



An arson occurred late in February of this year at the Little Leapers Day Care and Bethel Worship Center of Fort Lauderdale, FL. The owner of the Day Care and Worship center was called to the facility early on Saturday morning to find the building on fire, with swastikas spray-painted on the front of the building. After Fire-Rescue crews responded shortly after three

in the morning, police were dispatched to investigate the possibility of the incident being an arson and possible hate crime. Investigators found evidence of forced entry and concluded that the fire had first ignited in the kitchen.

In addition to the forced entry, the center reports that numerous pieces of musical equipment, including speakers, microphones, and mixers were reportedly missing after the fire. The incident is thought to be connected to a threatening call that the center received earlier in the week, warning the center staff to “get out of the neighborhood.” This incident serves to illustrate how ruthless the criminally minded are, when even a day care center, a place for children, is not immune from the grasp of hate and religious prejudice.

