

## News Release



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## **Planned Protest**

The Dallas Police Department has been notified of a planned protest on Saturday against a Nation of Islam mosque located on Martin Luther King Boulevard near SM Wright Freeway. Supporters of the mosque have planned a counter protest. Concern over the potential for a racially charged demonstration has rallied some members of the community surrounding the mosque to join the counter protest.

The Police Department is concerned over the volatile nature this planned protest has taken due to the racial over tones. In an effort to provide for the safety of everyone involved, as well as by-standers and members of the community, the Dallas Police Department will be staging a significant number of resources in the area of the protest. The Department is committed to protecting the constitutional rights of all citizens and will make every effort to keep this protest peaceful.