



# CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## **Press Release**

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On Friday, March 10, 2017 at approximately 9:25AM, a handwritten message was discovered by a student on a bathroom stall inside one of the boys restrooms located at the Dover High School. The message contained a very non-specific and non-credible threat toward the school.

School staff along with the Dover Police Department evaluated the threat and the decision was made not to evacuate the school.

Later in the day at approximately 1:00PM, a handwritten message was also discovered by a student on a bathroom stall inside one of the boys restrooms, this time located at the Dover Middle School. This message also contained a very non-specific and non-credible threat toward the school.

School staff and Dover Police once again evaluated the threat and the decision was made not to evacuate the school. A short time later, an 11 year old juvenile was identified in the threat at the Dover Middle School, and an arrest for False Public Alarm is forthcoming.

Regarding the threats at the Dover High School, there are similarities between the initial bomb threat discovered on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 11:15AM, and the message located at the Dover High School today. There are no other similarities between any of the messages.

Anyone with information about either incident is asked 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](http://www.dovernhcrimeline.org).

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