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Re: Suspect in bomb threat made to Judge in custody

On *Monday- February 2, 2015* Mansfield Police initiated an investigation in regards to two anonymous calls that were made to the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office threatening to blow up Judge Robert Burgess' residence as well as calls made to retired DeSoto Sheriff's Lieutenant Robert Davidson.

Based on information obtained from phone records, a suspect was developed early in the investigation. These records also revealed that the suspect was in Seattle Washington when the calls were made, and he remained in that area for several days after the incident. Additional information obtained during the investigation led to arrest warrants being obtained for James Wesley Harmon Jr, 17 year old white male of Galveston Texas.

During the investigation, the suspect called Sgt. Billy Locke and admitted to making the calls, and stated that he was upset with Judge Burgess over a case Burgess had heard involving one of his family members. Shortly after that call and admission was made by Harmon, he discarded that particular phone, which was also the phone that was used to make the initial bomb threat.

The investigation continued, and information surfaced related to another cell phone Harmon had acquired. Search Warrants were obtained for the new phone, and based on information obtained from the warrants, it was determined that Harmon was then in the Galveston Texas area.

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This information was relayed to the Galveston County Sheriff's Office and the FBI Safe Street's Task Force. On *Thursday- February 26 at approx. 6:00pm* Deputies were able to locate Harmon and his family in Galveston at a local Hotel. Surveillance was established to confirm that Harmon was indeed there. After a period of time, Harmon appeared from the hotel and left in a vehicle. Deputies were able to stop Harmon in the 4300 block of Broadway and take him into custody without incident.

Harmon was booked into the Galveston County Jail on the warrants for Communication of a False Arson (Bomb Threat) which is a 20 year Felony, Public Intimidation which is a 10 year felony and Telephone Harassment a misdemeanor. Harmon remains in custody in Galveston, pending his extradition back to Louisiana, and he is expected to appear before a Judge within the next few days. Sgt. Billy Locke of the Mansfield Police Department was assisted by the Shreveport Louisiana and Galveston Texas offices of the F.B.I. as well as the U.S. Marshals Office and the F.B.I. Safe Street's Task Force office in Texas City Texas.



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