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Two Students Arrested for Threatening Violence

The Leon County Sheriff's Office Youth Services Department responded to Governor's Charter Academy, located on Mahan Drive, in reference to possible threats made to shoot other students.

The school was staffed by troopers from the Florida Highway Patrol. School staff made them aware of two students, one 13 year old male and one 14 year old male, who had been using an internal school app to chat with other students and teachers. The troopers called LCSO to continue the investigation.

Teachers were able to see the chat and saw where one of the students mentioned wanting to commit a shooting "like the man that shot up Parkland High." The other student asked if he could "join the shooting."

No weapons were found with either student and there was no apparent plan in place to commit any violence.

Both students were charged with a felony, "Written Threats to Do Harm" (Florida Statute 836.10).

LCSO would like to remind students, parents and all citizens that every threat of school violence, written or otherwise, are taken seriously, in accordance with Florida state law.

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