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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Twin Brothers Arrested for Winter Break  
Bombs in Chester and Lancaster Counties**

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan, the Pennsylvania State Police, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF") announced the arrest of twin brothers Daniel and Caleb Tate for setting off improvised explosive devices. The defendants exploded the devices in five separate locations in Chester County and Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, destroying multiple buildings.

District Attorney Hogan stated, "We live in a world where the thought of bombs exploding around us is a very real fear. These defendants brought that fear to our region during a two-week crime spree where they detonated multiple IEDs. The Pennsylvania State Police and ATF did an outstanding job investigating this case and discovering who was responsible."

Daniel and Caleb Tate are twin brothers, 22 years old. They reside at 2 Linmar Road, Cochranville, PA. Daniel Tate currently is a student at Pepperdine University in California. Caleb Tate is a student at Belmont University in Tennessee.

The facts alleged in the criminal complaint/affidavit are as follows:<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> A criminal defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

In December of 2015, the defendants were home from school on winter break. The defendants constructed bombs out of various materials, including metal pipes, fuel containers, propane canisters, propane torch tips, and other items.

On December 20, 2015, the defendants started by blowing up a mailbox at 200 S. Friends Meetinghouse Road, Highland Township, Chester County. On December 22, 2015, the defendants detonated an IED in a wooded area in the 1800 block of Faggs Manor Road, Londonderry Township, Chester County. The defendants then escalated into detonating the bombs in buildings.

On December 30, 2015, the defendants exploded a pipe bomb in an Amish phone shed at 328 Bartville Road, Colerain Township, Lancaster County. An Amish phone shed or phone shanty is an enclosed building containing a phone used jointly by multiple Amish families, who do not permit phones in their homes. The phone shed was badly damaged.

On December 31, 2015, the defendants detonated an IED in an Amish produce shed at 905 May Post Office Road, Strasburg Township, Lancaster County. The shed was damaged in the explosion.

Later in the day of December 31, 2015, the defendants detonated another bomb in a well pump shed at 918 Ross Fording Road, West Fallowfield Township, Chester County. The building was destroyed.

No people were in any of the buildings when the explosions took place. The detonations could have injured or killed anybody who was present. The explosions generally happened in the early morning hours.

The Pennsylvania State Police and ATF investigated the bombings. The explosions took place in a tight cluster, within 12 miles in a rural area. Investigators then discovered video of the defendants shoplifting the materials for the IEDs from local stores. The defendants also charged some of the supplies to a debit/credit card in one defendant's name. Further investigation revealed more video evidence of the defendants purchasing the bomb material from a store in the area. In addition, investigators were able to match Daniel Tate's finger print from electrical tape recovered at one of the explosion scenes.

The defendants are charged with arson by explosion, arson by possession of explosive devices, conspiracy, theft, and related charges.

Pennsylvania State Police Captain Maurice Tomlinson stated, "The Pennsylvania State Police will continue to work with our community members and our federal and local partners to rid our community of such crimes. Working together, we will make sure persons willing to commit these acts get prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. We thank everyone involved in the investigation to date and greatly appreciate the collaborative efforts all agencies involved in this case."

ATF Special Agent in Charge Sam Rabadi stated, "Improvised explosive devices are not harmless fire crackers. They are dangerous, destructive, and can be very deadly. ATF will continue to work together with our state and local partners to protect the public we serve by investigating and arresting those who criminally misuse explosives."

This case is assigned to Deputy District Attorney Tom Ost-Prisco. Anybody with information should contact Trooper Jerry Harper of the Troop J Fire Marshal Unit at (717) 299-7650.

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Approved for release:

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