



TULARE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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*****Bomb Threat Suspect Arrested*****

On Sunday March 6, 2016 at approximately 7:00 p.m., officers from the Tulare Police Department were dispatched to the Tulare Wal-Mart located in the 1100 block of East Prosperity Avenue for a report of a bomb threat that was called into the business.

With the business evacuated, a request was made to the Tulare County Sheriff's office, for a bomb detections canine. With the assistance from the Tulare County Sheriff's office and officers from the Tulare Police Department, the building was searched and no bomb was located.

During the course of this investigation, Officers from the Tulare Police department were able to identify the person responsible for making the false bomb threat. That person was identified as 27 year old Christopher Wayne Hart of Corcoran. He was later arrested in the 300 block of South Pratt Street in Tulare without incident.

For the integrity of this investigation, how Christopher W. Hart was identified as the person responsible will not be disclosed.

Hart was arrested and later transported and booked into the Tulare County Jail on suspicion of making a false bomb treat.

Should further information develop, I will provide an additional press release. I have no further information to provide.

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