



Pembroke Pines Police Department



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MEDIA RELEASE

ASSIGNED PIO: Amanda Conwell

PPPD CASE NUMBER: 2018-061317

DATE: 09/24/2018

TIME: 8:30 AM

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: Walter C. Young Middle School; 901 NW 129th Ave, Pembroke Pines

CHARGE/INCIDENT: School Threats

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

- 1) 11-Year Old Male
- 2)

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

- 1)
- 2)

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

On Monday, September 24th, the Pembroke Pines Police Department was made aware of threatening statements made by a suspect (11-year old male student) at Walter C. Young Middle School. The suspect spontaneously stated during his class "I'm going to shoot up the school!" When asked if he was serious, the suspect replied "Maybe, maybe not." The class became concerned and reported the incident to school administration. The School Resource Officer was notified, detained the suspect, and alerted our Threat Assessment Team (TAT).

The suspect's mother was notified of the incident and responded to the school to assist in the investigation. The suspect admitted to making the statements, and knew that it had caused his classmates to become scared. The suspect advised that he made a mistake due to being frustrated over his school lessons. The suspect was not in possession of a weapon at any time.

Following our investigation, the suspect was placed under arrest on 2nd Degree Felony charges of making a false report concerning the use of a firearm in a violent manner (FSS 790.163). The suspect was transported to the Juvenile Assessment Center for processing.

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



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This arrest marks the fourth to occur this month within our jurisdiction (Case # 2018-057529 on September 6th, and Case # 2018-060062 on September 18th, and Case # 2018-061109 on September 23rd). While our investigations did not determine any active threat to our schools, we will continue to take threats against our students and school staff seriously.

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