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Lakeville Police Respond to Threat Directed at Schools; Juvenile Taken into Custody

Case Number: LA25003559

Lakeville, Minn. — On September 4, 2025, shortly after 5:00 p.m., the Lakeville Police Department became aware of online threats of violence directed towards Lakeville South High School and McGuire Middle School. Multiple reports were submitted through an established Lakeville Area Schools reporting system, immediately notifying both police and school officials.

The threat appeared to originate from a post on a social media platform. The Lakeville Police Department, working closely with the Lakeville Area Schools staff, promptly began investigating the origin of the threat. Lakeville Police Detectives quickly identify a suspect, a juvenile male.

The Lakeville Police Department coordinated with the Elk River Police Department, which made contact with the suspect at his residence. Shortly before 9:00 p.m., the suspect was taken into custody and transported to the Dakota County Juvenile Services Center, where he is being held on criminal charges of *Threats of Violence*.

"We want to thank the students who used the District's anonymous reporting system." Superintendent Michael Baumann said. "Because of their report we were able to quickly take action. As always, if you see something, say something, do something. We appreciate our community's partnership in keeping our schools safe."

According to Lakeville Police Chief Brad Paulson, "The longstanding partnership that's in place between our agency and Lakeville Area Schools allowed for a swift and diligent response to this threat. Any type of threat to those in our educational settings will be taken seriously, investigated thoroughly and we will do everything in our reach to hold those responsible fully accountable."

The Lakeville Police Department continues to work closely with Lakeville Area Schools to ensure the safety of students, staff and families.

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