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**District 205 Responds to Social Media Threat Targeting Thornridge**

South Holland, IL – On the morning of Friday, September 20, 2024, a potential threat of violence targeting Thornridge High School was posted on Instagram. In response, Thornton Township High School District 205 immediately activated its emergency response protocol and notified the Dolton Police Department. The individual identified as responsible for the threatening post has been apprehended.

In an abundance of caution, Thornridge High School has implemented "restricted access" procedures for the school day. Visitors will not be allowed direct entry into the school building, and all individuals, including students and staff, are being thoroughly screened by security personnel.

Thornridge administrators are working closely with the Dolton Police Department and the school's security team to monitor the situation. While an initial investigation by law enforcement determined that the threat was not credible, District 205 is treating the matter with the utmost seriousness.

"Ensuring the safety of our students and staff is our top priority. We are working in close collaboration with law enforcement to keep our school community safe," said Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Jr., Superintendent of Thornton Township High School District 205. "We understand that even non-credible threats can cause fear and anxiety, which is why we take every incident seriously."

District 205 also wants to remind the public that threats made on social media, regardless of credibility, can result in felony charges, including for minors.

The district urges the community to remain vigilant and report any concerning behavior or potential threats to school officials or law enforcement. As always, if you see something, say something.

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**About Thornton Township High School District 205:** Thornton Township High School District 205, located in South Holland, Illinois, is a leading educational institution dedicated to providing exceptional education and fostering a supportive student environment. District 205 schools, Thornridge, Thornton, and Thornwood, are committed to empowering minds, inspiring futures, and preparing students for college, career readiness, and lifelong learning. For more information about Thornton Township High School District 205, please visit [www.district205.net](http://www.district205.net).