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## News Release

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### **Teen Arrested For Dozens of False Reports** **High-Tech Crimes Unit Solves Case**

**Santa Barbara**-The Sheriff's High-Tech Crimes Unit has tracked down a Santa Barbara County teenager behind a series of threats and false emergencies reported to law enforcement agencies in several counties.

Detectives of the Sheriff's High-Tech Crimes Unit receive special on-going state and federal training in high-tech crimes. They used that training to identify the juvenile responsible for the computer generated threats to agencies in Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties.

Many of the incidents involved bomb threats reported to emergency dispatch centers. Another false report led to the deployment of a law enforcement helicopter at taxpayer expense.

Following a one week investigation, the Sheriff's High-Tech Crimes Unit was able to identify the suspect and arrest him on Friday, November 6, 2009.

The teenage suspect has been booked in to Juvenile Hall on several felony and misdemeanor charges. No further information will be released regarding this case, due to the age of the suspect.

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