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MACOMB, IL – False Fire Alarms and Suspected Cocaine

On 01/23/2024 at approximately 11:05 pm, Macomb Police officers were dispatched to Eisenhower Tower 322 W. Piper St. for a disorderly conduct complaint in which the suspect, later identified as Rolando Carter, was banging on walls and activated the fire alarm in the building. Minutes earlier, Carter was involved in a domestic complaint in which his partner was arrested.

As the residents of Eisenhower Towers were vacating the property, some with limited mobility, officers gathered evidence, reviewed video, and ultimately arrested Carter for the false fire alarm. Carter allegedly made statements about burning the building down.

Carter also had a significant amount of controlled substance in his pocket. Carter was brought to the Jail for booking and was to be released on his citations. Carter would not cooperate with booking procedures and was placed in a holding cell.

Macomb Police and Fire Chiefs agree pulling the fire alarm is a serious offense and consumes valuable civic resources. Macomb Police wish to thank the staff at the Housing Authority of McDonough County for their quick and well-trained efforts in assisting residents and police with this investigation.

All parties are presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law.

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