



CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Press Release

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Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. of the Dover Police Department announces the arrest of a fifteen year old juvenile for Criminal Threatening. The arrest occurred on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 1230PM at Dover Police Headquarters.

On Monday, March 6, 2017, at 11:15AM, the Dover Police Department responded to the Dover High School for a report of a bomb threat written on a bathroom stall inside the one of the boys' restrooms. The school was evacuated while police officers conducted a security sweep of the building. Approximately forty-five minutes later students were allowed back inside the building.

Later in the day at 1:35PM, the Dover Police Department responded back to the Dover High School for additional threatening messages found written in another boys' bathroom stall. The new messages contained threats toward a particular student as well as another general bomb related threat. The school was not evacuated during the second response. As a result of an investigation conducted by Dover High School officials and the Dover High School Resource Officer, the juvenile responsible for this second series of messages was identified and arrested.

On Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 8:30AM the Dover Police Department responded to the Dover Middle School for a reported bomb threat written inside one of the girls' restrooms. The middle school was evacuated while police officers conducted a security sweep. Approximately forty-five minutes later students were allowed back inside the building.

At 1 pm, the Dover Middle School's resource officer was made aware of another bomb threat was found in a different girls' bathroom. The school was not evacuated as a result of the second discovery.

The first bomb threat at the Dover High School on March 6, 2017 and both of the bomb threats at the Dover Middle School on March 7, 2017 remain under investigation by the Dover High School and Middle School Resource Officers. At this point, the Dover Police Department has no reason to believe that the juvenile that has been arrested was



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responsible for the first threat at the high school or either of the threats at the middle school.

No devices have been found in either of the schools and the Dover Police Department has no reason to suspect that any of these messages represents a credible bomb threat.

Anyone with information about either incident is encouraged to call Sergeant Scott Pettingill of the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646. Those wishing to remain anonymous can provide information to the Dover Crimeline at 603-749-6000. The Dover Crimeline can also be contacted via www.dovernhcrimeline.org.

Media inquiries concerning this case can be directed to Sergeant Scott Pettingill of the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646 or s.pettingill@dover.nh.gov.