

Johnstown PD makes arrest following Safe2Tell threats at Roosevelt High School

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The Johnstown Police Department announced late Thursday it has arrested an underage girl for reporting earlier this week fake bomb and shooting threats through Safe2Tell at Roosevelt High School.

The girl, who was not identified because she is a minor, was arrested on suspicion of false reporting of an explosive device, a felony, and misdemeanor interference with an educational institution. The girl is a Roosevelt High School student, according to a Johnstown police news release.

Multiple bomb and shooting threats were made on Tuesday and Wednesday through Safe2Tell. The threats on Tuesday occurred about the same time as a planned student walkout to protest several teachers in the Johnstown-Milliken Re-5J School District being placed on leave. A second round of threats occurred on Wednesday.

Roosevelt High School was evacuated both times. Nearby schools, including Letford Elementary School, Milliken Middle School and Milliken Elementary School, were locked down.

On Thursday, Johnstown police were able to trace the IP address and develop a potential suspect, according to the release. The girl was contacted and interviewed. During the interview she gave a full confession.

The Johnstown Police Department continues to work closely with Weld Re-5J to follow several other leads related to the threats this past week, the release stated. Additional arrests are possible.

“The Johnstown Police Department takes a zero-tolerance approach to false reporting, which includes false reports made to Safe2Tell, Text a Tip, or Crime Stoppers,” the release stated.

The department reiterated if a student believes they have learned of a legitimate threat they should contact staff at the school or the police department. No student will be punished for reporting information that they believe to be true.

Anyone with additional information about this week's threats is encouraged to contact Johnstown Police Department Cmdr. Aaron Sanchez at (970) 587-5555 or asanchez@johnstownpolice.org.

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