon, KY - Light House Assembly
07/29/96 Livingston, KY - Livingston Pentecostal
08/06/96 Louisville, KY - Arcade Baptist
08/09/96 Louisville, KY - Galilee Missionary
09/01/96 Hi Hat, KY - Emmanuel Full Gospel
10/26/96 Ivyton, KY - Parkway Baptist
01/10/97 Printer, KY - Salisbury Old Reg Baptist
04/24/97 Berry, KY - Berry United Methodist
06/08/97 Hodgenville, KY - Union Christian
07/02/97 Pine Knot, KY - Bethel Baptist Church
08/27/97 Shelbyville, KY - New Hope Baptist
12/01/97 Whitley Co., KY - Pleasant View Meth.
01/03/98 Bundy Branch, KY - Indian Grave Bap.
02/04/98 Louisville, KY - Farmdale Baptist
03/06/98 Union Co., KY - Woodlands Baptist
07/23/98 Lexington, KY - Southern Acres Christ.
11/01/98 Williamstown, KY - Fairview Christian Ch.
12/21/98 Bonnieville, KY - Bolton Schoolhouse Bapt
01/17/99 Franklin, KY - Cedar Grove Baptist Church
01/18/99 Elkton, KY - Pleasant Hill Methodist
01/18/99 Morgantown, KY - New Harmony Baptist
★08/23/99 Richmond, KY - Lighthouse Worship Ctr.

LOUISIANA



04/15/95 Westwego, LA - Assembly of God
05/24/95 Vivian, LA - Mt. Corinth Church
02/01/96 Zachary, LA - Cypress Grove
02/01/96 Baker, LA - St. Paul's Free Baptist
02/01/96 Baker, LA - Sweet Home Baptist
02/01/96 Baker, LA - St. Thomas Benevolent
03/01/96 Pine Prairie, LA - St. Peter's Cath.
04/08/96 Calvin, LA - Oak Ridge Baptist
04/11/96 Painscourtville, LA - St. Charles Bap.
06/24/96 Shreveport, LA - New Birth Temple
06/29/96 New Orleans, LA - Greater Ebenezer
08/02/96 Shreveport, LA - St. Abraham Bap.
08/25/96 Lk. Charles, LA - Our Lady Queen Hvn
09/26/96 Haughton, LA - St. John's Baptist
12/01/96 New Orleans, LA - Samuel Temple
12/10/96 Lk. Charles, LA - New Birth Missionary
★01/20/97 Ruston, LA - Temple Baptist Church
02/06/97 Baton Rouge, LA - Vision Baptist
02/18/97 Thibodeaux, LA - St. Genoveave Cath.
02/23/97 Pine Prairie, LA - Pine Prairie First Bap.
02/27/97 Abita Springs, LA - St. John's Catholic
05/11/97 Shreveport, LA - Summer Grove Bap.
10/18/97 Chalmette, LA - St. Bernards United Meth.
10/22/97 Fields, LA - Duett-Eddy Assembly of God
03/22/98 Morgan City, LA - Imanuel Baptist
06/01/98 Archie, LA - Old Mt. Olive Baptist Church
02/28/99 Baton Rouge, LA - Laura Lee Baptist
03/17/99 Lafayette, LA - Abundant Life Church
04/18/99 Madison Parish, LA - Old Mt. Zion Baptist
04/18/99 Delta, LA - Mound Baptist Church
09/10/99 Monroe, LA - Rose Of Sharon Baptist

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CHART J

MAINE

06/14/96 Portland, ME - Sacred Heart Catholic
 07/06/96 Lisbon, ME - St. Anne's Catholic

MARYLAND

01/30/96 Fruitland, MD - Fruitland First Baptist
 03/21/06 Bel Air, MD - John Watters Meeting
 07/06/96 Annapolis, MD - Unitarian Universal
 08/02/96 Sabillasville, MD - Pentecostal Full Gosp.
 09/02/96 Hillsboro, MD - Phawley's Chapel
 09/06/96 Glen Burnie, MD - Granite Baptist
 10/10/96 Baltimore, MD - St. Michael's Ukrainian
 03/17/97 Pasadena, MD - Community United Meth.
 10/06/97 Pocomoke, MD - Mt. Zion Methodist
 11/02/97 Chaptico, MD - Victory Temple C.O.G.
 11/20/97 Mitchelville, MD - St. Michael's Lutheran
 05/07/98 Upper Marlboro, MD - Evangel Church
 07/31/98 Largo, MD - Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church
 08/06/98 Hyattsville, MD - Jehovah's Witness
 12/01/98 Largo, MD - Faith Missionary Baptist
 04/05/99 Forest Heights, MD - Ledroit Baptist Ch.
 07/31/99 Wheaton, MD - Lutheran Ch Of St. Andrews
 09/21/99 Baltimore, MD - Christian Way Revival

MASSACHUSETTS

07/15/97 Boston, MA - Boston Buddhist Cult. Ctr.
 ★ 02/21/98 Quincy, MA - The Lord's Planting
 ★ 10/10/98 Boston, MA - St. George's Greek Orth.
 10/23/98 Boston, MA - Most Precious Blood Cath
 11/15/98 Boston, MA - Charles Street AME Ch.

MICHIGAN

08/12/96 Lambertville, MI - Faith Baptist Church
 08/25/96 Detroit, MI - Cass Community Meth.
 08/27/96 Detroit, MI - Greater M. Zion Baptist
 10/01/96 Royal Oak, MI - Christ Memorial
 10/12/96 Bloomingdale, MI - Bloomingdale Bible
 04/28/97 Morley, MI - Brockway Wesleyan Ch.
 06/24/97 Detroit, MI - Trinity Community Presby.
 ★06/24/97 Madison Hghts., MI - St. Vincent Ferrere
 06/29/97 Wyoming, MI - Church of God
 07/04/97 Flushing, MI - Flushing Presbyterian
 10/10/97 Detroit, MI - Glory to God Chris. Fellow.
 02/01/98 Yates Twp., MI - Idlewild Church of God
 03/22/98 Jackson, MI - Gethsemane Unit. Breth.
 04/08/98 Sturgis, MI - New Hope Church
 07/24/98 Hartland, MI - Heritage Hills Free Meth.
 11/29/98 Muskegon, MI - Oak-Crest Church Of God
 05/21/99 Ida, MI - St. Joseph's Catholic Church

MINNESOTA

06/20/96 Westbrook, MN - Grace Lutheran
 08/15/96 Brooklyn Pk., MN - Brooklyn Pk. Evan.
 08/16/96 St. Paul, MN - Progressive Missionary
 09/08/96 Belgrade, MN - Crow River Lutheran
 11/05/96 Lake City, MN - United Methodist
 05/06/97 St. Paul, MN - St. John's Evan. Luth.
 06/12/97 Minneapolis, MN - St. Olaf Catholic
 07/12/97 Minneapolis, MN - St. James AME
 07/13/97 Shakopee, MN - Light of the World
 ★08/17/97 Darwin, MN - St. John's Catholic
 08/27/97 Norwood, MN - All Saints Lutheran
 10/27/97 St. Paul, MN - St. Paul Cathedral
 11/04/97 Waubun, MN - Lake Grove Lutheran
 08/23/98 Biwabik, MN - Biwabik Covenant
 03/05/99 Mora, MN - Zion Lutheran Church
 03/05/99 Minneapolis, MN - Gualala Bapt. Ch.
 09/16/99 Minneapolis, MN - Norwegian Lutheran

MISSISSIPPI

11/01/95 Clinton, MS - Lynch Chapel Methodist
 03/05/96 Hatley, MS - St. Paul CME Church
 03/20/96 Ruleville, MS - New Mt. Zion
 03/30/96 Satartia, MS - El Bethel Church
 06/17/96 Kossuth, MS - Mt. Pleasant Mission
 06/17/96 Kossuth, MS - Central Grove Mission
 06/30/96 Greenville, MS - House of Prayer
 08/04/96 Yazoo City, MS - Beacon Baptist
 09/09/96 Noxubee Co., MS - First James Creek
 09/09/96 Gulfport, MS - First Missionary Baptist
 10/09/96 Greenville, MS - House of Prayer
 10/24/96 Petal, MS - Church of God Spirit
 10/29/96 Tiplersville, MS - Mt. Olive Ch. of God
 12/11/96 Meridian, MS - Mallalieu Methodist
 04/09/97 Sledge, MS - Lakeview Mission. Bapt.
 06/24/97 Coffeeville, MS - Air Mt. Primitive Bapt.
 08/24/97 Pascagoula, MS - Calvary Baptist
 09/29/97 West Point, MS - True Holiness
 ★11/30/97 Canton, MS - Grtr. Mt. Levi Full Gospel
 05/19/98 Potts Camp, MS - Reeds Gift Baptist
 02/18/99 Yazoo City, MS - Hillcrest Miss. Bapt.
 03/20/99 Byhalia, MS - New Faith Community Bap
 04/06/99 Brandon, MS - Crossgate Baptist Church
 07/13/99 Ocean Springs, MS - 1st Baptist Church
 07/13/99 Ocean Springs, MS - Latter Day Saints

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MISSOURI



05/05/96 Kansas City, MO - Shilo Baptist
05/05/96 Fordland, MO - Ozark Primitive Baptist
06/21/96 Oglesville, MO - Oglesville General Bap.
07/26/96 Frederick, MO - Calvary Temple
08/26/96 Howell Co., MO - New Liberty Baptist
09/13/96 Sikeston, MO - Greer's Chapel Baptist
10/18/96 Anderson, MO - New Bethal
11/12/96 Sedalia, MO - Goodwill Chapel UMC
11/12/96 Pettis Co., MO - Hopewell Baptist
12/30/96 Webster Co., MO - Amity Freewill Bapt.
01/05/97 Edwards, MO - Edwards Bethel Church
01/07/97 Sikeston, MO - Prince of Peace Baptist
03/11/97 Excelsior Spg., MO - St. Ann Catholic
04/29/97 Creighton, MO - Trinity Lutheran
05/15/97 Potosi, MO - Palmer Church
06/26/97 Bryn Mills, MO - Whole Truth Tabernacle
07/05/97 Dixon, MO - Church of the Nazarene
07/08/97 Glasgow, MO - United Methodist Church
07/28/97 Wardell, MO - Summach United Meth.
01/13/98 St. Louis, MO - Calvary Baptist
02/21/98 Eldon, MO - Oak Street Church of Christ
03/09/98 Marston, MO - Marston Free Trinity Pent.
03/14/99 Howell County, MO - Good News Baptist
06/13/99 Mercer Co., MO - Freedom Baptist
06/29/99 Ray County, MO - Christian Lighthouse

MONTANA



12/05/97 Belgrade, MT - Belgrade Church Of Christ
07/02/98 Whitehall, MT - Jefferson Valley Baptist

NEBRASKA



02/06/97 Omaha, NE - Holy Cross Lutheran
03/17/97 Elgin, NE - United Methodist Church
07/25/97 Omaha, NE - Jehovah's Witness Hall
09/11/97 Valley, NE - Bethel Baptist Church
04/03/99 Lincoln, NE - Havelock United Methodist

NEVADA



06/16/96 Las Vegas, NV - Our Lady of Las Vegas
06/28/96 Reno, NV - First Congregational Church
09/19/96 Henderson, NV - Church of Christ
★07/19/98 Las Vegas, NV - Latter Day Saints
★07/30/98 Las Vegas, NV - Latter Day Saints
★08/30/98 Las Vegas, NV - Latter Day Saints
★09/03/98 Las Vegas, NV - Latter Day Saints
★09/25/98 Las Vegas, NV - Latter Day Saints
★09/27/98 Las Vegas, NV - Latter Day Saints
★12/06/98 Las Vegas, NV - Latter Day Saints
★12/15/98 Las Vegas, NV - Latter Day Saints
★03/20/99 Las Vegas, NV - Mormon Church
★06/06/99 Las Vegas, NV - Latter Day Saints

NEW JERSEY



02/13/96 Tinton Falls, NJ - Voice Center Baptist
07/24/96 Jersey City, NJ - Jersey City Deliv.
09/30/96 Woodbury, NJ - Beth Israel
10/23/96 Jersey City, NJ - Church Upon the Rock
04/12/97 Clark, NJ - St. John Apostle Parochial
05/30/97 Glassboro, NJ - First Baptist Church
06/24/97 Camden, NJ - Holy Temple Bible Church
06/29/97 Piscataway, NJ - North Shelton AME
08/08/97 Newark, NJ - St. John's Lutheran
08/10/97 Clifton, NJ - St. John the Baptist Catholic
10/04/97 Neptune, NJ - Greater Emmanuel Temp.
10/07/97 Vineland, NJ - St. Francis of Assisi
10/18/97 Pennsville, NJ - Queen of Apostles Cath.
04/26/98 Readington, NJ - Calvary Baptist Church
04/26/98 Readington, NJ - Readington Reformed
06/20/98 Paterson, NJ - Ch. of the Ecum. Assoc.
08/09/98 Jersey City, NJ - Metropolitan AME Zion
03/30/99 Laurel, NJ - Mt. Laurel Ch o/the Nazarene
06/15/99 Hadden Heights, NJ - St. Rose Of Lima

NEW MEXICO



03/27/96 Albuquerque, NM - Bernaillo Baptist
08/15/96 Albuquerque, NM - Church of the Liv. God
11/02/96 Roswell, NM - N.M. Military Institute
06/28/98 Roswell, NM - Church of Latter Day Saints

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NEW YORK



01/13/95 Rockaway, NY - Temple Beth El
04/30/95 Rockaway, NY - Temple Derech Emuch
05/06/95 Belle Harb., NY - Yeshiva of Belle Harb.
06/15/95 Breezy Pt., NY - St. Edmund's Catholic
06/21/95 Breezy Pt., NY - St. Edmund's Catholic
03/06/96 Glenville, NY - Church of Jesus Christ
04/19/96 Kingston, NY - Riverview Missionary
07/21/96 Monroe, NY - Post Natal Care Ctr.
★07/27/96 Fresh Mead, NY - Queensboro Hills Ctr.
08/30/96 Avoca, NY - Avoca United Methodist
10/04/96 Farmingdale, NY - St. Thomas Episcopal
11/18/96 Hamburg, NY - Southtown Christian Ctr.
12/24/96 Syossett, NY - Syossett Gospel
05/06/97 Troy, NY - St. Paul Missionary Baptist
08/31/97 Saugerties, NY - Dutch Reformed Church
10/20/97 Utica, NY - Believers Miracle Deliverance
04/19/98 Lynbrook, NY - Trinity Evangelical
07/24/98 Brooklyn, NY - Church of Annunciation
10/28/98 Brooklyn, NY - Trinity Baptist Church
11/17/98 Kingston, NY - Grace Temple Ch Of God
12/08/98 Brooklyn, NY - Celestial Ch. Of Christ, Inc
★12/21/98 Jefferson Station, NY - Full Gospel Chrtn Ctr
02/15/99 S. Ozone Park, NY - St. Anthony Of Padua
07/14/99 Jamestown, NY - Blackwell Chapel AME
07/21/99 Blue Point, NY - Our Lady Of Snow Catholic
08/14/99 Bronx, NY - New Life Christian Center
08/15/99 Hauppauge, NY - Temple Beth Chai
08/15/99 Staten Island, NY - First Presbyterian
★09/02/99 Buffalo, NY - Westside Chapel

NORTH CAROLINA



03/14/95 Chalotte, NC - New Outreach Christian
05/07/95 Wilmington, NC - B'nai Israel
10/31/95 Raeford, NC - Mt. Pisgah Baptist
12/25/95 Cheek Crossing, NC - Mt. Moriah Bapt.
01/06/96 Orrum, NC - Ohovah AME Church
04/26/96 Vail, NC - Hebron United Methodist

NORTH CAROLINA (continued)



05/23/96 Cerro Gordo, NC - Mt. Tabor Baptist
05/24/96 Lumberton, NC - Pleasant Hill Baptist
06/06/96 Charlotte, NC - Matthews Presbyterian
06/28/96 Greensboro, NC - Pleasant Ridge U.C.C.
06/30/96 Maysville, NC - St. James AME Church
07/01/96 Roaring River, NC - Beulah Land Baptist
07/14/96 Matthews Co., NC - Carmel Baptist
08/13/96 Sparta, NC - New River Baptist
11/15/96 Charlotte, NC - Covenant Presbyterian
12/15/96 Bolivia, NC - Faith Baptist
01/03/97 Charlotte, NC - Soul Saving Baptist
★03/04/97 Greensboro, NC - Pleasant Grove Bap.
05/03/97 Lenoir, NC - John's River Miss. Baptist
05/29/97 Fayetteville, NC - Genesis Freewill Bap.
07/09/97 Chapel Hill, NC - University Presbyterian
08/09/97 Charlotte, NC - Bible Tabernacle Church
11/07/97 Charlotte, NC - Pilgrim Ch. of S. Tryon
12/12/97 Morganton, NC - Denton Chap.Unit.Meth.
01/04/98 Fuquay-Varina, NC - Chalk Hill CME
01/08/98 Rocky Point, NC - Antioch Holiness
02/08/98 Stanley, NC - First Baptist Church
02/10/98 Gastonia, NC - Sunset Forest Baptist
02/12/98 Charlotte, NC - Garden Memorial Presby.
02/14/98 Charlotte, NC - Moore's Chapel UMC
02/14/98 Charlotte, NC - New Apostolic Church
03/09/98 Rutherfordton, NC - St. Francis Episcopal
03/15/98 Charlotte, NC - Hedges & Highways Evan
06/09/98 Greenville, NC - World Harvest Oasis
06/10/98 Cooleemee, NC - Erwin Temple CME
06/11/98 Kill Devil Hills, NC - Holy Redeemer Cath.
07/07/98 Whiteville, NC - El Bethel Holiness
07/26/98 Spring Lk., NC - Anderson Creek Comm.
11/28/98 China Grove, NC - Landis Church Of God
★03/26/99 Charlotte, NC - Mallard Creek Presby. Ch.
04/04/99 Tabor City, NC - Sandy Plains Baptist
04/14/99 Wilmington, NC - Gospel Fellwshp Holiness
06/01/99 Clinton, NC - White Oak Baptist Church

OHIO



06/18/96 Canton, OH - Ebenezer Full Gospel
07/01/96 Bidwell, OH - On Fire for God
05/14/97 Newtonville, OH - Newtonville Ch. of God
02/06/99 Brookville, OH - Community United Meth.
04/18/99 Warren, OH - Alpha & Omega 7th Day Adv

OKLAHOMA



06/14/96 Enid, OK - First Missionary Baptist
06/26/96 Tulsa, OK - S. Lakewood Baptist
★07/09/96 Ponca City, OK - Faith Tabernacle
07/28/96 Frederick, OK - St. Paul AME
10/25/96 Tulsa, OK - Latter House Ministries
10/31/96 Oklahoma City, OK - Holy Angels
11/01/96 Tulsa, OK - Glenwood Baptist
01/19/97 Tahlequah, OK - Antioch Baptist
03/09/97 Ryan, OK - Ryan Church of Christ
04/14/97 Oklahoma City, OK - Northside Bible
04/30/97 Norman, OK - Shiloh Ind. Baptist
06/16/97 Wagoner, OK - Rocky Pt. Full Gospel
07/09/97 Pawnee, OK - First Christian Church
11/01/97 Lawton, OK - Storehouse Ministry

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OREGON



06/20/96 Portland, OR - Immanuel Methodist
09/25/96 Portland OR - Church of Scientology
03/09/97 Salem, OR - First Spiritualist Church
07/23/98 Cottage Grove, OR - Cott. Grv. UMC
01/09/99 Portland, OR - First Bapt Ch Of The Deaf

PENNSYLVANIA



06/04/95 Philadelphia, PA - Glenwood Meth.
06/24/96 Bristol, PA - Bible Evangelical
07/16/96 Philadelphia, PA - Cookman UMC
08/23/96 Philadelphia, PA - Cookman UMC
09/08/96 Pittsburgh, PA - Shaare Torah Syn.
09/14/96 Philadelphia, PA - Glading Presby.
10/03/96 Lancaster, PA - St. James Episcopal
11/04/96 Berwick, PA - First United Methodist
11/11/96 Emmaus, PA - St. John's Lutheran
11/24/96 Boyertown, PA - Trinity Evang. Cong.
12/26/96 Franklin, PA - Calvary Comm. Bapt.
01/11/97 Washington, PA - First Christian Church
04/02/97 Philadelphia, PA - Evangelical Lutheran
04/22/97 Hanover, PA - All Saints Episcopal
04/22/97 Philadelphia, PA - St. Edward Rom. Cath.
05/27/97 Slippery Rock, PA - N. Liberty Presby.
06/26/97 Philadelphia, PA - Good Shepard Comm.
10/19/97 Philadelphia, PA - St. Therese Catholic
11/07/97 Birdsboro, PA - St. John's Lutheran
11/12/97 Carnegie, PA - St. Mary's Immac. Conc.
11/16/97 Essington, PA - First Baptist Church
01/20/98 S. Huntington Twp. - Barren Run Un. Meth.
01/22/98 Rostraver, PA - Salem Regular Baptist
01/27/98 Jefferson Twp., PA - Pike Run Ch. Breth.
02/13/98 Birdsboro, PA - Evangelical Christian Ch.
02/18/98 Suterville, PA - The Church

PENNSYLVANIA (continued)



02/25/98 Buena Vista, PA - First Baptist Church
03/05/98 Pittsburgh, PA - Northmont United Presb.
03/12/98 Butler, PA - Calvary Baptist Church
04/07/98 Harrisburg, PA - Chisuk Emuna Syn.
05/10/98 Solebury, PA - Trinity Episcopal Church
05/31/98 Elizabeth Twp., PA - Ebenezer Baptist
05/31/98 Elizabeth Twp., PA - Victory Prim. Meth.
06/20/98 Beaver Co., PA - Pentecost. C.O.G.
06/23/98 Philadelphia, PA - St. Matthew AME
08/16/98 Carnegie, PA - St. Elizabeth Anne Sec.
10/05/98 Philadelphia, PA - Boanerges Ch of the Way
12/06/98 York, PA - St. Johns Lutheran Church
12/07/98 Nether Prov., PA - Holy Trinity Lutheran
12/31/98 Carlisle, PA - St. Matthias Lutheran
01/27/99 Canonsburg, PA - Canonsburg United Psby
06/08/99 Canonsburg, PA - Canonsburg United Psby
08/02/99 Eddystone, PA - The Praise Center
08/30/99 Penndel, PA - Redeemer Lutheran Church

SOUTH CAROLINA



04/05/95 Walhalla, SC - La Luz Del Mundo
05/20/95 Aiken, SC - Summervillage Baptist
06/20/95 Williamsburg Co., SC - Mt. Zion AME
06/21/95 Manning, SC - Macedonia Baptist
08/15/95 Lexington Co., SC - St. John Baptist
10/21/95 Greenville, SC - Islamic Center
12/01/95 Montmorenci, SC - Mount Hill Mission.
01/25/96 Harleyville, SC - St. Paul AME Zion
03/31/96 Orangeburg Co., SC - Butler Chap. AME
04/13/96 Barnwell, SC - Allens Chapel
04/13/96 Barnwell, SC - Rosemary Baptist
04/13/96 Barnwell, SC - Mt. Olivet Baptist
04/26/96 Effingham, SC - Effingham Baptist

SOUTH CAROLINA (continued)



05/22/96 Gaston, SC - Covenant Baptist
06/11/96 Florence, SC - New St. Paul Apostolic
06/17/96 N. Charleston, SC - Life Christian Assem.
07/16/96 Johns Island, SC - Johns Island Church
08/01/96 Flordale Comm., SC - Springhill AME
11/20/96 Greenville, SC - Riverside Holiness
12/22/96 Jasper Co., SC - Arm Oak Baptist
03/23/97 Taylors, SC - Cathedral of the Cross
06/09/97 Greenville, SC - St. Francis Episcopal
06/23/97 Townville, SC - Shiloh Baptist Church
08/23/97 Greer, SC - Calvary Baptist Church
09/12/97 Pacolet, SC - New Salem Zion Baptist
10/19/97 Chapin, SC - Countsville, AME
11/28/97 Hanahan, SC - Church of God
07/05/98 Gloverville, SC - Southside Baptist
09/03/98 Pelzer, SC - Shady Grove Baptist Church
05/01/99 Orangeburg, SC - Orangeburg Lutheran
09/07/99 Round O, SC - Mt. Zion AME Church
09/12/99 Orangeburg, SC - First Presbyterian Ch.

SOUTH DAKOTA



11/01/96 Rapid City, SD - Jehovah Witness
04/10/97 Sioux Falls, SD - Sermon on Mount
08/06/97 Carter, SD - St. Peter's Catholic
11/26/97 Moody Co., SD - W. Bap. Mem. Chap.
04/25/98 Wakonda, SD - St. Patrick's Rectory

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TENNESSEE

01/13/95 Bells, TN - Johnson Grove Baptist
 01/13/95 Denmark, TN - Macedonia Baptist
 ★01/29/95 Maury Co., TN - Friendship Missionary
 ★01/29/95 Maury Co., TN - Canaan African Meth.
 01/31/95 Hardeman Co., - Mt. Calvary
 10/16/95 Memphis, TN - St. Mary's Episcopal
 11/30/95 Memphis, TN - St. Mary's Episcopal
 12/01/95 Memphis, TN - Shady Grove Presby.
 12/05/95 Memphis, TN - Colonial Park United
 12/08/95 Memphis, TN - Emmanuel United Meth.
 12/30/95 Fruitland, TN - Salem Baptist
 01/08/96 Knoxville, TN - Inner City Church
 04/20/96 Memphis, TN - Calvary Baptist Church
 05/14/96 Tigrett, TN - Mt. Pleasant Baptist
 06/08/96 Viola, TN - Mt. Zion Methodist
 06/29/96 Bartlett, TN - Church of the Nativity
 07/22/96 Dyersburg, TN - Ch. of God of Prophecy
 07/22/96 Speedwell, TN - Boone Temple Pent.
 ★08/09/96 Knoxville, TN - Knoxville Comm. Inv. Co.
 08/20/96 Mt. Pleasant, TN - Spencer Hill C.O.G.
 08/25/96 Moshier, TN - Harmons Valley United
 08/28/96 Midway, TN - Sinking Springs Lutheran
 09/01/96 Culleoka, TN - Smyrna Church of Christ
 09/19/96 Moristown, TN - New Freedom Mission.
 09/20/96 Bells, TN - First Baptist of Bells
 10/29/96 Memphis, TN - Springhill Missionary Bap.
 11/12/96 Memphis, TN - Greenwood CME
 02/25/97 Middleton, TN - New Hope Ch. Of Christ
 03/23/97 Pulaski, TN - Pleasant Ridge Methodist
 04/14/97 Memphis, TN - Madison Heights UMC
 10/17/97 LaGrange, TN - New Beginnings Pent.
 01/18/98 Memphis, TN - Independent Presbyterian
 ★02/01/98 Madisonville, TN - New Bethel C.O.G.

TENNESSEE (continued)

05/25/98 Memphis, TN - Greater Gosp. Truth Miss.
 08/08/98 Chattanooga, TN - Pilgrim Cong. United
 08/25/98 Memphis, TN - New Mt. Sinai Miss. Bap.
 09/11/98 Cleveland, TN - New Hope Baptist
 12/22/98 Coffee Co., TN - Little Hurricane Prim. Bapt
 01/16/99 Whiteside, TN - Whiteside United Methodist

TEXAS

01/29/95 Houston, TX - Miles Chapel CME
 02/16/95 Houston, TX - Love Fellowship
 04/04/95 Marble Falls, TX - Marble Falls United
 06/05/95 Denison, TX - Victory Baptist
 07/25/95 Plano, TX - Fellowship Bible
 11/14/95 Dallas, TX - Greater Gospel
 01/27/96 Spring, TX - Cypress Trails
 01/27/96 Spring, TX - Resurrection Lutheran
 02/12/96 Houston, TX - Real Rock Church
 02/16/96 Houston, TX - Real Rock Church
 03/24/96 Katy, TX - Westside Church
 ★04/12/96 Houston, TX - S.W. Community Baptist
 04/18/96 Hillsboro, TX - Covenant Baptist
 04/18/96 Houston, TX - Heights Christian
 05/14/96 Waskom, TX - Long Ridge CME
 06/09/96 Greenville, TX - New Lighthouse
 06/10/96 Greenville, TX - Church of Living God
 06/16/96 Fort Worth, TX - Oakwood Baptist
 06/18/96 Houston, TX - On Track Baptist
 06/23/96 Dallas - E. Spanish Cong. of Jehovah
 07/04/96 San Antonio, TX - Community Pent.
 07/11/96 Garland, TX - Audubon Park Baptist

TEXAS (continued)

07/12/96 Baytown, TX - Living Hope Church
 07/19/96 Sanger, TX - Bolivar Baptist Church
 07/25/96 Nassau Bay - St. Thomas Episcopal
 07/28/96 Quinlan, TX - Christ Memorial Baptist
 08/04/96 Fort Worth, TX - S.W. Christian
 08/31/96 Hallsville, TX - Noonday Holiness
 09/10/96 Dallas, TX - Church of Living God
 09/17/96 Atlanta, TX - Faith Pentecostal
 09/26/96 Dallas, TX - Soul Inspiration/2nd Timothy
 10/18/96 Dallas, TX - Garza St. Church of Christ
 10/21/96 Dallas, TX - God's Gospel Temple
 10/23/96 Mexia, TX - Sardis Primitive Baptist
 11/20/96 Wichita Falls - Full Gospel Powerhouse
 12/03/96 Colorado City, TX - Emmanuel Baptist
 12/07/96 Centerville, TX - Hopewell United Meth.
 12/25/96 Arlington, TX - Church of Abundant Life
 12/29/96 Eastland, TX - Holy Trinity Episcopal
 01/04/97 Fairfield, TX - Harp Baptist Church
 02/19/97 Odessa, TX - Iglesia Fuente De Vida
 02/21/97 Port Lavaca, TX - First Assembly of God
 03/07/97 El Paso, TX - Templo Corona de Gloria
 03/18/97 Houston, TX - Garden Gethsemane COG
 03/22/97 Ferris, TX - Macedonia Baptist
 04/08/97 Beaumont, TX - West Oakland Baptist
 04/21/97 Colleyville, TX - St. Mary's Orthodox
 04/29/97 Potter Co., TX - St. Francis Catholic
 05/15/97 Woodville, TX - Our Lady of Pines Cath.
 05/16/97 San Antonio, TX - King of Kings Lutheran
 06/09/97 Greenville, TX - Bethel Methodist Church
 06/14/97 Fort Worth, TX - Fostepco Baptist
 08/27/97 Keller, TX - Harvest Baptist Chapel
 10/31/97 Corpus Christi, TX - Abiding Savior Luth.
 10/31/97 Corpus Christi, TX - McArdle Rd. Baptist
 12/27/97 Wellington, TX - Church of Christ

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TEXAS (continued)

01/06/98 Wellington, TX - Church of Christ
 01/11/98 Wellington, TX - First Christian Church
 01/18/98 Houston, TX - Brookhaven Baptist Church
 01/23/98 Castroville, TX - Primera Bautista Hispana
 03/05/98 Dallas, TX - Bethany Lutheran
 03/28/98 Bowie Co., TX - Freedom Fellowship
 04/01/98 Waco, TX - First Church of the Nazarene
 05/08/98 Harrison City, TX - Gainsville Ch. of God
 05/20/98 Houston, TX - Fair Haven United Meth.
 05/30/98 San Antonio - Un. King. of Jehovah Wit.
 06/26/98 Levelland, TX - Emmanuel Ch. of God
 07/13/98 Waco, TX - Cedar Ridge Church of Christ
 07/17/98 Houston, TX - Cullen Missionary Baptist
 ★07/26/98 Port Arthur, TX - Central Ch. of the Naz.
 12/09/98 Gilmer, TX - Mt. Olive Baptist Church
 02/06/99 Corpus Christi, TX - Minnehulla Bapt. Ch.
 02/06/99 Donie, TX - Old Spring Seat Baptist Ch.
 02/15/99 Lakeworth, TX - Precious Faith Temple
 03/02/99 Bryan, TX - United Pentecostal Church
 04/19/99 Bedford, TX - First Methodist Ch of Bedford
 05/04/99 Duncanville, TX - Westleyan Community Ch
 05/10/99 Ft. Worth, TX - Living Rock Ch Of God/Christ
 05/16/99 Houston, TX - Southwest United Methodist
 06/02/99 Ft. Worth, TX - Faith Christian Church
 06/24/99 Houston, TX - Third Presbyterian Church
 06/25/99 Houston, TX - Iglesia Evangelica Emmanuel
 06/28/99 Houston, TX - Bethel Baptist Church
 08/13/99 Singleton, TX - Singleton Baptist Church

UTAH

03/28/96 Salt Lake City, UT - Templo Casa
 03/14/97 Riverton, UT - Mountainview Wards Ch.

VIRGINIA

05/15/95 Portsmouth, VA - Greater Mt. Zion
 08/14/95 Portsmouth, VA - Bethany Baptist
 02/21/96 Richmond, VA - Glorious Church of God
 04/16/96 Chesterfield, VA - First Bapt. Ch. of Centr.
 06/18/96 Virginia Beach, VA - Green Run Baptist
 06/18/96 Chesapeake, VA - Rosemont Christian
 06/20/96 Duffield, VA - Peterson Chapel Primitive
 06/21/96 Chesapeake, VA - Congregational Christ.
 06/21/96 Virginia Beach, VA - All Saints Episcopal
 10/12/96 Reston, VA - Peace of Mind Baptist
 02/11/97 Richmond, VA - St. Mark's Episcopal
 06/09/98 Leesburg, VA - Leesburg Christian School
 08/02/98 Chesapeake, VA - Jackson. Mem. Bapt.
 12/07/98 Richmond, VA - St. Mark's Episcopal Ch
 03/29/99 Springfield, VA - Franconia Baptist Ch.

WASHINGTON

07/28/95 Seattle, WA - Full Gospel Pentecostal
 01/21/96 Oak Harbor, WA - Whidbey Isle Naval
 06/10/96 Soap Lake, WA - Our Most Sorrowful
 06/14/96 Soap Lake, WA - Community Evangelical
 06/16/96 Seattle, WA - Eritrean Orthodox
 06/26/96 Tacoma, WA - Grace United Methodist
 07/07/96 Puyallup, WA - Pleasant Hill Baptist
 07/09/96 Washougal, WA - Community Church
 08/22/96 Kent, WA - Kent Church of the Nazarene
 ★03/03/97 Mercer Island, WA - Stroum Jewish Ctr.
 06/21/97 Seattle, WA - Jehovah Wit. Kingdom Hall
 10/26/97 Edmonds, WA - Westgate Chapel Christ.
 11/04/97 White Salmon, WA - Seventh Day Adv.
 04/07/98 Vancouver, WA - Evergreen Baptist
 09/28/98 Spokane, WA - South Hill Baptist
 11/01/98 Seattle, WA - New Hope Baptist Church
 04/11/99 Spokane, WA - South Hill Baptist Church
 07/01/99 Spokane, WA - Subud Pacific Northwest
 07/30/99 Yakima, WA - St. Joseph's Catholic Ch.

WEST VIRGINIA

07/30/96 Breeden, WV - Breeden Church of God
 09/05/96 N. Wheeling, WV - Bethlehem Apostolic
 02/23/97 Morgantown, WV - Cheat Neck Apostolic
 03/05/97 Granville, WV - Granville Apostolic
 07/14/97 Berkley Spgs., WV - Holy Ch. of Jesus
 07/30/97 Powellton, WV - Elkridge Community
 10/07/97 Cheat Lake, WV - Cheat Lake Baptist
 10/15/97 Welch, WV - Trinity Temple Pentecostal
 02/05/98 Shinnston, WV - First United Methodist
 01/06/99 Kermit, WV - Sweet Home Church

Red City, State & Church Name = African American Church
 Blue City, State & Church Name = Non African American Church
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Red Date = Open Investigation
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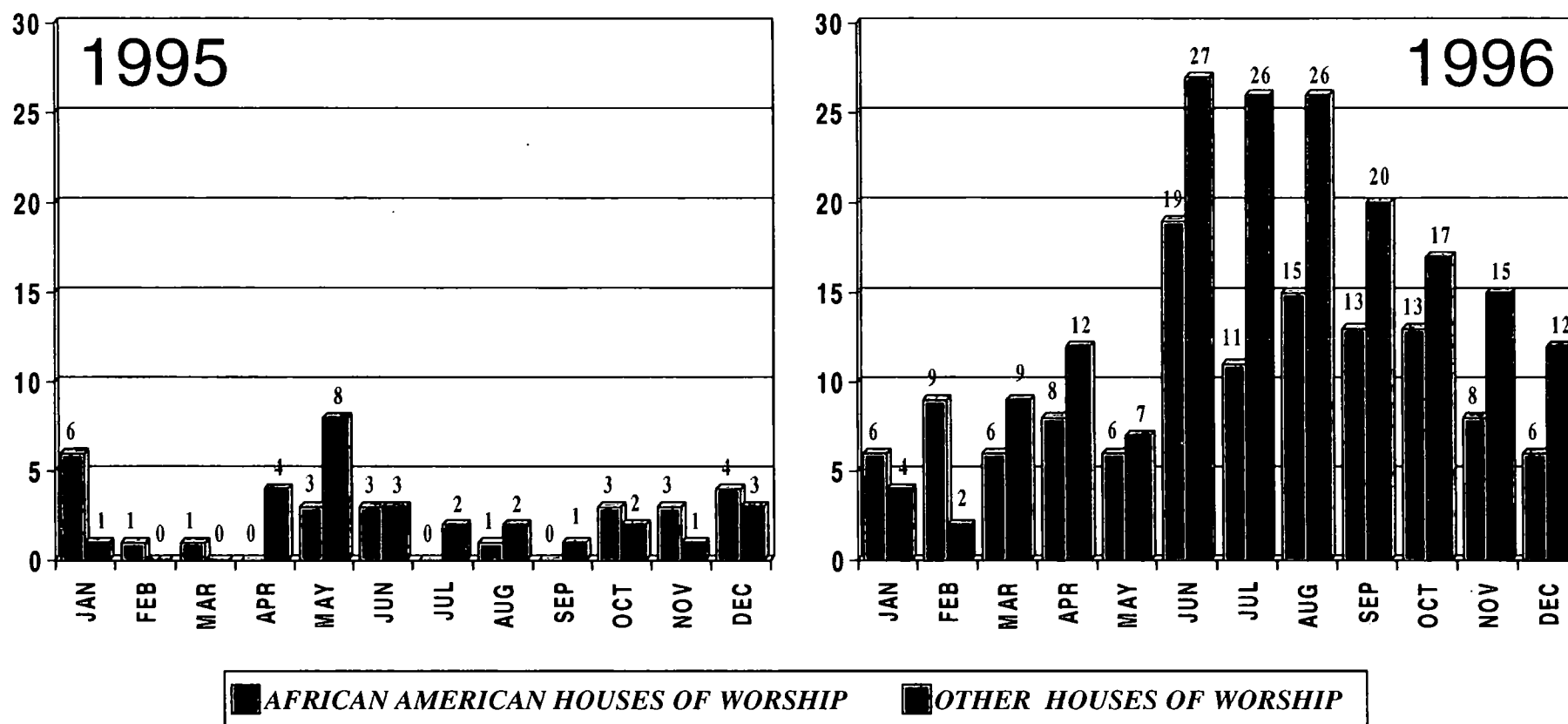
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NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE

Church Arson/Bombing/Attempted Bombing Investigations

Nationwide

January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1996



INCIDENTS AT AFRICAN AM. HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1995 = 25
INCIDENTS AT OTHER HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1995 = 27
TOTAL INCIDENTS NATIONWIDE IN 1995 = 52

INCIDENTS AT AFRICAN AM. HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1996 = 120
INCIDENTS AT OTHER HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1996 = 177
TOTAL INCIDENTS NATIONWIDE IN 1996 = 297

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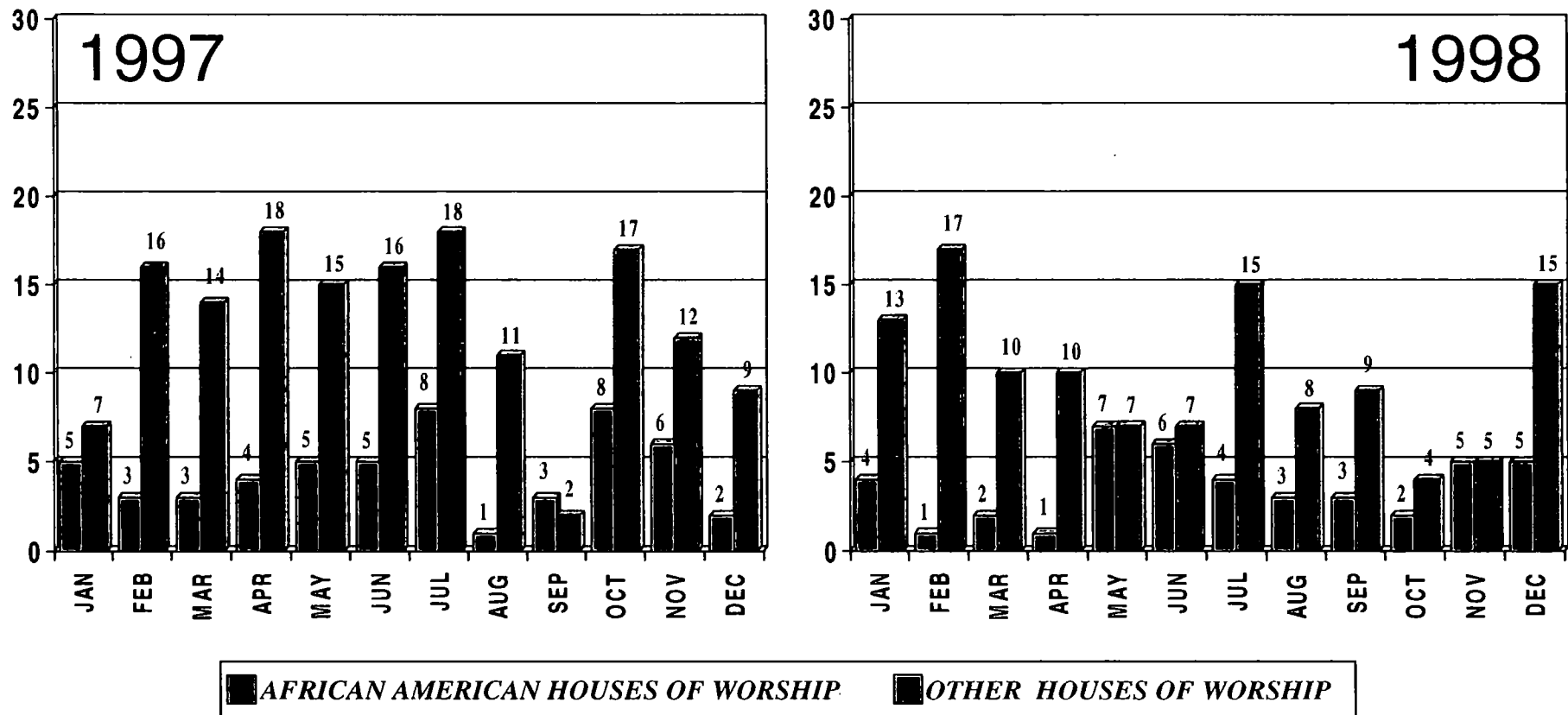
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NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE

Church Arson/Bombing/Attempted Bombing Investigations

Nationwide

January 1, 1997 - December 31, 1998



INCIDENTS AT AFRICAN AM. HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1997 = 53
INCIDENTS AT OTHER HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1997 = 155
TOTAL INCIDENTS NATIONWIDE IN 1997 = 208

INCIDENTS AT AFRICAN AM. HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1998 = 43
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TOTAL INCIDENTS NATIONWIDE IN 1998 = 163

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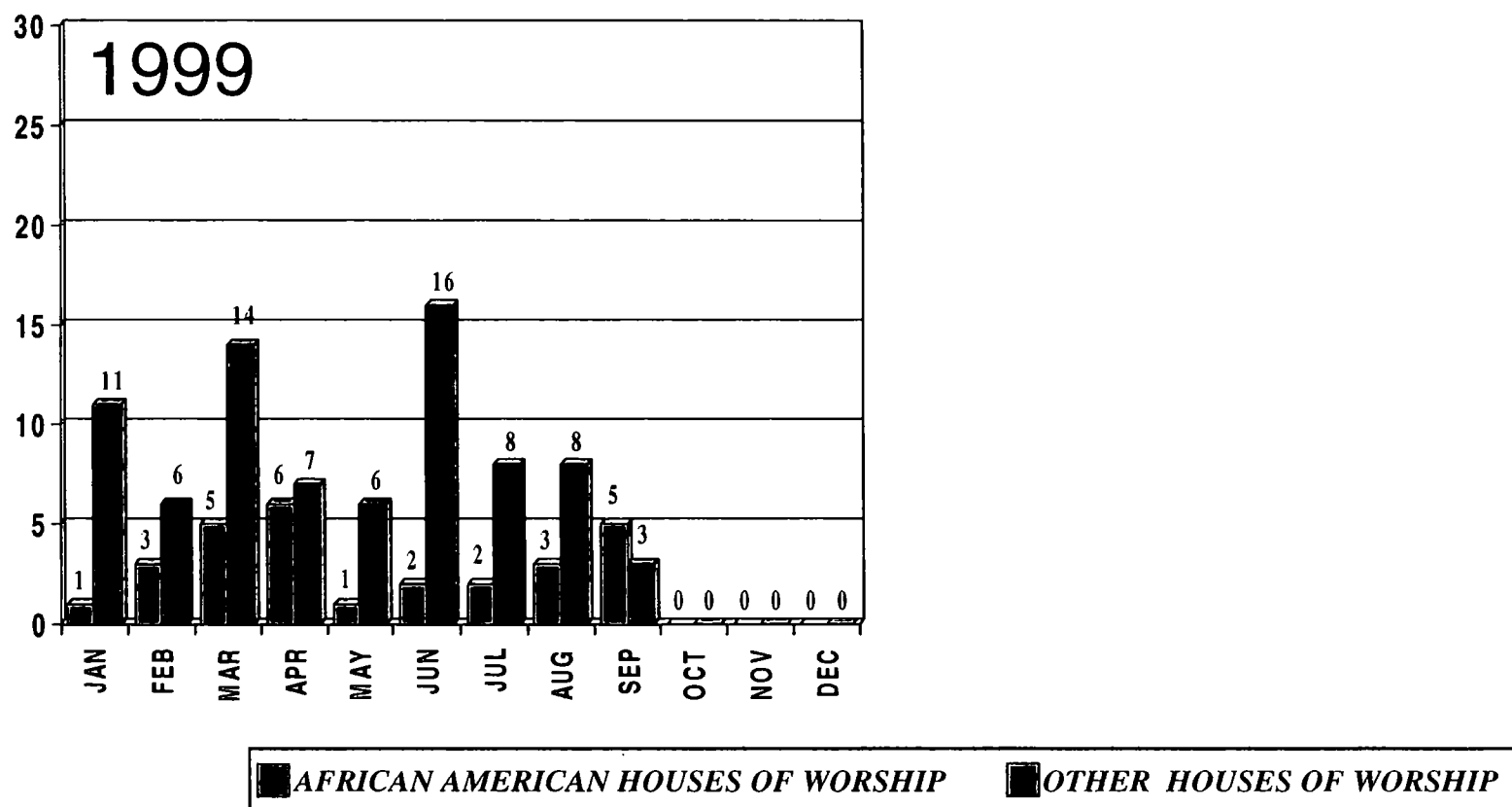
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NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE

Church Arson/Bombing/Attempted Bombing Investigations

Nationwide

January 1, 1999 - October 5, 1999



INCIDENTS AT AFRICAN AM. HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1999 = 28

INCIDENTS AT OTHER HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1999 = 79

TOTAL INCIDENTS NATIONWIDE IN 1999 = 107

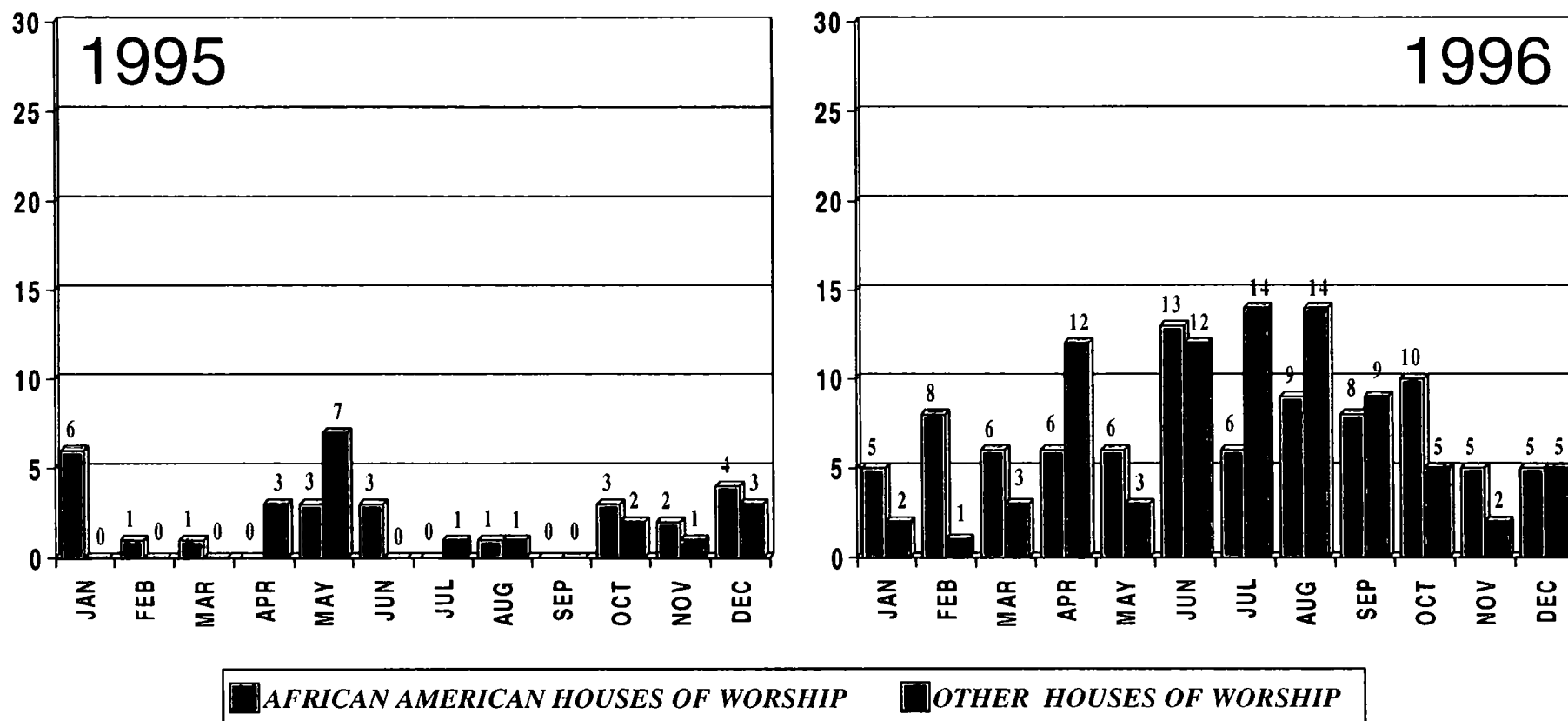
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NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE

Church Arson/Bombing/Attempted Bombing Investigations

In the South

January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1996



INCIDENTS AT AFRICAN AM. HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1995 = 24
INCIDENTS AT OTHER HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1995 = 18
TOTAL INCIDENTS IN THE SOUTH IN 1995 = 42

INCIDENTS AT AFRICAN AM. HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1996 = 87
INCIDENTS AT OTHER HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1996 = 82
TOTAL INCIDENTS NATIONWIDE IN 1996 = 169

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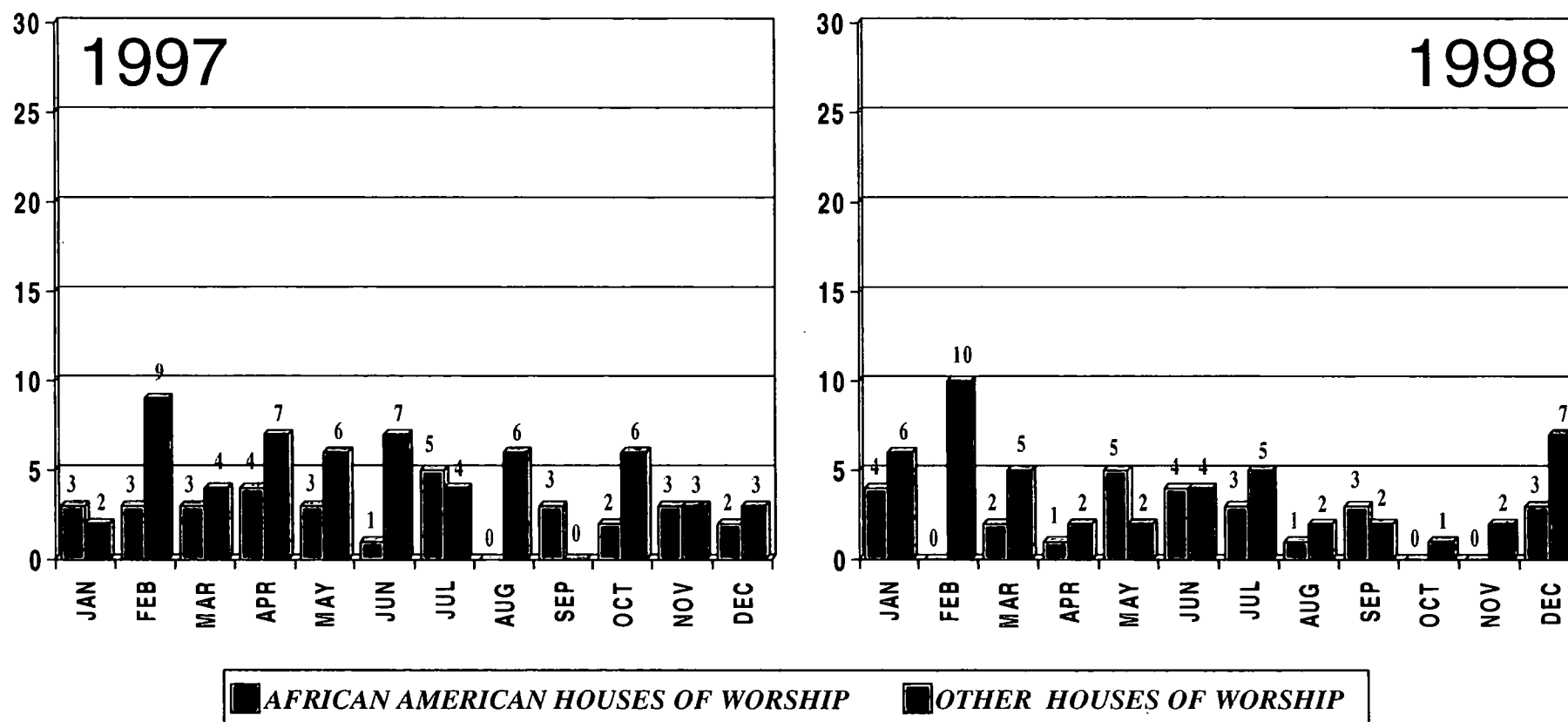
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NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE

Church Arson/Bombing/Attempted Bombing Investigations

In the South

January 1, 1997 - December 31, 1998



INCIDENTS AT AFRICAN AM. HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1997 = 32
 INCIDENTS AT OTHER HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1997 = 57
TOTAL INCIDENTS IN THE SOUTH IN 1997 = 89

INCIDENTS AT AFRICAN AM. HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1998 = 26
 INCIDENTS AT OTHER HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1998 = 48
TOTAL INCIDENTS NATIONWIDE IN 1998 = 74

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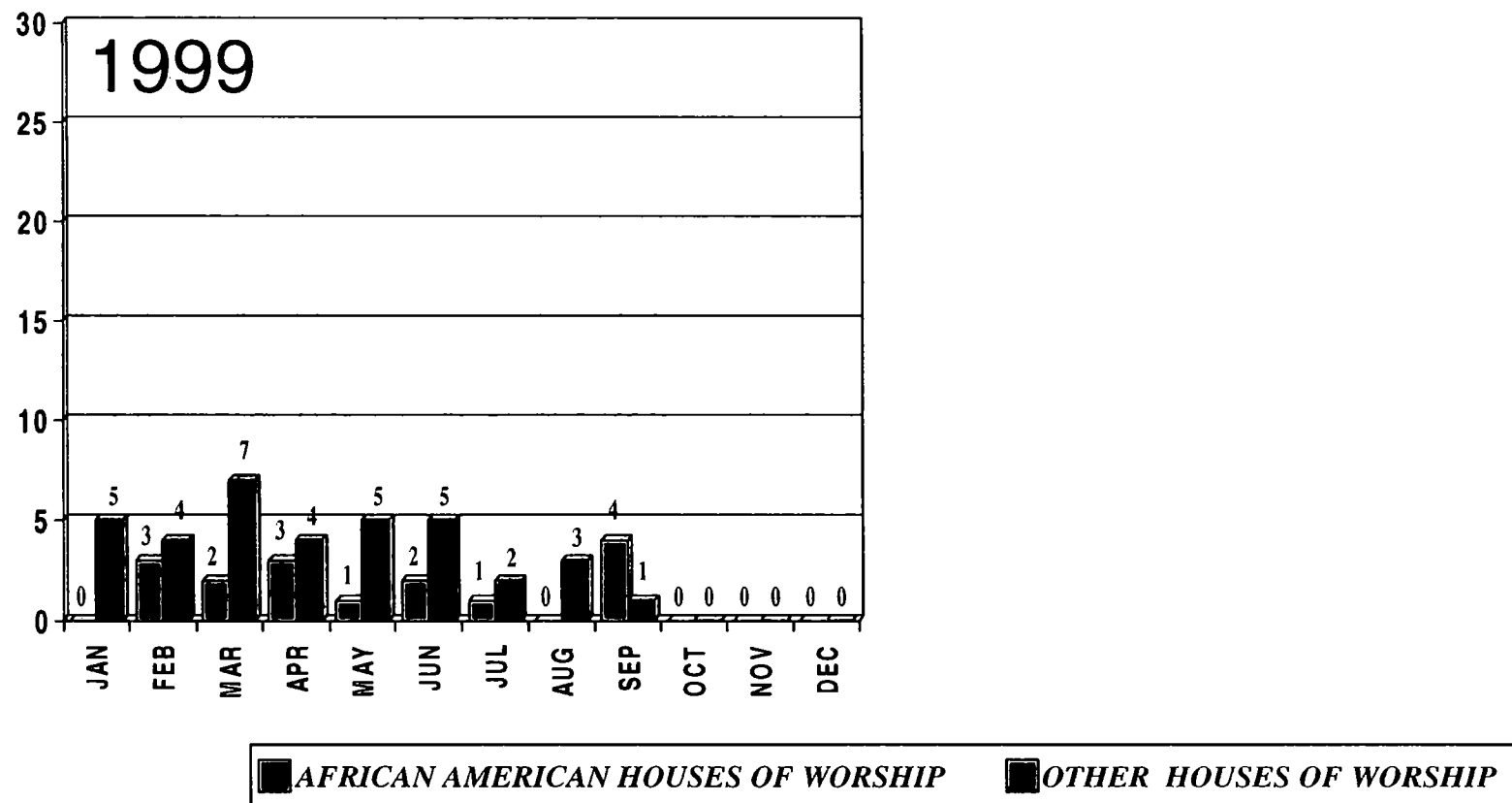
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NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE

Church Arson/Bombing/Attempted Bombing Investigations

In the South

January 1, 1999 - October 5, 1999



INCIDENTS AT AFRICAN AM. HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1999 = 16

INCIDENTS AT OTHER HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN 1999 = 36

TOTAL INCIDENTS IN THE SOUTH IN 1999 = 52

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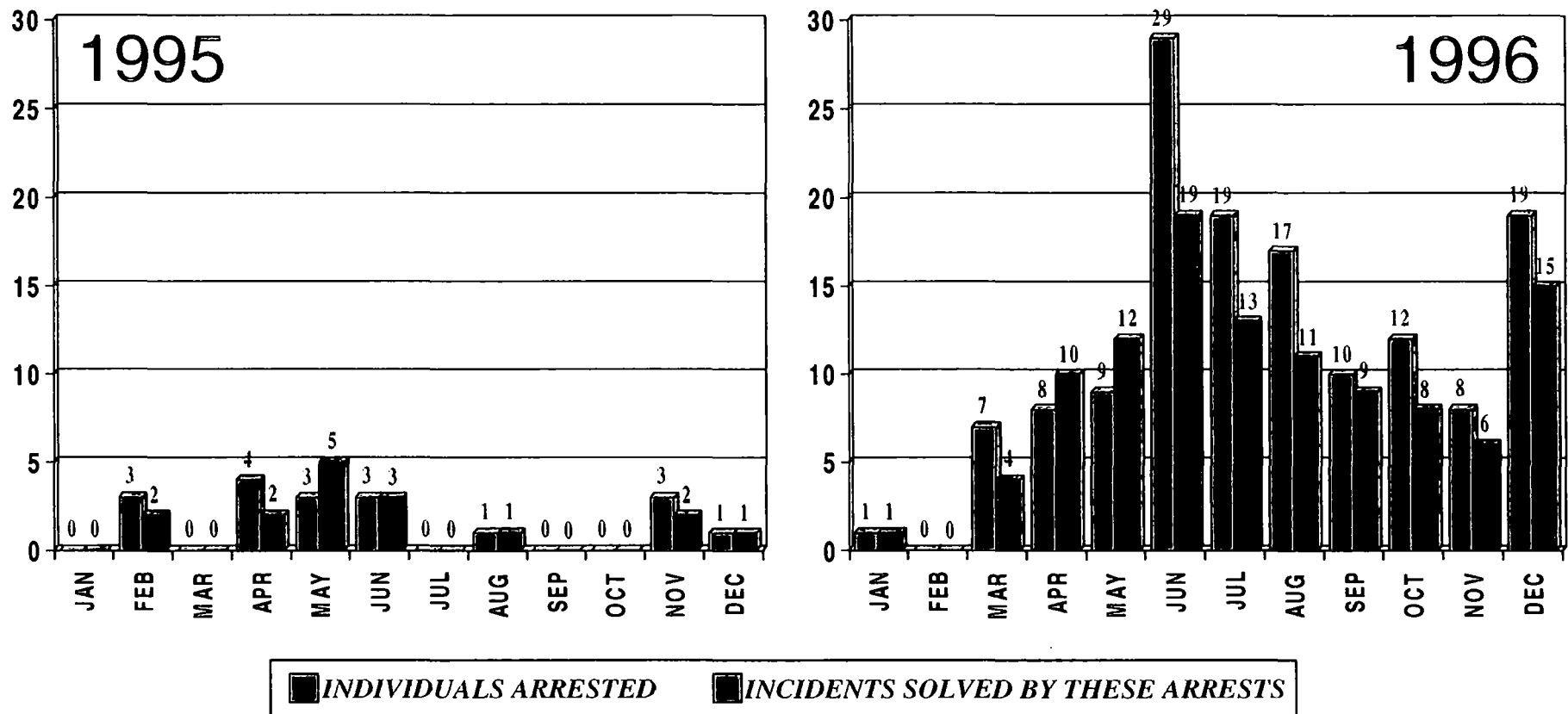
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NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE

Church Arson/Bombing/Attempted Bombing Investigations

Resulting in Arrest Nationwide

January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1996



INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED IN 1995 = 18

INCIDENTS SOLVED BY THESE ARRESTS IN 1995 = 16

INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED IN 1996 = 139

INCIDENTS SOLVED BY THESE ARRESTS IN 1996 = 108

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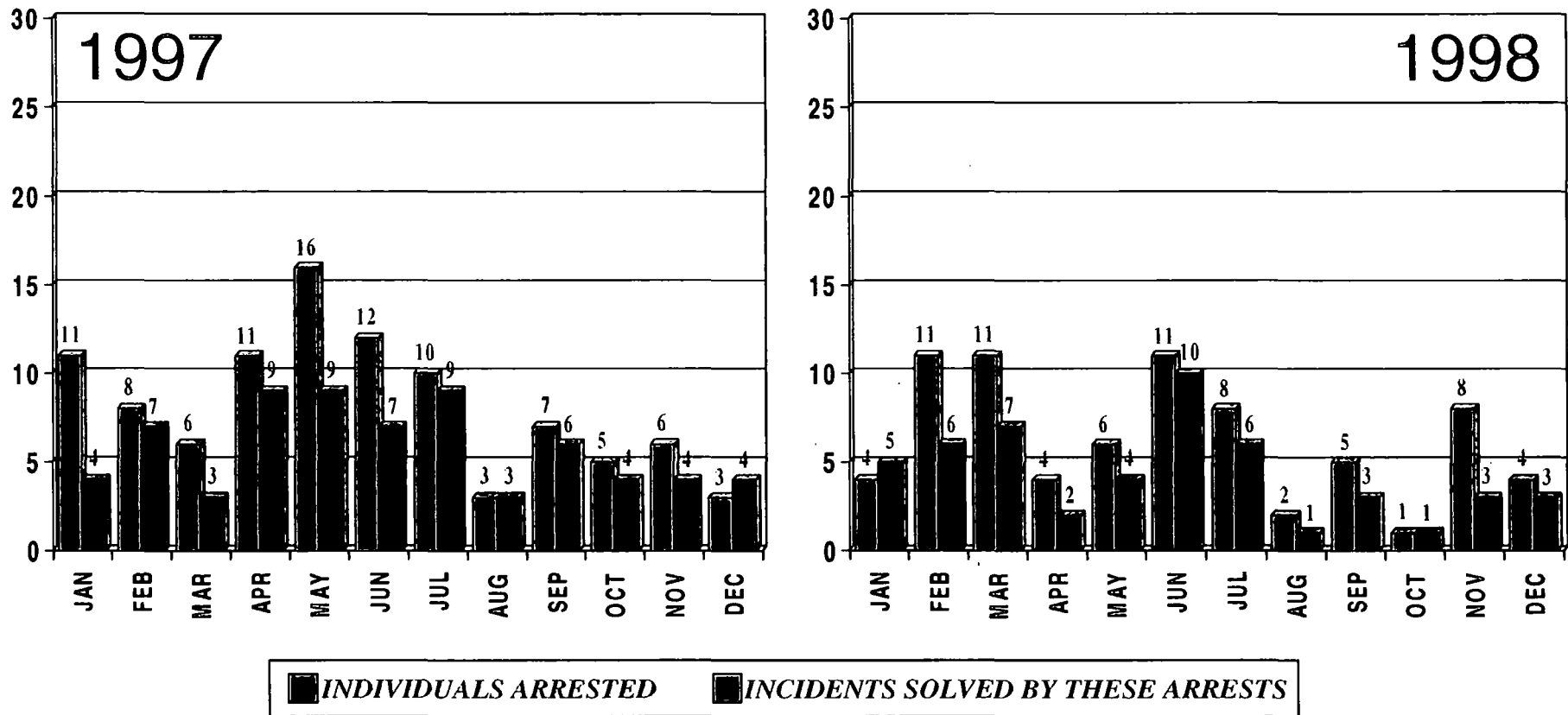
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NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE

Church Arson/Bombing/Attempted Bombing Investigations

Resulting in Arrest Nationwide

January 1, 1997 - December 31, 1998



INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED IN 1997 = 98
INCIDENTS SOLVED BY THESE ARRESTS IN 1997 = 69

INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED IN 1998 = 75
INCIDENTS SOLVED BY THESE ARRESTS IN 1998 = 51

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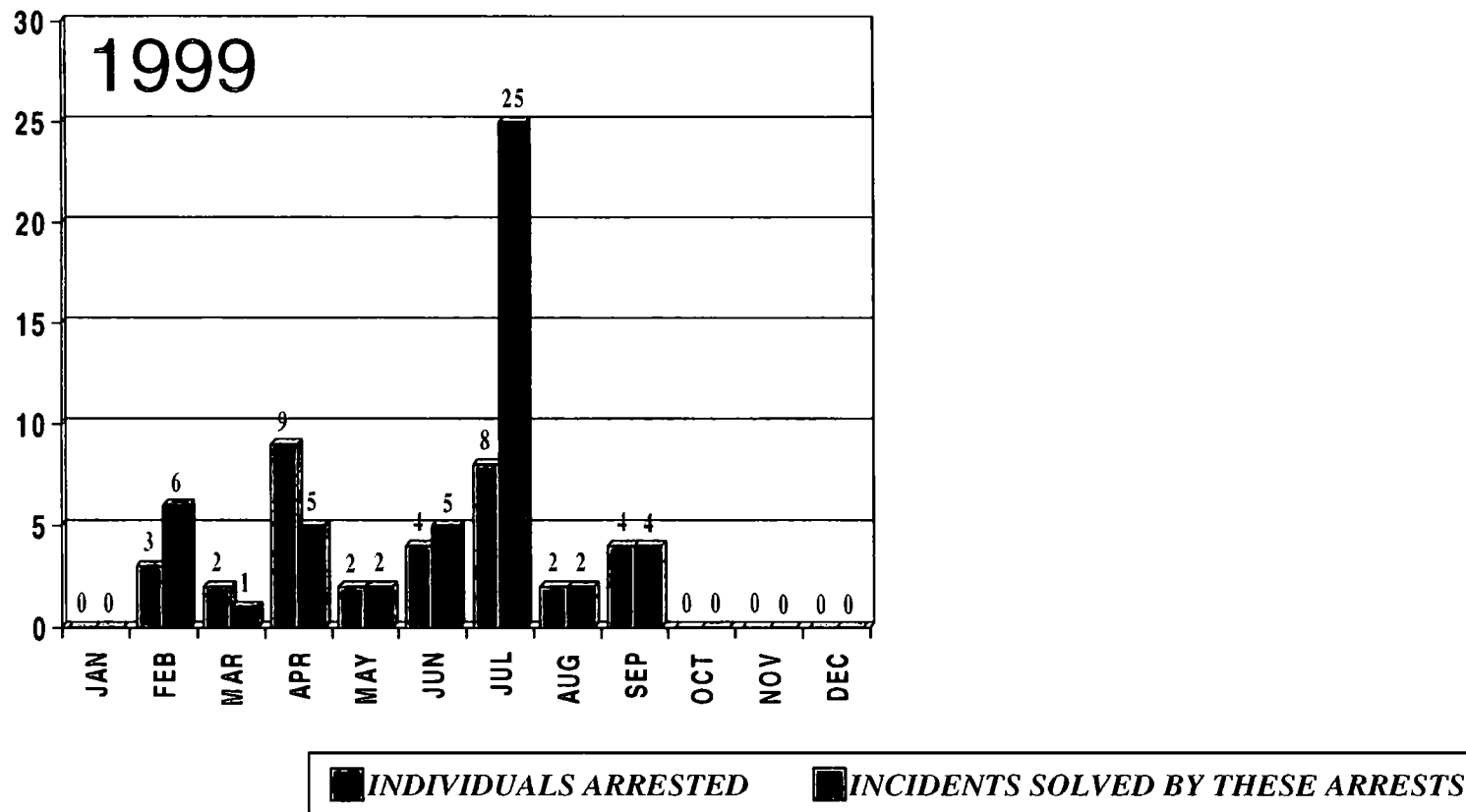
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NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE

Church Arson/Bombing/Attempted Bombing Investigations

Resulting in Arrest Nationwide

January 1, 1999 - October 5, 1999



INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED IN 1999 = 34

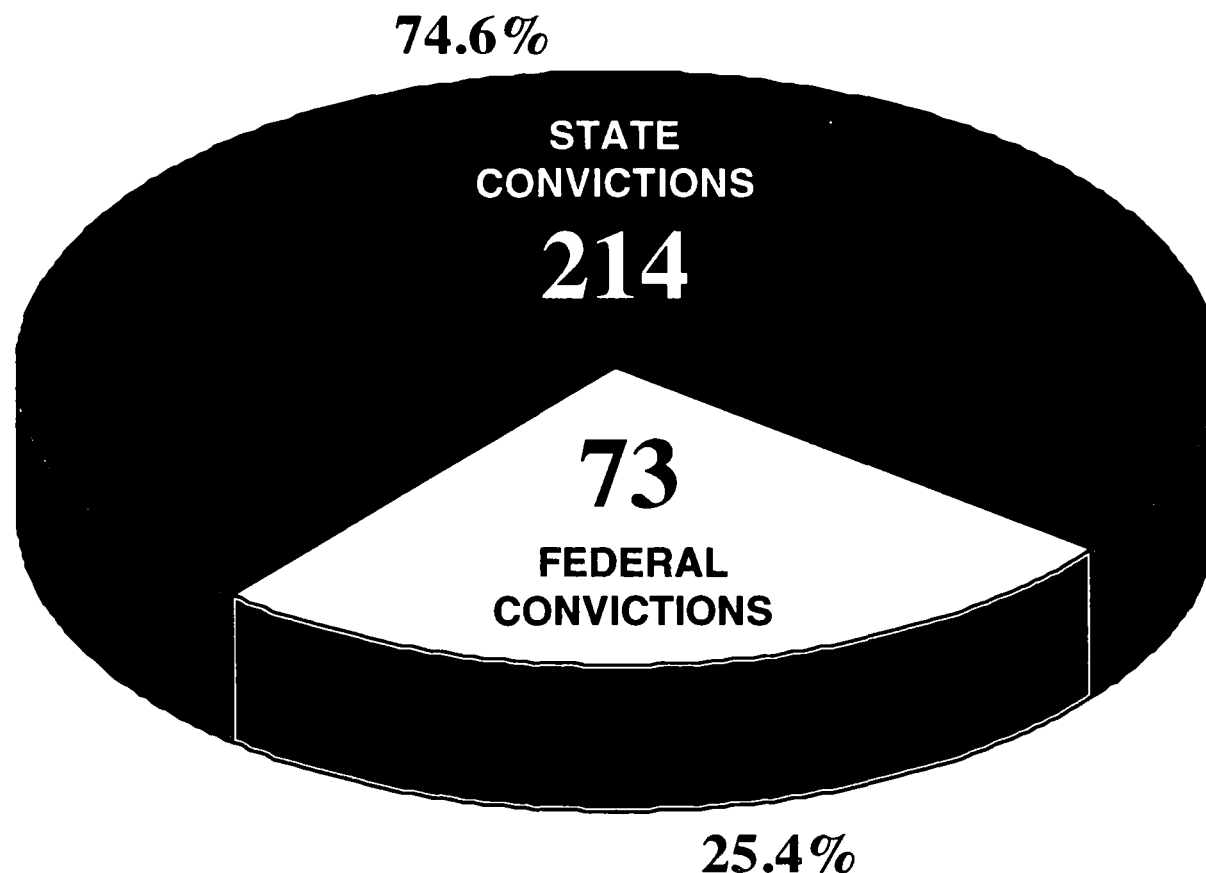
INCIDENTS SOLVED BY THESE ARRESTS IN 1999 = 50

DATA ENTERED IS BASED UPON THE SUBJECT'S DATE OF ARREST

CHART Y

NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE

**Analysis of Convictions in Connection with
208 Church Arsons/Bombings Nationwide
January 1, 1995 - October 5, 1999**



TOTAL NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS CONVICTED = 287

CHART Z

APPENDIX 2



NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE



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FEDERAL AND STATE CHURCH FIRE CONVICTIONS September 9, 1998 – October 5, 1999

ARKANSAS

1. **Universal Church of God (Shirley, AR)** -- In October, 1998, a white male (age 25) and a white female (age 23) pled guilty in federal court to arson and civil rights violations. The defendants were sentenced to 30 to 97 months imprisonment.

CALIFORNIA

2. **Gualala Baptist Church (Gualala, CA)** -- On February 25, 1999, a white male (age 43) was declared insane and committed for life to the California State Mental Health Institution.

FLORIDA

3. **Cross City United Methodist Church (Cross City, FL)** -- On June 2, 1999, two white females (age 13) pled guilty in state juvenile court to trespassing and were sentenced to 40 hours of community service.

On June 16, 1999, a white male (age 14) pled guilty in state juvenile court to arson and criminal mischief and was sentenced to a child services program.

4. **First United Methodist Church (Lakeland, FL)** -- On September 8, 1998, two white males (age 22) pled guilty in state court to arson and were sentenced to two years imprisonment and four years probation.

On the same date, a white male (age 21) was convicted in federal court of arson and sentenced to 12 months imprisonment followed by three years supervised release and 500 hours community service.

GEORGIA

5. **Hartford Baptist Church (Hawkinsville, GA)** -- On June 21, 1999, a white male (age 70) pled guilty in state court to vandalism to a place of worship and criminal damage to property and was sentenced to 10 years probation and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$105,584.

6. **Bethel Primitive Baptist Church (Pavo, GA)** -- On October 15, 1998, two white males (ages 18 and 25) pled guilty in state court and were sentenced to 20 years for burglary, five years for vandalism to religious property and three years for criminal gang activity.

7. **Crowell United Methodist Church (Butler, GA)** -- On May 25, 1999, a white male (age 26) was convicted as an adult in state court of burglary and arson. He was sentenced to 20 years incarceration and 20 years probation.

8. **Mt. Zion Holiness Church (Luthersville, GA)** -- On September 14, 1998, a white male (age 30) pled guilty in state court to first degree arson and burglary. He was sentenced to 10 years incarceration on each charge.

9. **Full Gospel Tabernacle Church (Hinesville, GA)** -- On August 24, 1999, two white males (age 19) pled guilty in federal court to arson and were sentenced to 60 months imprisonment followed by three years supervised release. Additionally, the defendants were ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$893,105.

IDAHO

10. **Parkview Bible Fellowship (Boise, ID)** -- On October 14, 1998, a white male (age 8) was sentenced in juvenile court to informal probation and counseling for arson.

INDIANA

11. **Partners United Methodist Church (Muncie, IN)** -- On December 28, 1998, a white male (age 19) pled guilty in state court to burglary and was sentenced to four years imprisonment. Two African American males (ages 13 and 18) were convicted in juvenile court of burglary and given suspended sentences.

KANSAS

12. **Evangel Christian Center (Pittsburg, KS)** -- On June 29, 1999, a white male (age 15) was convicted in juvenile court of arson and sentenced to 1-3 years probation.

On September 13, 1999, a white male (age 17) was convicted in juvenile court of arson and sentenced to 60 months probation.

KENTUCKY

13. **Fairview Christian Church (Williamstown, KY)** -- On July 19, 1999, two white males (ages 17 and 18) pled guilty in state court to third degree arson and were sentenced to 60 months imprisonment.

On the same date, a white male (age 18) pled guilty in state court to two misdemeanor counts of criminal mischief and was sentenced to two years probation.

On the same date, a white female (age 17) pled guilty in state court to one count of misdemeanor criminal mischief and was sentenced to two years conditional discharge.

MICHIGAN

14. **Faith Baptist Church (Lambertville, MI)** -- On December 5, 1998, a white male (age 23) was convicted in state court of breaking and entering and accessory after the fact. He was sentenced to 5½-10 years imprisonment for breaking and entering and 3-5 ½ years imprisonment for accessory after the fact.

On the same date, a white male (age 23) was convicted in state court of breaking and entering and arson of real property. He was sentenced to 5½-10 years imprisonment for breaking and entering and 5½-10 years for arson of real property.

MINNESOTA

15. **St. Olaf Catholic Church (Minneapolis, MN)** -- On October 20, 1998, an African American male (age 24) was convicted in state court for arson and sentenced to 90 days imprisonment.

MISSOURI

16. **Oak Street Church of Christ (Eldon, MO)** -- On May 14, 1999, a white male (age 24) was convicted in state court for Class C arson and committed to a state institution for psychological treatment.

NEW JERSEY

17. **Church of Jesus Christ (Jersey City, NJ)** -- On September 9, 1999, an African American female (age 50) pled guilty in federal court to mail fraud in connection with the October 23, 1996 arson of the Church Upon the Rock and the Church of Jesus Christ.

NEW MEXICO

18. **Roswell Latter Day Saints (Roswell, NM)** -- On July 20, 1999, a white male (age 50) was sentenced in federal court to 60 months imprisonment for arson, 120 months imprisonment for use of fire in commission of a felony, and 12 months imprisonment for seven counts of damage to religious property. Additionally, he was sentenced to 180 months supervised release.

NORTH CAROLINA

19. **Gospel Fellowship Holiness Church (Wilmington, NC)** -- On July 22, 1999, two white males (ages 11 and 12) were convicted in state court of arson and sentenced to one year of probation and 64 hours of community service.

20. **Pilgrim Church of South Tyron (Charlotte, NC)** -- On August 6, 1999, an African American male (age 29) was sentenced in state court to 25-39 months imprisonment for burning of a church.

21. **St. Francis Episcopal Church (Rutherfordton, NC)** -- On October 23, 1998, a white male (age 18) was convicted in state court of church burning and sentenced to 29-44 months imprisonment.

OHIO

22. **Alpha and Omega Seventh Day Adventist Church (Warren, OH)** -- On July 20, 1999, an African American male (age 19) was sentenced in state court to two years imprisonment for aggravated arson and breaking and entering.

OREGON

23. **Cottage Grove United Methodist Church (Cottage Grove, OR)** -- On December 12, 1998, a white female (age 39) was sentenced in state court for arson to 50 months incarceration and 36 months supervised release. She was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,500.

PENNSYLVANIA

24. **Northmont United Presbyterian Church (Pittsburgh, PA)** -- On December 1, 1998, a white male (age 26) was convicted in state court for arson and sentenced to 9-18 months imprisonment.

25. **Evangelical Christian Church (Birdsboro, PA)** -- On November 17, 1998, a white male (age 20) was convicted in state court for arson and sentenced to three years probation.

On December 11, 1998, a white male (age 19) was convicted in state court for arson and sentenced to 5-12 months incarceration.

26. **St. Matthew AME Church (Philadelphia, PA)** -- On July 1, 1999, an African American male (age 53) was convicted in state court for arson and sentenced to 18-36 months imprisonment.

SOUTH CAROLINA

27. **New Salem Baptist Church (Pacolet, SC)** -- On October 7, 1998, a white male (age 24) pled guilty in state court to second degree arson and was given a 20 year suspended sentence and a two year active term. He was further ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$400 and serve five years probation following his release from prison.

28. **Covenant Baptist Church (Gaston, SC)** -- On March 9, 1999, a white male (age 26) was convicted in state court of third degree arson and given a 10 year suspended sentence and five years probation

TEXAS

29. **Abiding Savior Lutheran Church (Corpus Christi, TX)**

30. **McCardle Road Church of Christ (Corpus Christi, TX)** -- On November 11, 1998, a white female (age 15) was convicted in federal court of conspiracy and damage to religious property.

31. **Bethel Methodist Church (Greenville, TX)** -- On January 20, 1999, a white male (age 21) was sentenced in federal court to five years imprisonment followed by four years supervised release for arson.

On May 26, 1999, a white male (age 21) was sentenced in federal court to five years imprisonment followed by three years supervised release for arson.

32. **Freedom Fellowship Church (New Boston, TX)** -- On December 16, 1998, a white male (age 31) was sentenced in federal court for arson and received 60 months imprisonment followed by three years supervised release.

33. **Community Pentecostal Church (San Antonio, TX)** -- On November 2, 1998, a white male (age 38) was convicted in state court for arson and was sentenced to seven years imprisonment.

34. **Cullen Missionary Baptist Church (Houston, TX)** -- On February 8, 1999, a white male (age 45) pled guilty in state court to arson and was sentenced to 60 months imprisonment. His sentence was enhanced due to his motive being ruled hate-related.

35. **United Kingdom of Jehovah's Witnesses (San Antonio, TX)**

On September 15, 1999, a white male (age 36) pled guilty in state court to arson and was sentenced to eight years imprisonment and fined \$2,500.

VIRGINIA

36. **Leesburg Christian School (Leesburg, VA)** -- On December 20, 1998, a white male (age 21) was convicted in federal court of arson and sentenced to five years imprisonment followed by three years supervised release.

APPENDIX 3



NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE



FEDERAL HATE CRIME CONVICTIONS FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST HOUSES OF WORSHIP REPORTED SINCE JANUARY 1995 (AS OF OCTOBER 5, 1999)

ARSONS AND BOMBINGS

ALABAMA

1. **Greater Saint Joseph Baptist Church (Baldwin) (Southern District)**

2. **Tate Chapel AME Church (Baldwin) (Southern District)** - On the night of June 30, 1997, there was an arson at the Greater Saint Joseph Baptist Church and an attempted arson at the nearby Tate Chapel AME Church. Both congregations were African American. The Greater Saint Joseph Baptist Church was totally destroyed by the fire. Regarding the arson at the Greater Saint Joseph Baptist Church, two 18-year-old Caucasian adults, one male and one female, were found guilty by a jury (in November 1997) of violating 18 U.S.C. §371 (conspiracy to commit an arson). These two defendants were sentenced to 41 months of imprisonment and ordered to perform 300 hours of community service. Another 18-year-old Caucasian male was found guilty (in November 1997) of violating one count of 18 U.S.C. §844(i) and one count of 18 U.S.C. §844(h)(i). He was sentenced to 15 years of imprisonment. The fourth defendant, an 18-year-old Caucasian male, pled guilty (in October 1997) to violations of 18 U.S.C. §844(i) and 18 U.S.C. §247 (Damage to religious property; obstruction of persons in the free exercise of religious beliefs). He was sentenced to 60 months of imprisonment, three years of supervised release, and 300 hours of community service. He was ordered to pay restitution. Regarding the attempted arson at Tate Chapel, a 19-year-old Caucasian male pled guilty (in October 1997) to one count of 18 U.S.C. §844(i). He was sentenced to 46 months of imprisonment, three years of supervised release, and 300 hours of community service. He was ordered to pay \$100 in restitution. One of the 18-year-old Caucasian males found guilty in the arson of the Greater Saint Joseph Baptist Church was also convicted (in November 1997) of violating one count of 18 U.S.C. §844(i) in connection with the Tate Chapel AME church. All of the co-defendants were ordered to jointly pay \$96,846 in restitution. Some of the defendants attended a Ku Klux Klan rally two days before the arsons. One yelled a racial epithet at the time of the arson.

3. **Born Again Church of Christ (Heflin) (Northern District)** - On November 14, 1996, a cross was burned at this African American church. Gasoline was poured onto two wooden beams arranged in the shape of a cross and then ignited at the front doorway of the church. Three Caucasian defendants, ages 26, 22, and 18, pled guilty in federal court (in April and May 1997) to violating 18 U.S.C. §241 (Conspiracy against rights). They were sentenced to 18

months, 15 months, and 24 months of imprisonment respectively. In addition, all were sentenced to three years supervised release, fined \$500, and ordered to pay restitution of \$2,145.

ARKANSAS

4. **Universal Church of God (Shirley) (Eastern District)** - In May 1995, the Christian Day School operated by the Universal Church of God, which hosts a racially mixed congregation, was burned. One defendant, a 25-year-old Caucasian male, pled guilty in federal court (in August 1998) to violating one count of 18 U.S.C. §844(i) and one count of 18 U.S.C. §241. A second defendant, a 24-year-old Caucasian male, pled guilty (in October 1998) to one count of 18 U.S.C. §844(h)(1) and one count of 18 U.S.C. §241. A third defendant, a 22-year-old Caucasian female, pled guilty (in October 1998) to one count of 18 U.S.C. §241. The three were ordered to terms of incarceration ranging from 30 to 97 months in prison.

LOUISIANA

5. **Cypress Grove Baptist Church (Zachary) (Middle District)**
6. **Saint Paul's Free Baptist Church (Baker)(Middle District)**
7. **Sweet Home Baptist Church (Baker) (Middle District)**
8. **Saint Thomas Chapel Benevolent Society (Baker) (Middle District)** - On February 1, 1996, these African American churches were burned. The arsonists brought tires and gasoline to the churches. In one church, the fire was started by a molotov cocktail, in another church, by stacking tires and then setting them on fire, and in the last two instances gas was thrown into the churches and ignited. One defendant, a 25-year-old Caucasian male, pled guilty in federal court (in July 1997) to 18 U.S.C. §241 and was sentenced to 48 months of imprisonment.

NEVADA

9. **Church of Christ (Henderson)** - On September 19, 1996, the siding on this African American church was burned. The defendant, a 23-year-old Caucasian male, pled guilty in federal court (in December 1996) to violating one count of 18 U.S.C. §247(c). He confessed to using a lighter to ignite a fire. Witnesses stated that he attempted to burglarize the church, but failed. After the failed burglary, he stated he should burn the church because its members were African American. He was sentenced to 63 months of imprisonment and three years of supervised probation. He was also ordered to pay \$1,619 in restitution.

NEW MEXICO

10. **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Roswell)** - On June 28, 1998, this Caucasian church was burned, causing 2.5 million dollars in damage. In the two months leading to this fire, a series of vandalism occurred at three other Latter Day Saints churches in Alamogordo, Artesia and Alto, New Mexico, along with the arson of a truck used in interstate commerce. The vandalism included destruction of musical instruments, pews, doors and walls resulting in damage in excess of \$150,000. A 48-year-old Caucasian male pled guilty in federal court (in March 1999) to violating seven counts of 18 U.S.C. §247(a)(1), two counts of 18 U.S.C. §844(i),

and one count of 18 U.S.C. §844(h)(1). The defendant was sentenced to 15 years in prison to be followed by three years supervised release.

NORTH CAROLINA

11. **Saint James African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (Maysville) (Eastern District)** - On June 30, 1996, this African American church was burned. Seven molotov cocktails were thrown at and into the church and a petroleum product was poured around the church foundation. The damage estimate was \$50,000. Three Caucasian males pled guilty (in May 1997) to various federal charges. One of the defendants said they burned the church after hearing news reports about church burnings. One defendant, a 19-year-old male, pled guilty to one count of 18 U.S.C. §844(i) and §844(h). He was sentenced to 30 months of imprisonment to be followed by three years supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution. Two of the juveniles pled guilty to 18 U.S.C. §§371, 844(i), 844(h), and 924(c)(1). They each received 18 months of imprisonment. A third juvenile was granted pre-trial diversion.

SOUTH CAROLINA

12. **Mount Zion A.M.E. Church (Greeleyville)**

13. **Macedonia Baptist Church (Manning)** - On June 20 and 21, 1995, respectively, these two African American churches were burned. Four Caucasian ex-members of the Ku Klux Klan pled guilty (two defendants in August 1996 and two in December 1996) to federal charges relating to these arsons. Three of the defendants, ages 23, 24, and 52, received 168 months, 144 months, and 258 months of imprisonment, respectively, for violations of 18 U.S.C. §241 and 18 U.S.C. §844(h). The fourth defendant, age 51, also pled guilty to violations of 18 U.S.C. §241 and 18 U.S.C. §844(h). He received 180 months of imprisonment and five years of supervised release probation for the arson of Macedonia Baptist Church.

TENNESSEE

14. **Church of God of Prophecy (Dyersburg) (Western District)** - On July 22, 1996, this Caucasian church was burned. The defendant, a 20-year-old African American male, pled guilty in federal court (in November 1996) to violating one count of 18 U.S.C. §247(c). He said that he wanted to start a race war and that he was acting at the direction of Satan. The defendant was sentenced to 60 months in prison.

15. **Church of the Nativity (Bartlett) (Western District)** - On June 29, 1996, this Caucasian church was burned. The church suffered \$10,000 in damage to the altar area. The defendant, a 46-year-old Caucasian pastor, admitted setting the fire. He used a match to ignite curtains behind the altar. The defendant pled guilty in federal court (in March 1998) to one count of 18 U.S.C. §247. He was admitted into a rehabilitation clinic. He was sentenced to 33 months imprisonment to be followed by three years supervised release, and ordered to pay \$27,952 in restitution.

16. **Canaan A.M.E. Church (Maury County) (Middle District)**

17. **Friendship Missionary Baptist Church (Maury County) (Middle District)** - On January 29, 1995, these African American churches were firebombed. Three Caucasian defendants, 33, 35, and 43, pled guilty in federal court (in October 1995) to violating 18 U.S.C. §241. One defendant was sentenced to 57 months in prison while the other two defendants were sentenced to 46 months in prison.

TEXAS

18. **Gainesville Church of Christ (Harrison County) (Eastern District)** - On May 8, 1998, this African American church was burned. A 20-year-old Caucasian male pled guilty in federal court (in July 1998) to violating 18 U.S.C. §247(c) and 18 U.S.C. §844(i). A 29-year-old Caucasian male pled guilty (in August 1998) to violating 18 U.S.C. §247(c) and 18 U.S.C. §844(i). A 15-year-old juvenile male also pled guilty (in August 1998) to 18 U.S.C. §5032 to violate 18 U.S.C. §241 and 18 U.S.C. §844(i) in connection with this matter. The two adult defendants were sentenced to 60 months in prison to be followed by three years supervised release, and were ordered to pay \$54,000 in restitution. The juvenile defendant was sentenced to 24 months probation with a condition that he must complete 14 months detention in a boot camp program.

19. **Freedom Fellowship Church (New Boston) (Northern District)** - On March 28, 1998, this African American church was burned. The defendant, a 31-year-old Caucasian male, pled guilty in federal court (in September 1998) to violating one count of 18 U.S.C. §844(i). The defendant was sentenced to 60 months in prison to be followed by three years supervised release.

20. **Bethany Lutheran Church (Dallas) (Northern District)** - On March 5, 1998, this Caucasian church burned. Pentagrams, satanic symbols, racist and homophobic epithets were spray painted on the church and around the neighborhood. A 20-year-old Caucasian male pled guilty in federal court (in April 1998) to violating 18 U.S.C. §844(i) and 18 U.S.C. §247. He was sentenced to 33 months imprisonment and ordered to pay \$337,918 in restitution. A 19-year-old Caucasian male pled guilty (in April 1998) to violating one count of 18 U.S.C. §844(i). He was sentenced to 27 months imprisonment to be followed by three years supervised release, and ordered to pay \$337,918 in restitution. Two juveniles are being prosecuted by the state.

21. **Abiding Savior Lutheran Church (Corpus Christi) (Southern District)**

22. **McArdle Road Baptist Church (Corpus Christi) (Southern District)** - On October 31, 1997, these Caucasian churches were burned. Four defendants were involved. A 24-year-old Caucasian male pled guilty in federal court (in April 1998) to one count of 18 U.S.C. §371, two counts of 18 U.S.C. §247, and one count of 18 U.S.C. §844(i). He was sentenced to 71 months imprisonment and three years supervised release. A second 23-year-old Caucasian male pled guilty in federal court (in April 1998) to violating one count each of 18 U.S.C. §371, 18 U.S.C. §247, and 18 U.S.C. §844(i). He was sentenced to 63 months imprisonment and three years supervised release. A 23-year-old Caucasian female pled guilty in federal court (in April 1998) to violating one count each of 18 U.S.C. §371 and 18 U.S.C. §247. She was sentenced to 63 months imprisonment and three years supervised release. They were held jointly liable for \$138,628 in restitution. A female juvenile defendant was convicted at trial (in November 1998) for violating one count of 18 U.S.C. §371 and two counts of 18 U.S.C. §247. She was sentenced to 51 months probation with the condition that she serve 12 months in a community corrections center. They were alleged to have Satanic motives for the arsons.

23. **Harvest Baptist Church (Keller) (Northern District)** - On August 27, 1997, the chapel of this Caucasian church was totally destroyed by fire. The damage estimate was \$150,000. The defendant, a 26-year-old Caucasian male, confessed to breaking a window, pouring diesel fuel, and striking a match. He said he decided to burn the church because he felt that the members of the congregation who attended services there were bothering his dog and creating parking and traffic problems along his street. He pled guilty in federal court (in November 1997) to one count of 18 U.S.C. §247(a)(2). He was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment to be followed by three years supervised release. He was also issued a \$100 special assessment and ordered to pay \$150,000 in restitution.

24. **Macedonia Baptist Church (Ferris) (Northern District)** - On March 22, 1997, this African American church was burned. Two Caucasian male defendants confessed to setting the fire using gasoline and a cigarette lighter. One defendant, 25, pled guilty in federal court (in May 1997) to violating 18 U.S.C. §844(i) and 18 U.S.C. §247(c). The other defendant, age 22, pled guilty (in May 1997) to violating 18 U.S.C. §844(i) and 18 U.S.C. §241. The 25-year-old defendant received 60 months of imprisonment to be followed by three years supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$64,785 in restitution. The 22-year-old defendant received 70 months of imprisonment to be followed by three years supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$64,785 in restitution.

OTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE

GEORGIA

25. **New Jerusalem African Methodist Episcopal Church (Ellenwood) (Northern District)** - On November 6, 1998, a Caucasian male made a threatening telephone call to this African American church. During the call he stated his intention to blow up the church. The defendant pled guilty in federal court (in April 1999) to violating one count of 18 U.S.C §844(e). The defendant was sentenced to one year imprisonment to be followed by three years supervised release, and was fined \$2,000.

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26. **Second Baptist Church (Fort Dodge) (Northern District)** - On August 15, 1993, a vandalism occurred and a cross was burned at this African American church. Two Caucasian male defendants in their 20s pled guilty in federal court (in November 1998) to violating one count of 18 U.S.C. §241 and one count of 18 U.S.C. §844(i). One defendant was sentenced to 102 months in prison while the other was sentenced to 41 months in prison.

KANSAS

27. **Beth-El B'Y'Shue Messianic Synagogue (Wichita)** - On June 6, 1998, threatening graffiti was spray painted on all sides of this synagogue. The four defendants who were involved were members of a self-described skinhead group. Two Caucasian males, ages 21 and 23, pled guilty in federal court (in March 1999) to violating one count of 18 U.S.C. §241 and violating one count of 18 U.S.C. §247. A 22-year-old Caucasian male pled guilty (in March 1999) to violating one count of 18 U.S.C. §241. The fourth defendant, a 19-year-old Caucasian male, was convicted in federal court (in March 1999) of violating one count of 18 U.S.C. §241 and one count of 18 U.S.C. §247. The three defendants who pled guilty were sentenced to terms of house arrest, while the fourth defendant who was convicted was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

NORTH CAROLINA

28. **China Grove A.M.E. Zion Church (Charlotte) (Western District)**

29. **Flora Williams Ministries (Charlotte) (Western District)** - On April 3, 1996 and May 19, 1996, these African American churches received racially threatening messages on their telephone answering machines. Two Caucasian defendants, ages 22 and 21, pled guilty in federal court (in January 1997) to violating one count of 18 U.S.C. §241. The 22-year-old defendant was sentenced to 15 months of imprisonment to be followed by three years supervised release, and was ordered to perform 100 hours of community service. The 21-year-old defendant was sentenced to 12 months of imprisonment to be followed by three years supervised release, and was ordered to perform 100 hours of community service.

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30. **Baruch Ha Shem (Dallas) (Northern District)** - On April 26, 1997, this Messianic Congregation building was damaged by gunfire and members were threatened with gunfire. The defendant, a 48-year-old Caucasian male, was yelling anti-semitic epithets as he fired the automatic weapon. He pled guilty (in January 1998) to violating one count of 18 U.S.C. §247(a)(2) and one count of violating 18 U.S.C. §924(c). He was sentenced to 147 months imprisonment and three years supervised release.

TENNESSEE

31. **Parker's Chapel (Memphis) (Western District)** - On August 5, 1996, this African American church was damaged by two gun shots. Three defendants, including two juveniles, were involved. One defendant, a 19-year-old Caucasian male, pled guilty in federal court (in October 1996) to one count of a federal firearms violation, 18 U.S.C. §922(j) (Unlawful acts), and one count of 18 U.S.C. §922(x)(1). He was sentenced to six months in prison to be followed by six months home detention and two years supervised release. He was ordered to pay \$866 in restitution. A juvenile Caucasian male pled guilty (in October 1996) to one count of 18 U.S.C. §922(x)(2). He was sentenced to serve the remainder of his state sentence in addition to one year federal probation. The other juvenile Caucasian male pled guilty (in October 1996) to one count of 18 U.S.C. §922(j) and one count of 18 U.S.C. §922(x)(2). He has been sentenced to six months home detention and two years probation. He was ordered to pay \$866 in restitution.