



PRESS RELEASE

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are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

UPDATE

Huntley Police Department Investigates Electronic Threats

On Monday, November 13, 2017, the Huntley Police Department was made aware of disparaging racial and threatening comments that were sent to a juvenile via Xbox Live. The Huntley Police Department opened an investigation into the matter and has conducted several interviews. In addition, a search warrant was executed and additional information is being sought. The Huntley Police Department is working the investigation in cooperation with the Huntley Community School District 158 and the Lake in the Hills Police Department, due to the possible involvement of current or former students within the schools in the area.

The continued investigation has revealed additional messages. The newly discovered messages involved a threat towards the student population at Marlowe Middle School in Lake in the Hills. The messages cited tomorrow, as the date relative to the threat.

The Huntley Police Department has notified the Lake in the Hills Police Department as well as school officials from Huntley Community School District 158. All agencies have been in constant contact in regards to the threat and the investigation's progress. We will continue to provide the school officials with all relevant information on the investigation to maintain the safety of the schools and students.

At this point in time, there have been multiple interviews conducted with several juveniles and parents. Various items have been seized in conjunction with a second executed search warrant. These items have been helpful in the investigation. The location from which the messages were sent has been tentatively identified, and our investigation has revealed persons of interest ultimately responsible for sending the messages. At this point in time, no criminal charges have been filed. However, significant progress in regards to this investigation, and the furtherance of an act based on these messages is being mitigated. We will continue to work in cooperation with the Lake in the Hills Police Department, Huntley Community School District 158, and the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office.

Due to this being an active, on-going investigation and involving juveniles, limited specific information is available for dissemination. The public is reminded that comments made via electronic means have consequences. The Huntley Police Department takes matters such as this extremely serious and will take appropriate actions to maintain the safety and well-being of our community.