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Juvenile Charged In Bomb Threat

SUFFOLK, Va. (May 22, 2009) A fifteen year old middle school student has been charged with making a bomb threat that led to the evacuation of the Municipal Center yesterday. On Thursday, just before 1 p.m., a call was received in the Emergency Communications Center of the Police Department. The call came in on a 911 line. The caller, a male, made a statement that indicated the presence of bomb before hanging up.

The Fire Department responded to the Municipal Center. The Municipal Center was evacuated. The Fire Department, along with two police K-9s, trained in black powder and bomb detection, searched the building. Nothing suspicious was found.

Investigators from the Fire Marshal's office, police detectives and members of the Emergency Communication Center worked together to initiate a trace of the call. The call was tracked back to a cell phone and investigation revealed that the phone possibly was in the possession of a student at John F. Kennedy Middle School. The school was notified and the student's classroom was put on lock down. The juvenile was detained and interviewed. Investigation has led to a petition being secured for the subject. He has been charged with one count of threatening to bomb.

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