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News Release

Arkansas City juvenile processed on suspicion of criminal threat

Investigation in connection with social media post threatening clown violence

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (October 7, 2016) — A 17-year-old Arkansas City resident was detained and processed Friday by the Arkansas City Police Department in connection with a possible criminal threat.

Police received information at 8 a.m. about a possible threat directed toward Arkansas City High School, 1200 W. Radio Lane. The information came from a social media post associated with clowns.

An investigation into the post began immediately, culminating at 2 p.m. when officers located a possible suspect in the case at a home in Arkansas City.

The 17-year-old juvenile was processed by officers and released to the custody of a parent, pending case review by the Cowley County Attorney's Office.

"The investigation revealed that there was no danger of physical harm associated with the media post," said Police Chief Dan Ward. "However, the officers involved worked very quickly to identify the suspect and ensure the safety of everyone involved."

A suspect's guilt or innocence is to be determined by a court of law.

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