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Police tracked Dec. call, phone to cell of a man serving a life sentence

MILTON, Ga. - An inmate in the Georgia State Prison system has been charged in connection with threats against Milton's Mayor following an exhaustive, months-long investigation by Milton Police.

Eric Elam, 30, faces two charges of Terroristic Threats and Acts – one directed at Milton Mayor Peyton Jamison and the other towards Georgia Governor Brian Kemp. Both stem from a phone call made on December 16, 2023, that authorities determined came from a mobile phone inside a Georgia State Prison. The phone used to place that call was later located in Elam's prison cell.



The charges against Elam do not preclude others being arrested and charged in connection with this threat as well as another, similar one made last fall against the Mayor and his family. Milton Police are actively working to determine if a connection exists between these two threats.

Milton Police believe that Elam – who is serving a life sentence, according to the [Georgia Department of Corrections website](#) – did not have any independent motive to make the threats on his own. Rather, it is presumed other individuals and/or groups were behind the effort for yet to be determined reasons.

Authorities are working diligently to track down all those responsible and bring them to justice.

After last December's call, Milton Police immediately launched an investigation to find out who was behind it. Probes like these into anonymous calls tend to be

complicated by numerous challenges, including the varied capabilities of modern technology like spoofing numbers, and they rarely lead to charges.

Even so, detectives managed to tie together several threads that led them to Elam's phone and, ultimately, to his prison cell. Milton Police Chief Jason Griffin lauded the Georgia Department of Corrections for their valuable assistance in this case.

"Crimes like this in the cybercrime underworld and 'dark web' are typically very hard to investigate," Griffin said. "Yet our smart, dedicated detectives – in conjunction with the Department of Corrections – bucked the odds and determined the source of this threat."

Mayor Peyton Jamison thanked Milton Police for their relentless, effective work that led to them to Elam and the charges against him.

"It's a great comfort to myself and my family to know that we have the Milton Police protecting and supporting not just us, but our entire city," Jamison said. "I know this investigation is ongoing, but I could not be prouder of what our officers have done thus far or more confident they will continue to work hard to find all those responsible."

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