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RABUN COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR MAKING THREATENING PHONE CALL

GAINESVILLE, GA - THOMAS NARRON Sr., 44, of Rebecca, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Court Judge William C. O'Kelley on a charge of making threatening communications.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said of today's sentencing, "Anyone who attempts or threatens to bomb a business is a danger to the community. A large chain store is often crowded and a threat against it poses a significant danger that must be investigated. We take such threats seriously and those responsible may find themselves in federal prison, as is the case with this defendant."

"ATF takes a dim view of those who attempt to use the fear of criminal bombings to create an atmosphere of anxiety and panic," said Special Agent in Charge Gregory K. Gant of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' Atlanta Field Division. "Intimidating threats of violence have no place in our society and this was a waste of valuable public safety resources. Thankfully, no one was injured."

NARRON was sentenced to 2 years in prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release and fined \$1,000. NARRON pleaded guilty to the charges on October 24, 2008.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: NARRON made calls to a WalMart store in Rabun County, Georgia and to employees of the WalMart. In his calls he impersonated a federal officer who was looking for an employee, and then made a call to the same WalMart indicating that there was a pipe bomb in the parking lot of the store. WalMart immediately evacuated the store.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Assistance on this case was provided by investigators from the United States Forest Service and the Rabun County Sheriff's Office.

Assistant United States Attorney Stephanie Gabay-Smith prosecuted the case.

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