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### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE DETECTIVES MAKE SIGNIFICANT ARREST OF INDIVIDUAL WANTED FOR FALSE PUBLIC ALARM**

**Freehold:** Sheriff Shaun Golden commends detectives from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Division for the apprehension of an individual who texted a bomb threat to the agency's 9-1-1 Communications Center in Freehold.

Christopher Young, of Freehold Borough, was arrested on Feb. 1, and charged with creating a false public alarm of a critical infrastructure. Young, texted the threat Dec. 8, from a pre-paid cell phone, claiming a bomb was in the building. He was a former Public Safety Telecommunicator at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and released in October of 2016, prior to his three month probation period.

"These types of threats are taken very seriously and will not be tolerated to ensure the safety of the people who live and work in Monmouth County," said Sheriff Shaun Golden. "I commend our detectives from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office for fully responding to this false public alarm and actively working to find out who was responsible for this disruptive and potentially dangerous threat."

After a thorough investigation, through cell phone tracking and surveillance, detectives were led to Young at a residence in Freehold Borough. Once apprehended, he made a full confession.

False public alarm of a critical infrastructure is a second degree crime.

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