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Security Breach at the Temple

SSVT management regrets to note that there were two unfortunate incidents which occurred on the temple premises during the week of May 4, 2009.

Incident on Monday May 4, 2009

This incident happened between the hours of 1PM and 5 PM when the temple was closed and only a skeletal cleaning crew was inside the temple. A miscreant entered the temple and ransacked some of the decorations on the deities. The initial police investigation indicated that the incident would be treated as a hate crime. All further details on the incidents are held back pending the completion of the criminal investigation.

Incident on May 7, 2009

This incident involved a threat of bodily harm to one of the priest right outside the temple, by a stranger driving by the temple on Cipriano road. Details of this incident are also not being published because of the pending criminal investigation.

Actions taken by the Management

The Management has taken the following measures to increase the security measures at the temple.

Between May 5th and May 7th the priests conducted several rituals and homams to cleanse the temple premises.

The presence of the County police has been increased to 12 hours during the day time.

A comprehensive security system including access control at all the entry points to the temple and camera surveillance is being installed.

A security fence along the perimeter of the temple property has been installed

Request to the Congregation

We request the congregation to cooperate with the management during these tough times. It is also requested of the congregation to be vigilant of the surroundings at the temple and report any suspicious activities at or around the temple.

Leela Mandava

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