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Thornwood High School Addresses Threat of Violence and Implements Safety Measures

[South Holland, IL] - Thornwood High School administration and the local law enforcement agency responded to a recent threat of violence made towards the school. On Thursday, October 5, 2023, the school's main office received a call from an unidentified male voice who threatened to "shoot the school up" during 10th period.

Immediately upon receiving this alarming information, the School Resource Officer (SRO) and administrative staff convened to initiate the emergency action plan. South Holland Police Department (SHPD) was promptly contacted for assistance. In collaboration with SHPD's swift response, several police vehicles were deployed to patrol the perimeter of the campus. Furthermore, entry onto campus was restricted solely to confirmed parents with early dismissals.

To ensure the safety and well-being of all students and staff members, school officials implemented the "no pass" protocol for the remainder of the school day. This measure restricts movement within the building during class periods and helps maintain control over student whereabouts. Thornwood's security team diligently monitored all cameras positioned around and throughout the school premises. They also ensured that all doors were securely closed shut while remaining vigilant at their assigned posts.

While investigating this incident further, SHPD traced the call to an app that generates different numbers each time it is pinged. At present, SHPD determined there is no active threat identified within or around the building; however, school officials and the district office take every threat seriously regardless of credibility.

Thornwood High School and School District 205 remain committed to maintaining a safe learning environment for all students, faculty, and staff. Therefore, extra police presence was maintained during afternoon dismissal procedures. Parents/guardians and community members are encouraged not to panic but remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities or information to the appropriate authorities.

As the incident is currently under investigation by local law enforcement, all media inquiries should be directed to the South Holland Police Department at 708-331-3131.

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