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Barnstable Police Dept. Press Release

Centerville Man Threatens Cape Cod Community College Employee with Gun

On Tuesday January 15, 2013, at approximately 11:15 am, The Barnstable Police received a phone call from Cape Cod Community College located on Rte 132 in Barnstable that a disgruntled male when told he could not sign up for a particular class made reference to a gun and shooting students.

The nature of the call was that a 51 year old male, later identified as Mark R. Jones of Centerville, and who is currently not a student, came into the College this morning and went to the Admissions Office wanting to sign up for a particular class in the future. The Admissions office is a busy area with numerous students and staff.

In his request to sign up he was told by a female in Admissions that that particular class was full and no longer taking students at this time. She said he then appeared upset and said to her "well give me the names of these students so I can shoot them to make room". The employee then terminated the conversation and Mark Jones left the area. However on his way out another female staffer in the Main office heard him say something to the effect of getting a shotgun.

Six police cruisers were dispatched to the school and after a search of the area it was determined that the subject had left the grounds. Sgt Sean Sweeney, Ptl. Robert Bitinas, and Ptl. Michael Puntonio went to an address in Centerville where they found Mark Jones in his house. Jones admitted to the officers that he was at the school and did say something about shooting students with a gun but was only kidding. He said he was an army veteran but does not own any guns. Note: records show he had a gun permit to carry but it expired in 1996.

Mark Jones voluntarily accompanied Officers to the Barnstable police station where he was served and subsequently booked on an arrest warrant for; 1) Threat to commit a crime and 2) Disturbing a school assembly. He was arraigned in Barnstable District Court.

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