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PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, March 23, 2018, at approximately 1001, hours the Warren County Sheriff's Office was notified by the Phillipsburg Police Department that a subject, identified as Nelson A. Martinez, made a threat, by telephone, that he was going to kill a judge in 44 minutes.

The Warren County Sheriff's Office had known information that Martinez had made threats from Tuesday, March 21st through Friday March 23rd 2018. On Tuesday, a threat was made to his son's mother. On Wednesday, threats were made to the Department of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP). On Thursday, threats were made to the DCPP, the Warren County State Judiciary Offices and the Phillipsburg Police Department. On Friday, threats were made to the DCPP and the Warren County State Judiciary Offices.

The courthouse was immediately placed on a lockdown and numerous law enforcement agencies were contacted in regards to the threat since no specific judge was named.

The Belvidere Police Department placed the Belvidere Schools in Shelter Mode due to the close proximity to the courthouse.

On Friday, March 23rd, Martinez had made several calls to the DCPP and the NJ State Probation Office, making threats to kill several people, then kill himself if his demands were not met.

At approximately 1235 hours, Martinez was taken into custody in Easton, PA by a US Marshall Service Agent.

Officers from Warren County Local Law Enforcement agencies including; the Phillipsburg Police Department, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, the Warren County Correctional Center, the Warren County Communications Center, the New Jersey State Police, the U.S. Marshall's Office, the NJ State Judiciary Offices, Easton Police Department and the Pennsylvania State Police assisted with this incident.