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Shooting Near Comstock Middle School, Students and Staff Safe

SANTA ROSA, Calif. – Yesterday at approximately 4:32 p.m., the Santa Rosa Police Department received several 911 calls to report a shooting in the neighborhood near Comstock Middle School. Witnesses reported a 16-year-old male had been shot in the legs and was transported to the hospital. Comstock and James Monroe Elementary School initiated emergency procedures at the direction of the SRPD. During the police response, the suspects ran across Comstock's campus.

The police pursued the suspects and at approximately 4:39 p.m., took both into custody on the Hillard Comstock campus. Due to the ages of the youth involved, SRCS will not release their names. The suspects have been identified as 16-year-old males. At this time, the district understands that one of the youths allegedly involved attends a Santa Rosa City school. At this time, there is no reported connection between this incident and Comstock Middle School.

As a reminder, it takes a community to keep our students safe. SRCS works with SRPD and city services, parents, and our community partners to spot safety concerns and address issues quickly. When everyone gets involved through volunteering, meetings, and open communication, students feel supported and our schools and community become safer. This teamwork extends safety beyond just the school building, creating a complete safety net that protects students everywhere they go.

We applaud the staff at Comstock and Monroe for their immediate actions to secure their campuses. Their actions prevented the suspects from entering one of our facilities and ensured the safety of our students and employees. We would also like to thank the quick response from the SRPD and for those who reported the shooting. Santa Rosa City School District staff and our colleagues with the Violence Prevention Partnership are currently working with students, families, staff and schools to provide ongoing support during this time.

Ensuring the safety of students and staff is our top priority. We encourage our school community to maintain their vigilance and report suspicious activity to law enforcement. If you see

something, say something right away. Parents and students can reach out to any school administrator or trusted adult on campus or use the STOPIT app to report concerns.

For more information about this incident, contact the Santa Rosa Police Department at (707) 528-5222.

Santa Rosa City Schools is the largest school district in Sonoma County, serving 15,000 students in 24 schools.

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