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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

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14-Year-Old Student ARRESTED for La Joya School Threat

Yesterday evening, VPD Detectives received information regarding a social media threat indicating that a shooting would take place at La Joya Middle School on Monday. The threat was very similar to the Redwood High School threat. Detectives immediately began an investigation.

Youth Services Officers took over the investigation this morning and began conducting interviews. The suspect was identified as a 14-year-old student at La Joya Middle School. The boy admitted the threat was a hoax. He was arrested and was booked into the Juvenile Detention Facility for criminal threats and making a false report of an emergency.

We want to reassure all VUSD parents that there is no further threat. The safety of our children is our **PRIORITY** and anything that threatens that will not be tolerated. **ALL** threats will be taken seriously and those posting such threats will face serious consequences. We encourage all students and parents to talk about social media and the outcome of posting inappropriate material.

There will be an increased law enforcement presence throughout all VUSD campuses this week.

Remember, if you see something, please **SAY** something.

