



MEDIA RELEASE: Arrest of a Juvenile for Terrorist Threats and Harassing Communication at Crossville Middle School

Crossville, AL – A juvenile attending Crossville Middle School was arrested for making a terrorist threat and engaging in harassing communication.

Upon learning of the incident, the Crossville Middle School administration acted swiftly, immediately notifying the School Resource Officer (SRO) and DeKalb County Sheriff's Office. This prompt action led to a thorough investigation and the subsequent identification and arrest of the juvenile involved.

Superintendent Wayne Lyles stated, *"We commend the Crossville Middle School administration for their vigilance and quick reporting and the School Resource Officer for his prompt response. Additionally, we extend our deepest gratitude to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office for their comprehensive investigation that led to the arrest. The school and law enforcement collaboration demonstrates our unwavering commitment to maintaining a safe learning environment."*

"Our firm commitment to the safety and well-being of our students, teachers, and staff is non-negotiable. We have a zero-tolerance policy for threats of violence in our schools, and we will continue to work closely with local law enforcement to swiftly address any potential dangers."

DeKalb County Sheriff Nick Welden said of the incident: *"I would like to express my gratitude to the DeKalb County Board of Education, school faculty and staff, the Ninth Circuit District Attorney's Office, and the DeKalb County Juvenile Probation Office for their collaboration and quick action in this matter. We are grateful to have such a strong working relationship with these entities, which ensures the safety and security of our students."*

"These reports are not taken lightly. The safety and security of our children is of utmost importance, and each report is investigated thoroughly and treated with the seriousness it deserves." "God Bless!" Concluded Sheriff Welden.

We encourage parents, students, and community members to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities. Together, we can uphold the safety of our schools and ensure a secure learning environment for all.

