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District Attorney, Fairfax PD Address False Social Media Post about Swastika Case

A recent social media post falsely attributed information from the <u>Marin County District Attorney's Office</u> and Fairfax Police Department about an incident involving a man posting Nazi swastika stickers around downtown Fairfax in late November.

District Attorney Lori Frugoli said a post on Facebook falsely indicated that the incident was staged. She said no such information exists, nor has any such information been relayed to her office or Fairfax Police.

On November 24, a resident videotaped another individual placing the swastika stickers and contacted Fairfax Police. Officers contacted the individual, documented the incident, and forwarded a report to the District Attorney's Office. The case is under investigation and any information regarding the status of the case will be issued by the respective offices.

"We take incidents of hateful conduct and hate crimes seriously as we know how harmful this conduct is to our community," Frugoli said. "Intentional and unintentional posting of false information about the case compounds the harm to our community and those who have the courage to step forward and report incidents and crimes of hate. Please take a moment to check sources before sharing or posting information that could be harmful to our community."

The DA's Office and Fairfax Police encourage and support the reporting of crimes of hate and hateful incidents to local law enforcement agencies. Messages may be left on the Marin County District Attorney's Hate Crime Hot Line at 415-473-2585.