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Prosecutor issues charges on hazing incident

MT. PLEASANT, Mich. – On March 3, 2017, the Mt. Pleasant Police Department began an investigation into a hazing incident that took place in October of 2016. The incident transpired in the 600 block of S. Main Street at a non-recognized fraternity with no affiliation to Central Michigan University.

The complaint alleges Dale Merza, a 20-year-old man from Rochester Hills, smeared peanut butter on the face of a 19-year-old Marysville man. The victim is severely allergic to peanuts. The peanut butter caused his face to become swollen and he sought medical treatment. An investigation was completed and a report was turned over to the Isabella County Prosecutor's Office.

A warrant was issued for Merza's arrest on charges of Hazing-resulting in physical injury, a 93-day misdemeanor. Merza turned himself in on April 7, 2017. Bond was set at \$5,000/ten percent.

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