



Pembroke Pines Police Department



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MEDIA RELEASE

ASSIGNED PIO: Amanda Conwell

DATE OF MEDIA RELEASE: January 14, 2019

TIME OF MEDIA RELEASE: 3:00 p.m.

CASE NUMBER: 2019-002821

CHARGE/INCIDENT: School Threats

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: January 10, 2019

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Click here to enter text. p.m.

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: West Broward High; 500 NW 209th Avenue, Pembroke Pines

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

- 1) 17-Year Old Male

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

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INCIDENT SUMMARY:

On Monday, January 14th, the Pembroke Pines Police Department was notified of a threatening post on Snapchat made by a student of West Broward High School. School Resource Officers Mike Pazienza and Brian Maher were immediately alerted by school administration, and made contact with the juvenile suspect.

Investigation by our Threat Assessment Team (TAT) revealed that the suspect made a post to Snapchat on January 10, 2019 which included a video of him racking a semi-automatic handgun, with the text "Me if U don't vote for me for Senioritis". The suspect admitted to posting the video and message, but advised that he did not intend to act upon the threat. The suspect was at the Nexus Gun Range in Davie when the video was taken. The suspect stated that he does not have access to any firearms at his residence.

Following our investigation, the suspect was charged with a 2nd Degree Felony for making a false report

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 Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



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concerning the use of a firearm in a violent manner (FSS 790.163), and transported to the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC).

Florida lawmakers enacted the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act in early 2018 to direct local law enforcement on how to approach threats made on social media. Under this new law, threats regarding the individual engaging in a mass shooting or terroristic act will result in a second-degree felony charge. Adherence to this law is mandatory for keeping our students & school staff safe.

Please educate your children on the seriousness of these crimes, and help us prevent incidents like this from occurring in the future. 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.