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Media Release

Arrest in Pacific Center Crimes

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Berkeley, California (Friday, February 16, 2007) - Berkeley Police Department (BPD) Homicide Detectives are satisfied to report that the suspect in a series of crimes against the Pacific Center is now in the Berkeley jail. The Pacific Center, a center that serves the Lesbian Gay Bi-sexual & Transgender (LGBT) community had been the recipient of a series of alarming e-mails and the victim of vandalism in recent weeks. Darren Scott, a 32-year-old City of Clayton resident, was identified via an Internet screen name and an email address. Detectives served a search warrant of a computer that enabled them to confirm Scott's identity.

Staff from the Pacific Center first called BPD on January 27th after receiving an email with reference to violence. BPD beat officers who work the area of the center learned of the email and had heightened concern at the possibility of the potential for a serious hate crime. Staff became increasingly alarmed when the emails progressed to death threats against staff and their children. On February 3rd, the front glass door of the center was shattered and a man generally matching Scott's description was seen nearby.

City of Concord Police detained Scott on an unrelated matter in their city. BPD picked him up today, transported him to the Berkeley jail where he was booked for violation of 422PC - Terrorist/Death Threats and 594PC - Vandalism. His bail is set at \$12,500.

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