

# NEWS RELEASE

## Winter Park Police Department

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### Communications Tower Incident

On Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at approximately 1500 hours, the Winter Park Police Department (WPPD) Crisis Negotiations Team responded to an incident on the communications tower located at the 1900 block of Palmer Avenue, in regards to a male subject who had climbed the tower. The subject was later identified as Richard Christopher Smith, a white, male, born 3/18/1986 (38 yoa). The Crisis Negotiations Team communicated with Mr. Smith for several hours, working towards a peaceful resolution.

On May 10, 2024, at approximately 0320 hours, Mr. Smith climbed down the tower. He was charged with the criminal violation of Burglary to an unoccupied structure, Criminal Mischief over \$1,000 and trespassing. This was an isolated incident with no immediate threats to the community.



Richard Christopher Smith  
DOB 3/18/1986

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