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Assault Weapon Arrest Made after Community Tip Received

San Diego – On December 5, 2019, 30-year-old Steven Homoki was placed under arrest and booked into San Diego County Jail for possession of an assault weapon, possession of a high capacity magazine and child endangerment. The arrest was a joint effort between federal and local authorities and originated with a tip from the community.

On Monday, December 2, 2019, the San Diego Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), received a tip concerning very distressing YouTube videos threatening firearm violence linked to San Diego. An Investigation was initiated by the JTTF that day and over the course of the next 48 hours, Steven Homoki was identified as person responsible for the videos. A search warrant was obtained for his residence in Spring Valley, California. On December 5, 2019, the search warrant was served and Homoki was arrested without incident. Several firearms were seized from the residence.

San Diego FBI Special-Agent-In-Charge Scott Brunner stated the following:

“This investigation exemplifies how the San Diego Joint Terrorism Task Force works every day to address violent threats to the people and institutions of San Diego. The extraordinarily swift investigative efforts put forth by the dedicated Agents and Officers of the San Diego JTTF quickly identified, located and arrested Mr. Homoki, preventing further incident. This exemplary result embodies the very essence of what the Joint Terrorism Task Force can achieve. Just three days ago Mr. Homoki was an unknown poster of disturbing videos and is now behind bars, his threats neutralized. This investigation is a truly extraordinary accomplishment. “

This arrest is an example of a community member coming forward with information that posed an immediate threat to San Diegans. The San Diego Police Department would like to thank the community for their shared efforts to keep everyone safe.

Homoki is due to be arraigned in San Diego Superior Court on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

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