



# SHELTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## \*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*

### Man arrested for False Armed Robbery Complaint

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By: Detective Richard Bango

On 07/13/2017, 20 year old Thomas Owen responded to the Shelton Police Department to file an armed robbery complaint against a Shelton man. Owen stated that he was robbed at knife point by the man and gave a sworn written statement and picked the man out of a line up. Shelton detectives investigated the claim and during the investigation it was revealed that 47 year old Philip Prokop of Seymour and his mother, paid Owen to file the complaint. During the investigation it was learned that Prokop was upset because his daughter was dating the accused Shelton man. Prokop then came up with a plan to have the boyfriend arrested for armed robbery in the hopes he would be arrested and subsequently sent to jail. Detectives learned that Prokop and his mother met with Owen and paid him cash then drove him to the Shelton Police Department to make the false complaint.



Prokop was arrested by the Shelton Police Department in 2012 for a similar incident where he paid people to beat up his daughter's juvenile enemies.

On 09/07/2017 Prokop was arrested and charged with Conspiracy to Commit/Giving a Statement 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. Prokop posted a \$5000.00 bond and was given a 09/21/2017 Derby Superior court date.

Additional arrests are expected in the case.

*\*\*\*The charges in the press release are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty\*\*\**

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