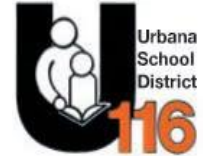




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## **ARREST - TERRORIST THREATS TO URBANA HIGH SCHOOL**

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Urbana School District 116 staff members began receiving threatening emails from an unknown person on Monday, November 28, 2022, and the threats continued through Wednesday, November 30, 2022. Multiple emails threatened violence to staff or students of Urbana High School (UHS), including a bomb threat. UHS has been the target of multiple unsubstantial threats throughout November. Based on the totality of circumstances, including the assessment that these threats were likely part of a larger national trend of hoaxes, the decision was made in collaboration with UPD and USD 116 to increase police presence at UHS and proceed with classes with as much as much normalcy as possible.

Based on a collaborative effort from the Urbana Police Department, FBI, and in large part, Urbana School District 116 staff members, a 16-year-old female UHS student was identified as the person sending the threats. This juvenile was identified on November 30, 2022, and questioned about her involvement in the matter at UHS. She was ultimately arrested, and during the course of her arrest, she battered a police officer by kicking and scratching him. The juvenile was subsequently transported to the Champaign County Juvenile Detention Center, where she is awaiting further legal proceedings for Terroristic Threats and Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer.

It is unclear at this point if the threats via e-mail to Urbana High School on November 16th and 18th are connected to the juvenile arrested on November 30, 2022. Furthermore, there is no indication, as of this time, that the other arrest of the juvenile from Chicago on November 22, 2022, is connected to the Urbana juvenile arrested who was arrested yesterday by UPD. All of the threats are currently under joint investigation by the FBI and Urbana Police based on developing leads.

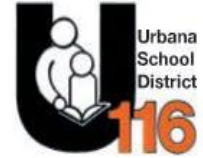
Urbana Police ask that anyone who has additional information or video footage of the incident please contact police at 217-384-2320. Arrangements can be made for information to be shared privately. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may also submit tips to Crime Stoppers by phone at: 217-373-8477 (TIPS);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

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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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