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Man in Custody for Threatening to Kill People at Coggs Center



Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff's detectives investigated a phone threat made to an employee at the Marcia Coggs Human Services Center, 1220 W. Vliet Street, yesterday at about 4:30 p.m. The social services facility serves hundreds of clients daily for BadgerCare, FoodShare and a variety of government services for the poor, the elderly and the hungry.

The call taker reported that the caller threatened to shoot up the agency the next day. Detectives arrested Anthony Davis, age 54, of Milwaukee, after he admitted making the call because he was upset that his FoodShare benefits had been revoked. He was booked into the County Correctional Facility-Central for Unauthorized Use of a Telephone (Statute 947.012), a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail. Davis has an extensive criminal history that includes convictions for burglary, battery, carrying a concealed weapon, resisting/obstructing an officer, false imprisonment, possession of THC, manufacture of cocaine, and felon in possession of a firearm.

Sheriff David Clarke Jr. said, "This able-bodied goof has grown to see government assistance as a right that under no circumstances should ever be reviewed and changed. His 'society owes him something' mindset will change when prosecutors start charging these cases aggressively, and the Milwaukee County judiciary starts handing out max sentences upon conviction for this threatening behavior. Milwaukee County should not have to struggle with the decision of whether to shut the building down every time some idiot phones in a threat."

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