

CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS



**POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

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Arrest of Public Interest

Desert Hot Springs, July 7, 2022:

On June 28, 2022, Desert Hot Springs Police and the Riverside County Child Exploitation Team executed a search warrant at an address in the 64000 block of Van Horn Mountains Street in Desert Hot Springs, regarding an investigation into the possession and dissemination of child sexual abuse material on the internet. William Yaple (28) of Desert Hot Springs was placed under arrest in connection with the case and is in custody.

During the operation, Lawrence Yaple (56) of Desert Hot Springs was detained for investigation. He was subsequently released, however, returned to the police station where he threatened officers and caused a disturbance in the lobby. As a result of the incident, a warrant for his arrest was issued that same day by a judge for charges including making criminal threats, vandalism and felony resisting/obstructing police. Yaple then began sending threatening emails and messages over several days to officers involved in the investigation. A second warrant was issued for his arrest for PC 136.1 – Dissuading a witness.

On July 7, 2022, the US Marshals Fugitive Task Force, comprised of members of the Riverside County District Attorney's Office Gang Impact Team, served a search and arrest warrant in Desert Hot Springs and took Lawrence Yaple into custody. He was later booked into the Riverside County Jail in Indio.

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