

NATIVITY SCENES VANDALIZED NATIONWIDE

Every year we are flooded with reports from across the nation about nativity scenes being vandalized. This year was no different.

Here is a list of some of the incidents that came to our attention:

- In Sandusky, Ohio a 50-year old figure of the Baby Jesus was stolen from a downtown park; it was found a few days later hanging from a ceiling fan in the apartment of the thief who stole it
- A Christian pastor in Loma Linda, California was beaten and left in critical condition while decorating his church
- In Orange County, Florida a Christian church's drive-through nativity scene was completely demolished by vandals
- The Blessed Virgin figure was stolen from a nativity scene in front of a home in Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Twice within a couple of weeks, the crèche in Norwood, Massachusetts was vandalized
- A drive-through nativity built by a Christian church in Stone Mountain, Georgia was destroyed
- In Waggaman, Louisiana, a 38-year old man, accompanied by two boys, trashed Christmas decorations at five homes
- A 50-year old statue of a shepherd was beheaded in a nativity scene in downtown Kingsport, Tennessee
- The Holy Family was stolen from a crèche outside of a home in New Albany, Indiana
- The nativity scene in front of a Christian church in Christoval, Texas was splattered with red paint
- Figures of the Baby Jesus were stolen from homes or churches in Memphis, Tennessee; Littlestown, Pennsylvania; Valrico, California; Akron, Ohio; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Andover, New York; Sumter, South Carolina; St. Charles, Illinois; Moberly,

Missouri; Lehigh, Pennsylvania; Bismarck, North Dakota;
Omaha, Nebraska; Paw Paw, Michigan; North Richland Hills,
Texas; Eureka Springs, Arkansas; and Independence Mall in
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania