



City of Monroe Police Department
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Chief of Police Charles F. McCormick IV



PRESS RELEASE

Date: 12/13/18

Monroe PD Complaint #: 19571-18

Incident: On 12/13/2018 at approximately 1:46PM, the Monroe Police Department responded to Verizon Wireless (Russell Cellular), located in the 500 Block of S. Monroe St., on report of a bomb threat. Prior to on-scene arrival, Monroe County Central Dispatch advised that the threat was received through an email to the store. In addition, Central Dispatch further advised that several other Verizon stores throughout southeast Michigan area received similar threats, which were determined to be false.

MPD Officers arrived and evacuated the businesses quickly, then performed an interior sweep for explosive devices. No device was located and the scene was cleared, allowing business to resume as normal. Prior to determining the bomb threat to be a hoax, immediate area schools were advised and protective measures were taken to protect students and staff. All area school affected by this were advised of the status of this situation and protective measures were lifted, resuming school operations back to normal.

On the same day at approximately 2:59PM, the manager of Verizon Wireless called Central Dispatch to advise that their store had received another email, indicating another bomb threat at their location. D/Lt. Jeff Carter is handling this case, working with Verizon Security and Management Staff to determine the sources of these threats. D/Lt. Carter has received information that similar false email bomb threats appear to be occurring throughout the state and into other states as well. Anyone with information regarding this incident is directed to contact the Monroe Police Department at (734) 243-7500.

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