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

**Monmouth County:** Sheriff Shaun Golden commends detectives from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division for the apprehension of an individual who called the agency's 9-1-1 Communications Center on Aug. 12, claiming he had planted a bomb at the Monmouth County Probation Office in Ocean Township.

Teddy Dowe, 45, of Asbury Park, was charged with two counts of creating a false public alarm, hindering, and tampering with physical evidence. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Investigations Unit conducted a thorough investigation through cell phone tracking and surveillance that led to his arrest at an apartment in Asbury Park on Aug. 13.

"Let this be a clear indication that 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. "This is a major disruption, causes fear to those who are targeted and ties up law enforcement resources, since the incidents are treated as potentially serious threats to the public."

Detectives from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Asbury Park Police Department assisted the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office in the arrest.

"Monmouth County first responders have carried a huge burden responding to these phony threats of bombs and active shooters. They take an emotional toll on the people affected by the hoax, and create an undue burden on valuable assets. These false bomb threats are not a game or joke, but a crime that will be aggressively pursued by this Office," Monmouth County Prosecutor Christopher J. Gramiccioni stated.

Dowe remains in the custody of the Monmouth County Corrections Division and awaits a detention hearing scheduled for Aug. 19.