



SOCIAL MEDIA THREAT DIRECTED AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

March 20, 2023 – At approximately 12:16 PM, Menifee Police Officers responded to Heritage High School regarding a school threat investigation. Staff members received information about multiple photos circulating on social media depicting threats of violence to both Heritage High School and Paloma Valley High School.

Officers quickly arrived on scene and were able to view the social media postings, which showed the same photo was being used to threaten both schools. Officers and staff worked to deem both campuses safe and to identify the person responsible for posting the threat. Within a couple hours, officers located the person they believed was responsible for posting the threats as a 15-year-old male, who was a former student of both high schools.

The investigation revealed that the 15-year-old male acted alone and the threats to both schools were determined not to be credible. His name is not being released because he is a juvenile. The investigation is ongoing, and MPD will continue to work closely with the schools as safety is our priority.

Although law enforcement has seen an increase in these types of posts around the region, MPD wants the public to know 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.

Parents, we encourage you to have conversations with your children regarding the severity of these types of threats and the importance of being responsible when using social media.

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