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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 2/27/18
Complaint Number: 17-258013
Type of Incident: Bomb Threat
Reporting Deputy: Det. Thome
Supervisor Approval: Sgt. Cammenga

On November 28, 2017 around 3:30 p.m. the Kent County Sheriff's Office responded to the Target Store located at 1925 Market Place Dr. in Gaines Township on the report of a bomb threat. A phone call was received by Target employees indicating they had eight minutes to evacuate the building before a bomb would blow up.

The Target store and the adjacent store, Staples, were evacuated. The Kent County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of the Michigan State Police conducted a search of the buildings and were not able to locate any suspicious packages.

Investigators were able to determine where the phone call originated. The suspect, Victoria Smith, confessed to making the bomb threat in order to divert attention from a retail fraud she was committing. The Kent County Prosecutor's Office charged Victoria Smith with making a false report of a bomb threat. She is currently in custody at the Kent County Correctional Facility being held on a \$10,000 bond.