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***ALL INDIVIDUALS LISTED AS ARRESTED OR ISSUED A CITATION ARE
INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW***

INDIANA WOMAN ARRESTED FOR FALSE ALARM



An Elkhart, Indiana woman has been charged in connection with an incident that occurred on Thursday afternoon, October 17, 2019. At approximately 1:53 P.M., Effingham Police Department received a report of a suspicious subject at Fifth Third Bank, 200 E. Jefferson Avenue. A female, later identified as Diana L. Keen, 58, reportedly gave a package to a teller while acting suspiciously; she subsequently left without identifying herself or doing business with the bank. Due to the nature of Keen's demeanor, employees of the bank notified authorities and evacuated the building. Officers observed Keen a few minutes later and detained her for questioning.

As a precaution, officers blocked the public from accessing the immediate surrounding area. Effingham Police Department was assisted in the investigation by Effingham County Sheriff's Department, Effingham Fire Department, and Secretary of State Police Bomb Squad. Bomb technicians X-rayed the package before opening it, and a bomb canine searched the area; no harmful materials were located. The area was opened back up to the public at approximately 6:00 P.M.

Keen was arrested and is currently being held at Effingham County Jail awaiting a bond hearing on a single charge of Disorderly Conduct – False Alarm, which is a Class 3 Felony.

Chief Jason McFarland praised the swift response and teamwork of all involved, "Employees immediately called police, which allowed our officers to locate the suspect within minutes of notification. Because of the serious, unique nature of the threat, additional resources were called in to assist in the investigation. Excellent teamwork was displayed by all the agencies working together for the common goal of mitigating the situation and eliminating any potential harm to



citizens. We are confident this individual was acting alone, and do not believe there are any additional threats to the community associated with this incident.”

If you see it, say it! The Effingham Police Department encourages you to call the Police Department immediately at 217-347-0774 to report suspicious activity in your neighborhood or business district. Information can be given anonymously by calling the CRIME STOPPERS Tip Line at 217-347-6583. Anonymous callers can receive up to \$1,000 cash rewards.