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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: June 18, 2015
Complaint Number: 15-106640
Type of Incident: Bomb Threats
Location: Rockford Public Schools
Detective: William Marks
Supervisor Approval: Lt. Ron Gates

Since October 2014, the Rockford Public Schools and several employees have been the target of harassing and threatening telephone calls.

A joint investigation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Kent County Sheriff Department, and Rockford Department of Public Safety, identified a local student as one of several people involved.

On June 17, 2015, the evidence involving the local student was reviewed by the Kent County Prosecutor's Office resulting in a 16-year-old male from the Belmont area being charged with False Report or Threat of Terrorism (20 year felony). The Kent County Sheriff Department will be requesting restitution in this investigation.

There are additional suspects that are from outside of Michigan or in another country. We are not releasing details on any of the other suspects at this time due to the ongoing investigation.

Law enforcement and the Rockford Public Schools worked closely to ensure the students were safe at all times. We want to thank the parents, students, staff, and community for their patience and support during this very time-consuming and meticulous investigation.

Anyone with additional information is asked to call the Kent County Sheriff Department at 616-632-6357 or Silent Observer at 616-774-2345.

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