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**District Attorney Summer Stephan** released the following statement in the wake of the attack on worshipers at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh:

“Our hearts are broken over the cowardly and hateful attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue In Pittsburgh. We grieve the loss of innocent life and this assault on the very dignity of our basic right to pray and engage in our faith in peace. Our District Attorney’s Office has mobilized our specialized Hate Crimes team and Victim Advocates and working with our law enforcement partners, the Anti-Defamation League and synagogue leaders to do everything in our power to protect and prevent harm in San Diego County. Rest assured that we will not tolerate any hate crime and will hold offenders responsible to the maximum extent of the law. This has hit close to home with many of our District Attorney executives, prosecutors, peace officers and staff at every level who proudly practice their Jewish faith. We stand ready to support our brothers and sisters in Pittsburgh in whatever they need. “

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