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PRESS RELEASE

Incident: Terrorizing
Case Number: VC-16-00774
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On 09-28-16, at approximately 1030 hours, Robert Drake, age 63, of Barnes County, ND, contacted Valley City, City Administrator David Schelkoph at his office. Drake issued a verbal complaint about the conduct of Commissioner Rick Ross over Ross' alleged interfering with the business transactions of Drake and Drake's business associates. During this conversation Drake made repeated threats to harm Ross.

Schelkoph tried to calm Drake and suggested that Drake speak to Ross in an effort to clear up whatever problem there was. Schelkoph notified Ross and Ross then called Drake. During this conversation Drake made direct and repeated threats to physically harm Ross.

VCPD was notified and initiated an investigation into these events. Witnesses were contacted and statements obtained from not only Ross and Schelkoph, in addition to VCSU personnel who witnessed Drake's statements while Drake was at VCSU attempting to locate Ross.

VCPD submitted for, and received, a Warrant of Arrest for Drake for North Dakota Century Code 12.1-17-04, Terrorizing which was authorized on 09-30-16. Drake was taken into custody without incident by the Barnes County Sheriff's Office and transported to the Barnes County Corrections Center for booking.

VCPD is requesting that anyone with any information on this case to contact us at (701) 845-3110.