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Springfield, Clark County Officials Respond Swiftly to Threat by Former Employee

SPRINGFIELD, OH (April 9, 2018) — Officials with the City of Springfield and Clark County launched a prompt investigation in response to a former City employee who threatened to release harmful gas to the community.

Officials with the Springfield Police Division, Clark County Sheriff's Office, Division of State Fire Marshal, City of Springfield Service Department, and Clark County Prosecutor's Office commenced the coordinated probe following the threat April 6.

Scott E. Moody, 48, was formerly employed at the Springfield Water Treatment Plant. Moody's employment was terminated in 2017. On April 6, the Division of State Fire Marshal reported that Moody had contacted them by phone about the water facilities and oversight, then received an email from Moody in which he threatened to release chlorine gas from the water treatment plant.

"We take any threat to the community very seriously. We gave this incident our immediate attention, and I can't begin to express my appreciation for the work that City and Clark county employees did in safely addressing this threat," said Springfield City Manager Jim Bodenmiller.

Moody was arrested on charges of making terroristic threats.