



# Macomb County Sheriff's Office

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### MEDIA CRIME REPORT

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### School Threat Message from the Macomb County Sheriff's Office

Macomb County, MI. – As you are all aware, Oxford High School in Oakland County had a deadly school shooting incident on 11-30-21. School shootings are one of our biggest fears as a student, a parent, school staff, and law enforcement. We wanted to share some information with you about our response as law enforcement to keep you informed the best we can.

We realize that this incident has heightened the communities fear and is causing great anxiety. During the course of the past two days, we have taken an abundance of phone calls, emails, and social media posts regarding suspicious behavior associated with school threats. As of now, we have taken 28 calls for service regarding school threats, some of them related to the same incident already reported. If you would like to make us aware of a school threat, a report can be filed so that we may investigate it. Reports can be made by contacting our non-emergency dispatch telephone number at 586-469-5502. Our contracted areas of jurisdiction include the City of Mt. Clemens, the Townships of Harrison, Lenox, Macomb, and Washington, and the Village of New Haven. If the threat that you would like to report occurred outside of these areas, please contact the law enforcement agency that patrols that area.

Please know that we are taking every report we receive with the highest priority. We have had deputies and investigators working these complaints throughout the night and are still investigating them currently. At this time, we would like to dispel any rumors by stating we do not and did not, have anyone in custody for any of the threat complaints we've received. We have had deputies respond to several homes for follow up during late hours. If you have questions on the validity of a call received from our office or a deputy at your door, please contact our non-emergency dispatch at 586-469-5502 for verification.

Several of our schools do have School Resource Officers. In addition to that, we have our deputies making extra patrols to ALL of the schools in our contracted areas. Please do not fear the extra uniformed personal and vehicles, as they are there to keep you safe.

We have great communication with our schools and train on a regular basis for these unthinkable acts, shall they occur. We are continuing to work with each of our schools

at this time to ensure the safety of the building and everyone in it. If you have a question regarding the policy or practices of a specific school, we strongly suggest that you follow up with that individual school as we can not speak on their behalf.

Lastly, we want you to be aware that every complaint we receive is taken seriously, investigated thoroughly, and will be handled to the fullest extent of the law. Please speak with your children regarding the importance of reporting threats immediately and the consequences of false reports or prank-type behavior. Even a “joke” statement, or social media post may end up being prosecuted. What may start as something from a dare, or a statement meant unrealistically could turn into a Threat of Terrorism or Schools- Intentional Threat to Commit an Act of Violence Charge.

The security of our schools and safety of the students and staff within is of the highest priority to us.

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