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For Immediate Release:

We at the Islamic Center of Northeast Florida are shocked to learn that someone in this beautiful city of ours was planning to hurt innocent members of the Islamic Community in Jacksonville. We are most grateful to God Almighty for exposing this perpetrator and to our law enforcement authorities for their diligence and professionalism in eliminating this threat without anyone getting hurt.

We have no idea as to what was the motivation this individual had for his planned heinous act. No cause can justify hurting innocent human beings. The Islamic scripture, Holy Qur'an teaches that if one kills an innocent person, it is as if he has killed the entire humanity; and if one saves an innocent person from being killed, it is as if he saved the entire humanity. We are most indebted to the Jacksonville Sheriff and his staff, to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and to FBI leadership and personnel for saving not just one person but many many lives.

May God Almighty reward and protect our law enforcement authorities for what they do to protect the rest of us, day in day out. May, The Almighty, protect all. Amen.

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