



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Incident Location:** 1002 South Race Street, Urbana  
**Date/Time of Press Release:** November 18, 2022 1:15 PM  
**Date/Time of Incident:** November 15, 2022 8:00 PM



## **TERRORISTIC THREATS IMPACTING URBANA HIGH SCHOOL**

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On the evening of November 15, 2022, a staff member at UHS received a threat via e-mail from an unknown person who indicated intent to harm the staff member and students. The email was later forwarded to Urbana PD and shared with the FBI. While at Urbana High School on November 16, 2022, FBI Agents and Police learned of additional threats from the same e-mail source. Out of an abundance of caution, the decision was made to go to a hard lockdown in the high school. There was an extra police presence already in place based on threats from November 7, 2022. Additional threats from the same e-mail source on November 16, were again made on November 18, 2022.

All of the threats are currently under joint investigation by the FBI and Urbana Police. We believe that this is likely part of a larger national trend. As we believed last week, 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, 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 School District 116, after consultation with the Urbana Police and union leaders, has decided to go to E-Learning next Monday and Tuesday, November 21-22, 2022 leading into the holiday break. Parents of UHS Students are encouraged to continue to check your email from the school district for further updates.

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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