



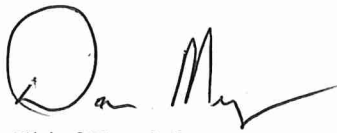
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PRESS RELEASE

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At approximately 6:40 PM on February 24, 2018, the North Branch Police Department received a report that a juvenile male had made verbal threats of violence against the North Branch High School. The verbal threats mentioned a potential shooting at the school although no specific date or time was mentioned regarding when or if the threat was going to be carried out. Through their investigation, officers were able to determine that only one juvenile individual was involved in the threat and he was located and arrested later in the evening. The juvenile was not in possession of a firearm at the time of his arrest and we do not have any information that suggests the juvenile has immediate access to any weapons. The 17 year-old juvenile was a former student at the North Branch High School and is currently attending Pathways to Change, a program overseen by the St. Croix River Education District located in Chisago City.

The North Branch Police Department has kept in close contact with North Branch Area School Administration during this event and we continue to partner with the school district to keep our students and staff safe. The juvenile male is currently in custody and there are no other known threats toward any North Branch Area School at this time.



Chief Dan Meyer