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Incident Location: 1002 South Race Street, Urbana
Date/Time of Press Release: November 22, 2022 5:00 PM
Date/Time of Incident: November 7, 2022 7:00 AM



ARREST MADE TERRORIST THREATS UHS/UMS – URBANA

***** BACKGROUND FROM ORIGINAL PRESS RELEASE *****

On November 7, 2022, at about 7 AM, staff at UHS contacted The Urbana High School Police School Resource Officer concerning a threat from an unknown person who called the school's office. The caller mentioned that he was going to kill students by shooting them at the high school. He also mentioned pipe bombs. Urbana Police Officers responded to the scene to make contact with school officials. Throughout the next hour, several additional calls were made by an unknown male and female caller from different numbers, with similar terroristic threats. Out of an abundance of caution, the decision was made to cancel classes at UMS and UHS for the day, pending verifying the validity of the threats and investigation. UHS was immediately put on lockdown. Students, staff and buses that were en route, were re-directed to the predetermined reunification site. During the course of the incident, police later learned that a message was also left on the voicemail of the middle school by an unknown offender with similar threats.

***** UPDATE *****

On Tuesday, November 22, 2022, Urbana Police Detectives, along with FBI Agents and Officers from Chicago Police Department, executed a Champaign County Warrant of Apprehension for a 16-year-old female who was identified as one of the offenders in this case. The Warrant of Apprehension was secured by the Champaign County State's Attorney's Office following the joint investigation into the above-mentioned threats by the FBI and Urbana Police. The arrest was made in the 7000 Block of S. Wabash in Chicago. The juvenile was transported to the Champaign County Juvenile Detention Center, where she is awaiting further legal proceedings for Terroristic Threats.

Law enforcement officials are treating the threats via e-mail to Urbana High School on November 16th and 18th as separate incidents from the threats on November 7th and 9th. All of the threats are currently under joint investigation by the FBI and Urbana Police based on developing leads. Urbana Police believe that this is likely part of a larger national trend. As we believed in the last several weeks, we still believe that staff and children were not in imminent danger. That being said, we assess all matters related to safety concerns in our schools based on the information at hand and based on the totality of the circumstances. The school district,



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through long-standing security processes and procedures coupled with recent additions of weapons detection systems, has attempted to improve the security at Urbana High School.

Urbana Police ask that anyone who has additional information or video footage of the incident please contact police at 217-384-2320. Arrangements can be made for information to be shared privately. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may also submit tips to Crime Stoppers by phone at: 217-373-8477 (TIPS); online at 373tips.com; or the “P3 Tips” mobile app.

Citizens are reminded that information submitted to Crime Stoppers is completely anonymous. Calls are routed to a third-party national call center that receives your information, completes a tips information form, and then passes the information to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Caller ID tracking is not utilized by Crime Stoppers and conversations are not recorded.

Crime Stoppers will pay cash rewards of \$5,000 for tips that lead to an arrest in any homicide case, \$2,500 for tips leading to an arrest in a felony crime involving a firearm, and up to \$1,000 for tips leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for any other crime.

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