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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
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13-Year-Old Student ARRESTED for Divisadero School Threat

Around 1:40 p.m. this afternoon, the Youth Services Officer at Divisadero Middle School was notified about a threat to commit a school shooting by a 8th grade student. The statement was made to a staff member.

The officer detained the 13-year-old boy and immediately began an investigation. The student was interviewed, and officers conducted a search of the student's home. No firearms were found at the home.

After a thorough investigation, the 13-year-old student was arrested and booked into the Tulare County Juvenile Detention Facility for making criminal threats.

We want to assure you the Visalia Police Department takes all potential threats of violence very seriously and thoroughly investigates all reported incidents. Threats disrupt school and cause fear and panic in students, teachers, and parents. If the threat is made as a joke, the consequences are not.

We ask parents to please talk with your children. Help them understand making any kind of threat whether verbally, written in text or posted on social media is illegal and has serious criminal charges that will remain with them their entire lives.

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

Remember, if you see something, please SAY something.

