

White Teenage Girl Arrested for Planning Attack on African-American Church

A 16-year-old white teenage girl was arrested in Gainesville, Georgia, after plotting to attack the members of a historically black church.

According to Gainesville Police, the teen targeted Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and planned to hurt multiple people.

Last week, students at the local high school told counselors that the girl's notebook contained detailed plans to commit murder at the church.

The teen was taken into custody after school administration officials confirmed the threat.

"Our investigation indicated the church was targeted by the juvenile based on the racial demographics of the church members. The juvenile was charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Murder and was transported to the Regional Youth Detention Center in Gainesville," Police Chief Jay Parrish wrote in a tweet.

Police did not release information on how the teen planned to perform the act, but she was known to collect knives, *Atlanta Local News* reports.

"While we are very concerned about this incident, we are not surprised," Bishop Reginald T. Jackson said.

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