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Mayor Buol Issues Statement on Possible Area Hate Crime

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol has issued the following statement:

“On September 4, arson involving the use of racial slurs was reportedly perpetrated in Centralia. The incident is being investigated by the FBI and Dubuque County Sherriff’s Department as a potential hate crime, and we encourage those with information to cooperate with this investigation. While this investigation is occurring outside of the jurisdiction of the City of Dubuque, we feel it is important for City leaders to make a statement in response to the incident because incidents of this nature have an impact on the larger community. We condemn any criminal act that carries a message of hate and bigotry toward any particular group in this community. We also understand that the vast majority of our community members welcome people of all backgrounds and work to create a welcoming and equitable community.”

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