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Two more Tulare High School Students Arrested for Threats

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The following information is based on a preliminary, ongoing investigation which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records if available, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed

On Friday, February 23rd, Tulare Police arrested two Tulare High School students at separate campuses for making threats. A 14 year old at Tulare Western and a 16 year old at Mission Oak were both booked at the Tulare County Juvenile Justice Center on threats charges.

The 14 year old was arrested at Tulare Western for making threats that they were going to carry out a school shooting. Administrators had received an anonymous tip from a reporting system the High School District has in place. At the same time the tip was received witnesses came forward with the information on the student and threats. The student was immediately located and brought in for questioning.

In a separate case at Mission Oak High School and 16 year old student had made threats to a teacher about carrying out a school shooting. The 16 year old was arrested and later stated they were only "joking".

Both cases were looked into by Tulare Police Department's School Resource Officers. It was determined that neither student had any immediate access to carry out the threats. Both students were booked at the Tulare County Juvenile Justice Center. The police department will defer any questions about the students and their status with their respective schools to the Tulare Union High School District Office.

The Tulare Police Department would like to ask parents to contact the police department with any information regarding possible threats of violence at the schools. The Tulare Police Department is very vigilant in the investigation of these cases and have safety plans in place to keep students out of harm.

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is urged to call the Tulare Police Department at any of the following numbers:

- Days, Nights and Weekends at (559) 684-4290
- Anonymously 24-hours a day (559) 685-2300 Ext: 4445
- Online at <https://www.tipsubmit.com/webtipstart.aspx>

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