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## **School Bus Bomb Threat**

Today at approximately 7:00am, the Leon County Sheriff's Office was notified by a parent of an 8yoa Bucklake Elementary School student that he had been told by another 8yoa student, that a 9yoa student was going to make a bomb and put it on a Leon County school bus #3018. The bus driver was contacted prior to picking up any students and advised to stop the bus. The bus stopped at Mahan Drive and Daylily Road. Deputies arrived, searched the bus and found no explosive devices. Once the bus was cleared it continued its normal operation.

Leon County School Resource Deputies and School Administrators immediately began an investigation into this incident. All students involved were identified and interviewed. A 9yoa student advised that yesterday she told a friend she was going to put a bomb on the bus because it was late picking her up. The 9yoa said she did not intend to carry out the threat. A search of the student's home did not reveal any evidence that the student had made any attempts to make any explosive device or has any knowledge on how to construct an explosive device.

Due to the child's young age and lack of any evidence that the 9yoa had the ability to carry out the threat, no criminal charges will be pursued. Parents are encouraged to talk with their children about the importance of reporting any information they may have about potential violence at school. As in this case law enforcement and school officials will vigorously investigate any threat of violence on our school campuses and make a determination of the validity of the threat. Parents are also asked to talk to their children about the possible consequences of making threats of violence.



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