



LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

On Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 12:15pm, Sheriff Brent White arrested a 13-year-old juvenile following a 4-day investigation into threats to the safety of the Lyon County Middle School.

On Monday, November 15, 2021, around 11am, the Middle School contacted the Lyon County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer (SRO) concerning a *school shooting threat* which was brought to the attention of school administrators by a student, who reported receiving it on social media from an unknown person.

In conjunction with school administration and staff, safety mitigation efforts were implemented, and students were sheltered in place. A search of the school by Lyon County Sheriff's Deputies, Eddyville Police Department Officers and school staff revealed no immediate threat to staff nor students.

The investigation continued Tuesday, November 16, 2021, around 8am when a similar threatening message was discovered on social media from the same sender. Additional safety mitigation efforts were implemented, and no immediate threat was found. The same day, Sheriff White petitioned Lyon Circuit Court for a search warrant, seeking electronic evidence, which was granted.

Following the execution of the search warrant, additional information was obtained on the evening of Wednesday, November 17, 2021, which led to an Eddyville residence, where evidence was seized on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

On this date, at 12:15pm, Sheriff White detained the juvenile responsible for authoring and sending the threats via social media. The juvenile was charged with the following offenses:

*Terroristic Threatening in the 2nd Degree (2 counts); both class D felonies
Falsely Reporting an Incident (1 count); a class A misdemeanor*

The juvenile offender was lodged in a regional juvenile detention center pending a court hearing. The investigation is continuing by Deputy Chris Smith and Sheriff Brent White.

Sheriff White stated, *“Although very ominous when the initial reports were received, at this time, we do not believe there was an imminent threat of safety to the students at Lyon County Middle School. We are appreciative of the professionalism and dedication to safety exhibited by the Lyon County School District’s administration and staff as we investigated this matter.”*

The Lyon County Sheriff’s Office was assisted by the Eddyville Police Department, Kentucky State Police, and US Department of Homeland Security.

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