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### MEDIA RELEASE

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### Arrest in Bomb Threat Case

An investigation by the Newport News Sheriff's Office has led to the arrest of Steven Goodwin in connection with last month's bomb threat. The 49-year old Newport News man was arrested this afternoon at 1:50 p.m.

On October 21, 2010, at approximately 9:40 a.m., a call was received by a General District Court traffic clerk in which the caller claimed there was a bomb in the building and that "they better get out." The main courthouse was evacuated and all personnel accounted for. Surrounding roads were blocked off to restrict access to the area. A search of the building was conducted by the Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit with assistance from the Newport News Police Department. No explosive device was found and courts were reopened for business before the noon hour.

Sheriff's Office investigators were able to trace the phone call to a payphone outside of a convenience store located in the 3700 block of Marshall Avenue. Surveillance video from outside and inside the store was used to identify the suspect.

This was the fourth bomb scare in as many months: July 22, 2010; August 30, 2010; September 28, 2010; and October 21, 2010.

The investigation is ongoing. More charges are pending.

Making a bomb threat is a Class 5 Felony punishable up to 10-years and prison and a fine of up to \$2,500. (Virginia Code 18.2-83)

The booking photo accompanies this media release. Steven Goodwin is being held with no bond at the Newport News City jail.

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