PINE HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT:	**False Public Alarm**	**DATE/TIME:**	**01/06/2014 2:54pm**
LOCATION:	**220 West Branch Avenue**	**CASE #:**	**2014000176**

On January 6, 2014 at 2:54pm Pine Hill Officers were dispatched to 220 West Branch Avenue for the report of a male holding handgun to a female's head in the 500 building of the Mansions Apartments. As initial responding Officers were searching the area, a male called 9-1-1 and reported he had the Pine Hill Officers "on scope" and he was going to "blow the cops' heads off". Officers continued securing the area and residents, during which time the male called 9-1-1 a second time and stated he would shoot at the Officers and a female if they did not leave the complex.

The telephone used was determined to be a cellular phone, only capable and dialing 9-1-1 and not capable of receiving in-coming calls. Officers from the Clementon, Pine Valley, Berlin Boro and Gloucester Twp. Police Departments responded to assist. The residents of the Mansions Apartments were advised to "shelter-in-place" during the incident for their safety. All residents unable to return to their homes were relocated to the Community Center of the Mansions Apartments. Coordination with the Pine Hill School District was established for an alternate drop-off/pick-up point and students who remained at the school were reunified with their parent/guardian as part of the coordinated reunification plan.

All apartments in three buildings within the complex were secured by the investigating Officers, but neither a victim nor the caller was located. The Pine Hill Police Department Detective Bureau is attempting to identify the suspect responsible for creating the false public alarm. Anyone with information regarding this incident or the suspect's identity is asked to contact D/Sgt. Robert Smuda of the Pine Hill Police Department at 856-783-1549 x 316 or rsmuda@pinehillpd.com. Information may also be emailed to confidential@pinehillpd.com

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01/06/2014 10:00pm	Chief Christopher Winters	Chief Christopher Winters

INVESTIGATING OFFICERS	D/Sgt. Robert Smuda

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