

Sheriff's Office Responds to False SWAT Call

February 27, 2012

The Hall County Sheriff's Office is investigating a false bomb threat/hostage call that occurred in South Hall this afternoon.

On February 27, 2012, at approximately 2:40 PM, Hall County 911 received an AT&T relay call, which is a method for hearing or speech impaired persons to communicate via computer text message with AT&T operators, who then place a regular telephone call on the caller's behalf.

In this case, the AT&T relay operator advised 911 personnel that multiple people with guns had entered a residence in the 5300 block of Union Church Road, and that multiple people were inside the house, possibly being held hostage. The alleged 'caller' also advised that he had an explosive device attached to himself and he was underneath the house.

Deputies and Investigators made contact with the occupants of the home and after moving them to a safe location, determined that no one else was inside the house. Members of the Hall County Sheriff's Office SWAT team and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team responded to the scene and cleared the residence, finding no evidence of criminal activity and no dangerous devices.

The incident remains under investigation by the Hall County Sheriff's Office, Criminal Investigations Division.