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### School Threats Are A Crime

Columbus Police will file charges on students suspected of making threats against a school, school faculty, staff members, or fellow students.

Columbus Police detectives have recently investigated threats made by students against other students and their schools. As a result of these investigations, the suspects were charged with Making Terrorist Threats, (F-3). Additionally, one of the suspects was also charged with Menacing (M-1), for making threats against a specific student.

The Columbus Division of Police wants to advise parents and students that these threats, including those made on various social media sites, are taken seriously. All threats will be investigated and if evidence is found Columbus Police will pursue charges against those making the threats.

These types of threats cause fear and panic amongst students and faculty at the affected schools and school district. In some cases, the closure of that school may be necessary.

The Columbus Division of Police dedicates a tremendous amount of resources to investigate these types of threats. We want to let parents and students know that this behavior will not be tolerated, nor will it be considered a joke.

We'd like to remind parents to monitor their child's social media usage: sit down with them and explain that threats are not considered "jokes" by our detectives and that these are serious charges.

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