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**Date:** 11/22/2017 1:10:45 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Prevent Church active shooter incident

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Dear , this sounds like an idea many pastors might want to implement, and I know of nothing that prevents any church from doing this now. I look forward to seeing how many take this approach.

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**From:** Catherine McNicoll  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 5:23 PM  
**To:** Danny Varat  
**Subject:** FW: Prevent Church active shooter incident

Please advise

*Best Regards,*

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**From:** Jim Pratt [mailto:JPratt@sunshinerecycle.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 17, 2017 10:30 AM  
**To:** Lt. Governor's Office  
**Subject:** Prevent Church active shooter incident

Kevin

I sat next to you last night at the O'burg GOP meeting. I appreciate you taking the time to come to Orangeburg.

I am a Retired Reserve Sheriff's Deputy for Lexington county. I have a plan that I think would prevent an active shooter incident at our churches.

It's based off the wisdom of the farmer that could not stop people from stealing watermelons from his field. The farmer announced that he was going to "poison" a couple of the watermelons in his field. This prevented thieves from coming on his land because they did not want to take a chance and steal the Poisoned watermelon.

The plan is for Church Ministers to announce that they want to protect their members and "Bless" LE officers for attending there church services. I know from working with LE that they do not make very much money for laying their lives down for the citizenry.

The Church Ministers would take up an offering and bless the LE officer for attending the different services and events at their church.

This would accomplish many benefits. An active shooter would no longer target churches because they would have no idea which church actually has an armed LE officer in attendance.

The LE officer would earn well needed additional income and, I would think, gain some wisdom being preached from the pulpit.

Church members would feel safe believing a Professional LE Officer attends the services.

I am reaching out to you because I believe you are a man of Character. Also, my wife has the same mindset as your wife. She will work in the yard all day but admits she is not a good cook! J

I believe you have time to put this together before the primary. I ran for congress against clyburn in 2010. All campaigns need something that will bring attention to their candidacy.

Thank you for your time and

God's Speed!

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"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psalms 90:12

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