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School Resource Deputy Arrests Student for Social Media Threats

On Wednesday, September 7, a concerned parent contacted the School Resource Deputy for Lincoln High School regarding an online conversation between juveniles, that referred to violence at the school. The SRD immediately began an investigation to verify the information and identify the student involved.

The post was initially made on the social media platform Discord. The parent was able to provide the SRD with a copy of the post and notified him that the suspect who made the threat also claimed to have a firearm on school grounds.

The SRD was able to identify the suspect, as a 15-year-old Lincoln HS student, who was in class during this time. School administrators removed him from the classroom and after a search of his belongings, no weapons were found.

The student was taken into custody and transported to the Leon County Juvenile Assessment Center. He is charged with one count of Making a Written Threat to Conduct a Mass Shooting, which is a second-degree felony.

The investigation determined there is no active or credible threat to the school. LCSO has been in close contact with the Leon County Schools Safety and Security Staff to ensure the ongoing safety of our school campuses.

The Leon County Sheriff's Office would like to remind students and their parents that it is illegal to make threats of violence that may instill fear, even if there is no intention of causing violence or to do so as a practical joke. "We want to thank and applaud the parent who came forward and alerted the SRD, who responded quickly to investigate the report to ensure our teachers and students were safe," said Sheriff Walt McNeil. "These are severe offenses, and any individual who commits such acts will be charged accordingly."

If you see something of concern to school safety, please do not spread it, report it. Students, staff, or parents are encouraged to contact their School Resource Deputy, and school officials directly or use the Florida Fortify app to report their concerns.

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