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13-Year-Old Suspect Identified In School Threats

Today, September 17, 2021, detectives with the Columbus Division of Police Counterterrorism Unit identified a 13-year-old male responsible for making multiple threats to schools throughout Columbus.

The investigation uncovered that an Arts Impact Middle School student called the Arts Impact Middle School (AIMS) located at 680 Jack Gibbs Blvd. and sent text messages to school staff threating violence.

Columbus Police detectives and the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office are in the process finalizing the investigation into this case. School operations were affected on multiple days including the cancellation of school today.

The investigation into these school threats is ongoing.

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