

## 18 U.S. Code § 247

## Damage to religious property; obstruction of persons in the free exercise of religious beliefs

- (a) Whoever, in any of the circumstances referred to in subsection (b) of this section—
  - (1) intentionally defaces, damages, or destroys any religious real property, because of the religious character of that property, or attempts to do so; or
- (2) intentionally obstructs, by force or threat of force, including by threat of force against religious real property, any person in the enjoyment of that person's free exercise of religious beliefs, or attempts to do so; shall be punished as provided in subsection (d).

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