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SOCIAL MEDIA THREAT AT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Menifee, CA – At about 9:00 AM, the Menifee Police Department was notified about a concerning social media post that indicated a potential school shooting threat at Ethan A. Chase Middle School. In response, the school took immediate precautions by initiating a shelter-in-place hold to ensure the safety of its students and staff.

Officers and school staff worked to deem the campus was safe and began investigating the source of the threat. Within hours, officers were able to identify a former student believed to be responsible for the online threat and found the male juvenile no longer resided in the city.

After a thorough investigation, officers determined the threat was not credible and the school was not in any imminent danger. As a collaborative approach to ensuring the safety and well-being of all, the local law enforcement agency where the juvenile currently resides, his current school, and his parents were notified. The identity of the male is being withheld to protect their privacy as a juvenile.

The Menifee Police Department would like to remind the public that threats in our community will not be tolerated. We encourage parents to have conversations with their children about the severity of these types of threats and the importance of being responsible when using social media.

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