



# Pembroke Pines Police Department



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## MEDIA RELEASE

**ASSIGNED PIO:** Amanda Conwell

**PPPD CASE NUMBER:** 2018-061190

**DATE:** 09/24/2018

**TIME:** 9:30 AM

**PLACE OF OCCURRENCE:** Pines Middle School; 200 Douglas Road, Pembroke Pines

**CHARGE/INCIDENT:** School Threats

**SUSPECT(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:**

- 1) 13-Year Old Male
- 2)

**VICTIM(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:**

- 1)
- 2)

### **INCIDENT SUMMARY:**

On Sunday, September 23rd, the Pembroke Pines Police Department was made aware of a threatening statement sent by the suspect (13-year old male student) via an Instagram group chat. The threats stated that the student intended to shoot up Pines Middle School. Approximately nine juveniles of various ages were involved in the group chat and observed the threats. One of the juveniles alerted police to the contents of the group chat, and an investigation by our Threat Assessment Team (TAT) was immediately initiated.

The Pines Middle School administration was contacted and advised of the threats and on-going investigation. TAT Team members responded to the suspect's home and made contact with the suspect and his parents. An extensive interview was conducted, wherein the suspect admitted to sending the threat but stated that it was intended as a joke.

Following our investigation, the suspect was charged with a 2nd Degree Felony for making a false report concerning the use of a weapon in a violent manner (FSS 790.163).

We are asking our local parents to please speak with your children about making threats of this nature.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department at 954-431-2200, email to [tips@ppines.com](mailto:tips@ppines.com), or call Crimestoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



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All threats made against our schools will be taken seriously, and will be swiftly investigated by our department. These are severe offenses, and any individual determined to have committed such acts will be charged accordingly. Please educate your children on the seriousness of these crimes, and help us prevent incidents like this from occurring in the future.

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