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Press Release

Fired Millis Officer indicted in September Hoax and Bomb Threat

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A Norfolk County Grand Jury today (Nov. 19, 2015) issued six indictments against Bryan Johnson, 24, of Millis, including new charges stemming from a false bomb threat at Millis High School the same day Johnson is alleged to have staged a shootout with a non-existent motorist.

Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey announced the following indictments following a grand jury investigation which began shortly after the September 2, 2015 incident:

- > Willful Communication of a Bomb Threat to a School, MGL c. 269, s. 14(c) [Max penalty 20 years state prison]
- > Misleading a Criminal Investigation, MGL c. 268, s. 13B [Max penalty 10 years state prison]
- > Discharging a Firearm w/in 500 Feet of a Dwelling, MGL c. 269, s. 12E [Max penalty 3 months HOC]
- > Making a False Police Report, MGL c. 269, a. 13A [Max penalty 1 year HOC]
- > Willful and Malicious Destruction of Property \$250+ (for damage to cruiser windshield by shooting firearm into it), MGL c. 266, s. 127 [Max penalty 10 years state prison]
- > Wanton Destruction of Property \$250+ (for damage to cruiser from crashing and burning), MGL c. 266, s. 17 [Max penalty 2 ½ years HOC].

Millis police sought and obtained a warrant against Johnson shortly after the hoax event, and he pled not guilty at his arraignment in Wrentham District Court. Johnson was not initially charged with making the threat to the school; continued investigation developed the probable cause that he was involved in making the bomb threat that now results in the indictment. His Norfolk Superior Court arraignment date has not yet been set.

Assistant District Attorney Craig Kowalski brought the matter through the grand jury and will prosecute in Superior Court, District Attorney Morrissey said. "While Mr. Johnson continues to enjoy the Constitutional presumption of his innocence, we believe the scope of the conduct alleged here makes Superior Court the appropriate venue. These indictments move the matter to Superior Court."