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EDMONDS POLICE DEPARTMENT ~ 250th Avenue North

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Police Investigating Graffiti at Madronna School

Damage Includes Political, Hate, Sex and Profanity References

(Edmonds, WA) - Edmonds Police are investigating a significant amount of graffiti damage that occurred at Madonna School sometime between Friday night and Sunday morning. School employees found the damage Sunday and contacted police. Spray paint was used to damage several parts of the school roof area and in doing so the suspect(s) left messages of hate, political disdain, sexual references and other vulgarity. In addition, there were multiple other instances of numbers, letters or unidentifiable images that contributed to the damage. An initial report, scene processing and photographs were taken by patrol officers before the matter was turned over to detectives for follow up investigation. Detectives did respond to the school to determine if there was any additional information that could be developed before the school year ends on Tuesday.

Chief Compaan condemned the incident and in particular the hate speech that was found in some of the locations. "*We will not tolerate such reprehensible acts in this city and will do what we can to find those responsible and hold them accountable*. *I am in communication with our City's Diversity Commission and appreciate their concerns on these matters.*"

Edmonds PD has been in regular communications with the Edmonds School District and Madonna School administration. They are working in partnership to address the situation.

Detectives are working to determine the identity of the suspect(s) from this incident. If you have any information please call the Edmonds PD tip line at 425-771-0212 or epdtips.edmondswa.gov