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Press Release

Date: October 24, 2018

Case# 18-2784

Location: 100 West Westward Avenue, Banning

Incident: Un-Verified Social Media Threats

On Tuesday, October 23, at about 2130 hours, Banning Police Department received a call for service in regards to an alleged threat that was circulating on a popular social media outlet. The content of the social media message had un-verified threats of a possible shooting that could possibly take place at “BHS”. The content of the message did not specifically name Banning High School in the threat; however, based off the initials of “BHS” being used in the threat, additional resources were called in for further investigation. Investigators from the Banning Police Department coordinated a thorough search of Banning High School campus. No evidence was found to verify the threats made and the campus was rendered safe.

During the investigation, it was discovered that the Beaumont Police Department had also received the same social media message and also conducted a thorough investigation with the same outcome as the Banning Police Department.

The Banning Police Department also contacted and worked closely with the Banning Unified School District in the investigation. The Banning Police Department in coordination with the Banning Unified School District want to assure the safety of all faculty and students of Banning High School. At this time, there is no evidence to show that the threats are credible; however, the investigation is ongoing and the Citizens of Banning will be notified with any additional information gathered in the investigation.

The Banning Police Department will have a large presence at Banning High School and surrounding area throughout the day on 10/24/2018.

The Banning Police Department will also like to take the time to remind all parents to monitor their children’s social media sites and have a conversation about posting any kind of reference to violence or threats to schools.

The Banning Police Department request the community to report any suspicious activity that is viewed via social media and or threats heard. The Banning Police Department is asking if anyone has additional information about this incident, to please call the Banning Police Department Detective Bureau at 951-922-3170.