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“Auburn High School Student Arrested For Making False Bomb Threat”

On Wednesday May 6, 2009 at approximately 12:58 pm School Resource Officers James Slayton and Paul Martin were advised of a bomb threat that had been received via telephone by the school secretary at Auburn High School. The secretary advised the officers that the telephone call had come in from a hearing impaired telephone relay service. The information that was relayed indicated that there was a bomb in the school. The school had already received several “prank” calls relayed through this service to the school throughout the day prior to the threat. Those calls were not threatening in nature. A threat assessment was done between school district officials and the police department and it was determined that an evacuation would not be necessary. After a thorough investigation by the school resource officers it was determined that the threat was made using a school computer. The relay service website was used to transmit the bomb threat to the school. School resource officers were able to trace the computer used back to a specific classroom at the high school. An 18 year old male student was subsequently identified and brought in for questioning where he admitted to making the threat. The student was arrested for Falsely Reporting an Incident 1st Degree, a class D felony. He was brought to Auburn City Court for arraignment and committed to the Cayuga County Jail in lieu of bail.

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