



FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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FLPD INVESTIGATES SEVERAL SOCIAL MEDIA THREATS AGAINST SCHOOL SAFETY

UPDATE 10.20.21: The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is announcing the arrest of an juvenile found to be responsible for one of the threatening social media posts made over the weekend.

Tyler Hollins, B/M, DOB 06/09/2004, a resident of the City of Pompano Beach, is being charged with F.S.S. 836.10: Written or electronic threats to kill, do bodily injury, or conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism; punishment; exemption from liability.

Tyler is a student at Stranahan High School. Detectives in Fort Lauderdale's Threat Response Unit developed information throughout their investigation linking Tyler to the post. It is believed he had the means to carry out the threat therefore he has been arrested and charged accordingly.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department conducted this investigation in conjunction with the following agencies: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Guardian Unit, Broward Sheriff's Office Threat Management Unit and Coral Springs Police Department.

ORIGINAL 10.19.21: 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 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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