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Carver County Sheriff Jim Olson reports that on 3/1/2018 deputies began an investigation into a suspicious incident involving email correspondence between "Jacob" and City of Norwood Young America (NYA) officials. The email content related to allegations of harassment by City of NYA officials against "Mr. Walker" as discussed on a national radio show.

During the investigation and receiving context to the email, deputies learned Troy Walker of 2XX Casper St, NYA, MN, had received notice that the condition of his property was in violation of city nuisance ordinances and directed him to bring the property into compliance. Walker brought the property into compliance with the ordinances and received written certification of compliance from city officials in July of 2017.

On March 14, 2018, Walker provided deputies with a suspicious email he asserts was written by a city official. Deputies investigating the matter determined Walker's suspicious email, as well as the email from "Jacob" to city officials, had in fact been sent through Walker's own IP address, suggesting the email had come through Walker's own computer(s).

On April 27, 2018, deputies served a search warrant at 2XX Casper St., NYA, MN. Deputies seized computers, tablets, and data storage tools (e.g., thumb drive), which will be examined for evidence related to the suspicious emails.

This matter remains under investigation by the Carver County Sheriff's Office.

If you need assistance from police, fire or medical personnel call 9-1-1. Anyone with information related to this incident or any crime is asked to contact the Carver County Sheriff's Office at 952-361-1231or use the tip line 952-361-1224. Our tip form is at <u>http://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/county-sheriff/crime-prevention/crime-tips</u>