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## ANOTHER STUDENT ARRESTED FOR MAKING THREATS OVER SOCIAL MEDIA

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Wednesday, September 18, 2024, the Riverside Police School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to Ramona High School began an investigation into possible threats made by a student over social media toward other students. A School Threat Assessment and Response, or S.T.A.R. Protocol response, was initiated.

The SRO determined that a group of female students were part of an Instagram group chat where one of the girls shared a photo of firearms and made statements suggesting violence against her classmates. The photo was recirculated from a social media post that originally threatened school violence in another state.

A 15-year-old female student was arrested and booked into a Riverside County juvenile facility for criminal threats. A search conducted at her home determined she does not have access to firearms.

Anyone with additional information regarding this investigation should contact School Resource Officer David Zandate at <u>DZandate@RiversideCA.gov</u> or (951) 353-7948.

If you see a social media or online post threatening violence toward a specific school or individual, please report it by calling the City of Riverside Public Safety Communications Center's non-emergency number at (951) 354-2007.



If you come across a social media or online post that raises concern or suggests potential school violence but does not mention a specific threat, school, or individual in Riverside, please report it using the Riverside Police Department's Atlas 1 mobile app and utilizing the "Send a Message" feature. Our mobile app can be downloaded at <u>APPLE</u> or <u>ANDROID</u>.