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Auburndale Police Detectives Arrest Woman in Series of Bomb Threats at Walmart

An arrest has been made in four recent bomb threats at Walmart located at 2120 Hwy 92 West in Auburndale. The bomb threats began on August 12, 2009 at 9:10am, with the last three occurring within the last week. September 13, 2009 at 11:50am, September 14, 2009 at 1200pm and September 15, 2009 at 1:13pm.

Arrested is Carmen Lynn Collins, W/F date of birth 11-21-1980 of 3028 Robert Avenue Apt. F in Auburndale. Collins was employed by Walmart at the time of each bomb threat. Detectives were able to obtain the cell phone account holder that led to identifying the user, Collins. She denied making the bomb threat calls and said that she was working at the Walmart when the threats were made. Collins was in possession of the cell phone at the time of her arrest.

Walmart and police evacuated the store for a couple of hours after each threat was received. Bomb detecting K-9's were brought in to assist with the search, each resulting in no bombs or devices located. As a result of the store being evacuated, Walmart has a loss of property with perishable foods being left by customers in shopping carts when evacuated.

During the investigation it was discovered Collins had stolen and activated a gift card for \$100.00 on 9-15-2009 about two hours prior to making the last bomb threat call.

Collins is charged with:

- 4 – counts Making False Bomb Threat, 2nd degree felony each count
- 4 – counts Resisting Arrest without Violence
- 1 – count Petit Theft

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