



17-YEAR-OLD STUDENT ARRESTED FOR THREATS AND POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

June 4, 2022 – At approximately 1:55 AM, Menifee Police Department (MPD) officers received a call for service regarding a 17-year-old who was sending social media messages about shooting “up a school” and “kids.” Although the threats did not mention a specific school, it was discovered the 17-year-old was a senior at Heritage High School. Detectives were called in to assume the investigation. Perris Union School District was immediately notified and assisted our detectives with the investigation.

The initial investigation revealed that in addition to the threats of violence, the 17-year-old suspect had been harassing students and was in possession of a firearm.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for the suspect and his residence. Detectives located the suspect as he was returning home. The suspect was arrested without incident. A search of the suspect revealed he was in possession of a firearm commonly referred to as a “ghost gun” and a pair of brass knuckles. Detectives are attempting to determine how the suspect came to be in possession of the “ghost gun.”

The suspect was booked into custody at Riverside County Juvenile Hall on several charges including criminal threats, possession of brass knuckles, and possession of an unregistered firearm.

MPD wants the public to know that all threats, whether specific, implied, or otherwise, that cause fear in our community will not be tolerated. MPD is committed to using all available resources to ensure we hold the person(s) responsible for such threats accountable for their actions. These threats are disruptive to our school sites and require many hours of law enforcement investigation.

MPD will continue to collaborate with our schools to ensure they remain a safe environment for students and staff.

Our investigation is ongoing. If anyone has any information regarding this social media threat, please contact Detective Terrence York at 951-723-1543 or tyork@menifeepolice.org.

“Ghost Guns” are firearms that are created by assembling pieces, sold together in a kit or separately, to create a fully functioning firearm. These kits can be purchased without a background check and do not have serial numbers making them accessible to people who are legally prohibited from purchasing firearms, including minors. (<https://actionfund.sandyhookpromise.org>)

