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FLPD INVESTIGATES SEVERAL SOCIAL MEDIA THREATS AGAINST SCHOOL SAFETY

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating several incidents involving threats of a school shooting posted to social media. The threats were made against three schools within the City of Fort Lauderdale: Dillard High School, Stranahan High School and William Dandy Middle School.

Preliminary investigation has revealed these threats were posted on several social media platforms beginning the evening of Friday, October 15, 2021 and continuing through Sunday, October 17, 2021. Each of the threats alluded to a future school shooting.

Detectives in Fort Lauderdale's Threat Response Unit are actively investigating each threat. Comprehensive investigations such as these require a lot of time and a number of resources. It has already been determined that most of these recent threats are not credible.

Threats of a school shooting are not a joke. Parents with school-aged children are encouraged to talk to their children about the severity of such consequences. Any person found responsible for threatening posts can be arrested and charged with a second degree felony (F.S.S. 836.10).

We encourage anyone with information regarding a threat, written or verbal, to contact police immediately. In case of an emergency, please call 911. Tips and information can be sent anonymously through the SaferWatch app as well. Download SaferWatch at this link: <https://getsafewatch.com/>

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