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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: December 9, 2016

Complaint Number: 16-52468

Type of Incident: Harassing Telephone Calls

Supervisor Approval: Lt Gates

Reporting Officer: Detective W Marks

Narrative:

On October 20, 2016, a Kentwood Citizen (who will remain unnamed and be identified only as "Caller") contacted the Kentwood Police Department to file a harassing telephone call complaint. The Caller described the following events leading up to the threatening telephone call:

The Kentwood City Commission is currently working to develop a plan to rebuild Wing Avenue between 52nd Street and 60th Street. On October 17, 2016, the Caller contacted each of the Kentwood City Commissioners by telephone to discuss their individual stance on the project and voice objection to the purposed plan. Among the Commissioners called that evening was Commissioner Steven Redmond who also works for the Michigan Department of Transportation as a Planner. The Caller described Redmond as hostile, often yelling, and the Caller eventually hung up.

The following evening the caller attended a public meeting hosted by the City of Kentwood to publicly discuss the Wing Avenue project. The next afternoon, Wednesday, October 19, the caller received a telephone call from an unfamiliar number and answered to a male voice on the other end who made a threatening statement. Law Enforcement identified the location the call was placed from and obtained video surveillance showing Commissioner Redmond placing the call.

On December 6, 2016 the Kent County Prosecutor's Office authorized a single count warrant for Redmond for Malicious use of Telecommunications. Redmond turned himself in on December 9, 2016 and was released on a \$100 cash surety bond. His arraignment is scheduled for December 16, 2016 at 8:30 AM in the 61st District Court.

Anyone with information, including additional victims, are asked to call the Kent County Sheriff Department at 616-632-6357 or Silent Observer at 616-774-2345.