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## Capitol Police case results in threatening conviction

**RICHMOND** – An investigation by the Division of Capitol Police has resulted in the conviction of a man for threatening a state employee.

Mark R. Wines, 53, of Marshall, was convicted Tuesday in Richmond General District Court on a single count of use of profane, threatening or indecent language over public airways, a Class 1 misdemeanor.

According to the terms of a plea agreement, Wines entered a guilty plea to the charge, and he was sentenced to 12 months behind bars, with the entire term suspended for three years. Wines also was ordered to have no contact with state or local government agencies via telephone or email and limit his contacts to in person, by mail or through an agent.

"Capitol Police want to assure Commonwealth of Virginia employees that we will not tolerate anyone making threats against them, whether those threats are intended to intimidate or lead to physical harm," said Col. Anthony S. Pike, the division's chief. "We will investigate all such matters and work with prosecutors to bring those responsible to justice."

Capitol Police said that on Jan. 29, Wines was on the telephone with a Capitol Square operator when he directed an expletive at the employee and threatened to "come down there with a ... shotgun." The operator terminated the call before Wines could finish speaking.

Capitol Police traced the call to Wines, who was arrested May 1.



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