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Charges Issued for Oakdale High School Bomb Threat

Charges Include Threat of Mass Violence

FREDERICK, Md. (Aug. 18, 2022) – At approximately 7:28 a.m. today, a Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) School Resource Officer (SRO) at Oakdale High School received notification of a threat of violence made to the Oakdale High School community. Throughout the building cell phone users received several images with text that alluded to a bomb threat imposed over the images, via Apple's AirDrop feature.

FCSO SRO's and detectives immediately started an investigation into the threats. The school was in "hold" status while the deputies and school administrators investigated and ultimately determined the threat was not credible. A "hold" status means all students and staff remain in place until released by school or law enforcement authorities.

Throughout the course of the day SROs conducted multiple interviews and successfully identified a suspect, a male juvenile who is a student at the school. Deputies charged the suspect, via a juvenile referral, with Threats of Mass Violence and Disruption of School Activities.

Since the suspect is a juvenile, the FCSO will not release the name and any other identifying information. Additionally, Frederick County Public Schools may enact their own disciplinary actions.

"This behavior is never acceptable, it doesn't matter if it is the first or last day of school," said Sgt. Kevin Britt, FCSO SRO sergeant. "The Frederick County Sheriff's Office will not tolerate these threats of mass violence in or directed at our schools and children. We will continue to treat every threat seriously and criminally charge those responsible when appropriate."

If anyone has information about this incident, contact the FCSO at 301-600-1046.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is a full-service law enforcement agency, an arm of the court, and a keeper of offenders. In this regard, it exists to serve the more than 250,000 citizens of Frederick County with respect, fairness, and compassion. FCSO is committed to the prevention of crime; the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace and order; the enforcement of laws and ordinances; the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees; and safekeeping of prisoners. The men, women, and officers of this office nurture public trust by holding themselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. The FCSO is located at 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick, MD, 21701. Visit www.frederickcosheriff.com for more information.

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