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OVER 240 FALSE ALARM CALLS TO DALLAS 911 RESULT IN APPREHENSION OF SUSPECT

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City forces are already tasked, and when a person adds an enormous burden of false calls to the already busy apparatus, the cost to the city is great - not only in fuel used and personnel time but in delayed response for citizens who truly have an emergency. The records show the suspect began making false calls from various phone numbers to three specific locations in South Oak Cliff and West Dallas, where he was harassing relatives who he was angry with. He was having the Police and Rescues respond to approximately 235 false calls. He then began calling for fire apparatus. Arson Investigators obtained copies of the four 911 calls to 911 and played them for witnesses at the three locations who were able to positively identify the suspect. Warrants were issued for the suspect and then he made three more calls over the weekend. On the third call, the investigators were able to enlist the aid of the Battalion Chief to go to the suspects' location and hold him for their arrival. The suspect was arrested and is awaiting trial.

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