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Sheriff's Office, FBI Investigating Threat That Led to Closure of D70 Schools

Pueblo, CO: The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office is working with the FBI and Pueblo School District 70 to investigate what is believed to be a swatting incident that led to the closure of three D70 schools today.

The Sheriff's Office and the FBI continue to investigate alleged threats to several District 70 schools that came from multiple platforms, however, there has been no credible evidence to indicate the threats are valid.

Sheriff David J. Lucero said the preliminary investigation indicates that this is a swatting call, which is a false emergency call aimed at causing a law enforcement response. The threat originated from out of state, but showing that it came from a District 70 student. There is no indication the D70 student was involved in this incident.

"We do not believe that there is a threat to our community," said Sheriff David J. Lucero.

Out of an abundance of caution for the safety of District 70 students and staff, Sheriff Lucero, Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies, and Colorado State Patrol Troopers searched the affected schools Monday morning and all were deemed safe.

Lucero said there will be a substantial presence of law enforcement in and around the schools. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office partially activated the Emergency Operations Center and is remotely monitoring the school buildings' security cameras.

"We take all threats made against our students, staff and schools seriously," said Lucero. "We will do all we can to ensure that our schools are safe."

Lucero said the Sheriff's Office is partnering with the FBI to investigate the incident. Due to this being an ongoing investigation, no further information will be released at this time.

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