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Former Delran Emergency Squad Chief Faces Criminal Charges

Burlington County Prosecutor Scott Coffina announced that the former chief of the Delran Emergency Squad was arrested today on Insurance Fraud and related charges for working without an active Emergency Medical Technician certification and altering records to allow the agency to bill for their services.

Donald Horner, 66, of the 2400 block of Beverly Road, was charged with Insurance Fraud (Second Degree), Computer Criminal Activity (Second Degree), Tampering with Witnesses (Second Degree), Terroristic Threats (Third Degree), Theft by Deception (Third Degree), Attempted Theft by Deception (Third Degree), Hindering Apprehension (Third Degree), Tampering with Public Records (Third Degree), Alteration of Medical Records (Fourth Degree), Tampering with Records (Third Degree) and Obstructing the Administration of Law (Fourth Degree).

Horner had an initial appearance today in Superior Court in Mount Holly. He was not detained, but was ordered to surrender his passport and firearms.

The investigation revealed that Horner's EMT certification expired on December 31, 2016. Horner was found to have altered reports on 27 subsequent occasions when he served as a crew member. This was done to conceal the fact that an uncertified EMT participated in those transports, which would have disallowed the squad from billing for those services.

In June 2018, after investigators with the New Jersey Department of Health, Office of Emergency Management received information about the fraud and arrived at the Chester Avenue squad to investigate, Horner threatened their lives.

The State subsequently suspended the squad's license to operate, and Horner resigned a short time later. The squad has petitioned to have its license restored. The township is contracting with neighboring municipalities to provide emergency services until the matter is resolved.

Horner will be prosecuted by Assistant Prosecutor Josh Dennis, supervisor of the BCPO Insurance Fraud Unit. The investigation is being conducted by the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office Insurance Fraud Unit. The lead investigator is BCPO Detective Steve Laramie.

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