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# CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
To: San Diego Media  
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**Subject: ARREST MADE IN SCHOOL THREAT – MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL, CHULA VISTA**

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Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 12:19 p.m., the Chula Vista Police Department was notified by a staff member at Mater Dei High School (1615 Mater Dei Drive) that they received a call from an unknown person threatening to commit a shooting at the school. The school's security personnel were aware, and the school was immediately placed into Secure Campus, which means no one can enter or exit the campus freely.

Officers responded with the overhead support of a police drone (DFR). They worked together with school staff to check the campus and verify that there were no active threats. At approximately 1:35 p.m., just over an hour after the call was received, the campus was determined to be safe and the school was taken out of Secure Campus. School Resource Officers maintained a visible presence on campus for the duration of the school day.

From the onset of the incident, officials were investigating the source of the threatening call. Officers were able to identify the suspect as a 15-year-old juvenile who they located in Chula Vista. The juvenile was placed under arrest at about 3:05 p.m. for making the threatening call. The juvenile was not a student at Mater Dei High School.

At this point in the investigation, it appears the call was a hoax and the students and staff at Mater Dei High School were never in immediate danger. The Chula Vista Police Department would like to thank the staff at Mater Dei High School for their diligence and partnership in ensuring the safety of their campus.

Chula Vista Police School Resource Officers are continuing to speak with witnesses and investigate this incident. Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 or submit a tip via P3tips (online or mobile application) <http://p3tips.com/409> if they wish to remain anonymous. During the incident, updates were provided on "X" (formerly Twitter) @chulavistapd. The community is reminded to check the account for updates during critical police responses.

*\*Weekend and after-hour inquiries should be directed to the Watch Commander at (619)476-5374, however no other information is available for release at the time of this media advisory distribution.*

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