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POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

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To: San Diego Media
From: Chula Vista Police Department
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Subject: **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THREATENING MESSAGES – BONITA VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL, CHULA VISTA**

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Chula Vista police officers have apprehended a middle school student who made criminal threats against a school.

On Tuesday morning, November 12th, the Chula Vista Police Department's School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit received a tip anonymously through the P3 Tips mobile application. The tip alerted them to potential threats made by a student to commit a school shooting at Bonita Vista Middle School (located at 650 Otay Lakes Rd, Chula Vista, CA 91910).

Thanks to the timely nature of the tip, officers were able to contact the student at their home before the school day commenced. Based on the preliminary investigation, which included reviewing messages on Discord (an online chatting application primarily used by gamers), the student was arrested for making criminal threats. No actual firearms were involved or located during the investigation.

School Resource Officers are collaborating with school staff to continue investigating the circumstances surrounding this incident. If anyone has additional information, they are encouraged to contact San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 or submit tips anonymously through the P3 Tips mobile application.

A message to the community: The Chula Vista Police Department expresses its gratitude to platforms like San Diego County Crime Stoppers and the P3 Tips application, and also appreciates all students who actively participate in safeguarding their schools and communities by reporting potential threats. These investigations are given top priority by the police department and are never taken lightly.

In addition to these options, School Resource Officers are assigned to various schools within the City of Chula Vista. They serve as a valuable resource for parents, students, and school staff. Parents are

reminded to monitor their children's digital presence, including social media and online chat activity, which can sometimes be concealed within other programs like video games and mobile device applications.

**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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