



Felony Charge for Threatening Public Safety

Steamboat Springs Community Swiftly Reports Threat

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-March 27, 2020- Steamboat Springs Police Department received numerous reports after a Steamboat Springs resident posted a video inciting harm to others on social media Wednesday, March 25.

SSPD officers were actively looking into the matter once the video first appeared online. In addition, numerous residents also contacted the department concerning the post. The publicly posted video contained direct threats against vulnerable populations and specifically encouraged the spread of COVID19.

Jonathan Perez, age 23 from Steamboat Springs, was issued a felony summons to appear in Routt County District Court on charges of Inciting Destruction of Life or Property, a class 6 felony.

“Our community vigilance to public safety threats is commendable. This type of behavior is alarming and dangerous; it will not be tolerated.” commented Police Commander Annette Dopplick. “I am proud to be part of a community that values the wellness of all of our citizens.”

With the current statewide Stay At Home order in effect for the coronavirus, the SSPD is receiving an increasing number of reports from the public on violations of the order. Please know that timely notification is important to effective police response.

To report a non-emergency incident, contact Routt County Dispatch’s non-emergency number at 970.879.1110. It’s imperative that 911 be used only for emergencies.

All charges are merely accusations and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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