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POLICE RECOVER EXPLOSIVES DURING SEARCH WARRANT

The Ocean City Fire Marshal's Office, assisted by the Ocean City Police Department, executed a search and seizure warrant last night at a residence on 138th Street.

The Fire Marshal's Office obtained an arrest warrant for Norman Arnold III after receiving a complaint that Arnold threatened to "set fire" or "blow up" a vehicle belonging to another person.

Members of the Fire Marshal's Bomb Squad found and confiscated materials used to manufacture destructive devices while serving the warrant. The materials included pvc pipes with affixed end caps filled with gun powder, pre-drilled for a possible fuzing system, a 1 gallon container of gun powder, several lengths of pvc pipe, an additional pre-drilled end cap, and a spool of hobby fuse.

Investigators are not certain at this time what Arnold's intentions were for using these items. The Fire Marshal's Office is continuing the investigation and further charges are pending.

Arnold was charged with one count of Threat of Arson by Setting Fire, and one count of Threat of Arson by Exploding a Destructive Device. Both are felonies and carry a maximum of 10 years in prison for each offense.

Arnold is being held at the Worcester County Jail on \$25,000 bond.

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