



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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Bomb Threat Investigation: 500 Block of Woodland Road

At 10:13 a.m., school administrators notified the Hampton Police Division of a potential bomb threat at Kecoughtan High School located in the 500 block of Woodland Road. The investigation revealed, a student located a note which indicated an alleged threat to the school. The school was immediately placed on lock-down while the incident was investigated. At approximately 11:37 a.m., during the course of the on-going investigation, a police canine alerted to an administrator's office which indicated there may be an item deemed suspicious inside. As a **precautionary measure**, all students and administrators were evacuated and the entire school was cleared at approximately 12:05 p.m.

The Hampton Police Division, in conjunction with Newport News Police Bomb Squad, Hampton Fire & Rescue Division, Langley Air Force Bomb Squad and members of the Coast Guard Canine Explosive Detection Team conducted a full sweep of the building and adjacent campus which is the standard operating procedure. Due to the on-going investigation and security sweep of the school, officials decided upon an early release. At 3:52 p.m., the security sweep was completed and there were no suspicious devices located. At no time was there an immediate threat to any students or administrators.

The criminal investigation into the threat is on-going. Investigators are asking for the public's assistance and have requested that anyone with information about whom may have made this threat to contact the Crime Line at 1-888-LOCK-U-UP.

Threatening to Bomb is a class (5) felony which can carry a term of imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than 10 years, or in the discretion of the jury or the court trying the case without a jury, confinement in jail for not more than 12 months and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both.

SPO Ashley Jenrette will receive questions about this release at 757-727-6608.

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