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NEWARK – A Newark man pleaded guilty today to phoning in false bomb threats targeting the Hoboken PATH Station, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

Miguel Reyes, 32, pleaded guilty to a one-count Information before U.S. District Court Judge William H. Walls, which charges him with making false threats concerning malicious damage to and bombing of a public place and transportation system. Judge Walls continued the defendant's detention without bail pending sentencing, which is scheduled for Aug. 21. Reyes has been held without bail since he was charged in a federal criminal Complaint that was signed on Dec 1, 2006.

During his plea hearing, Reyes admitted that on three dates, Oct. 18, 20, and Nov. 2, 2006, he placed telephone calls to 911 during which he stated either that there was going to be an explosion in the Hoboken PATH Station or that a bomb was going to explode in the Hoboken PATH Station. Reyes further admitted that he knew this information was false when he reported the bomb threats.

The charge carries a statutory maximum penalty of five years and a \$250,000 fine.

Christie credited FBI Special Agents in Newark and the Joint Terrorism Task Force in New Jersey, under the direction of Acting Special Agent in Charge Pedro Ruiz, for their work in the investigation leading to the charges against Reyes.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Andrew Kogan of the U.S. Attorney's Office Terrorism Unit in Newark.

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Defense Counsel: Lorraine Gauli-Rufo, Esq. Asst. Federal Public Defender