



## VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***

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UPDATE: Mt. Whitney Social Media Threat is Unfounded

On Friday evening, a social media post was circulating, indicating that a gunfight would take place at Mt. Whitney High School on Monday. Visalia Police Detectives and Youth Service Officers immediately began an investigation.

Based on the investigation, VPD detectives do not have further reason to believe there are any safety concerns toward students, staff members, or the school campus. However, there will be an increased law enforcement presence throughout all VUSD campuses this week.

The Visalia Police Department would like to remind everyone that ANY social media post of this nature is unacceptable and those responsible will be held accountable. We urge all students and parents to talk about social media and the consequences of posting inappropriate material, including any type of threat. ALL threats will be taken seriously and those posting such threats will face both legal and school discipline charges.

As always, we remind everyone if you see something, please say something.

