

Bizarre Church, Synagogue Arson Story Includes Claims of Witchcraft, Devil Worship

At least one friend of a suspect accused of setting fires inside a church and synagogue alleged the purported perpetrator had been worshipping Satan and practicing witchcraft before the shocking incidents.

Kimorah Parker, 30, of New Britain, Connecticut, is accused of starting the fires last Friday inside St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and Congregation Tephareth Israel, a synagogue.

Pastor Mark Valigorsky of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church told WTNH-TV the suspect allegedly put items on the stove, turned it on, and fled after purportedly throwing a church planter through a window to get inside.

"It is a hate crime, if you will, that someone would do this," Valigorsky told the outlet.

This week, the accused appeared in court, where the individual's friends weighed in on the tragic situation.

Caleb Newburry, a man described as a friend of Parker, said he believes the accused is "losing her grip on reality" and is in the midst of a "mental breakdown," according to WSFB-TV.

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