



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

## **FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Juvenile Arrested After Making Threats on XBOX Live**

A 13-year-old student at Buddy Taylor Middle School (BTMS) was arrested and charged with False Report Concerning the Use of a Firearm in a Deadly Manner, a felony, earlier today. The charges come after School Resource Deputies (SRD) were notified by School Administrators that a student reported threats that were made by the juvenile suspect while playing XBOX Live.

FCSO conducted interviews with the witnesses and learned that the suspect spoke to fellow students on XBOX Live about plans to shoot up the school and stated that he had made a map of the school. Based on the completed investigation, FCSO determined that the student made threatening statements and was immediately arrested.

"We are glad that these students spoke up and let their parents know exactly what was being said on XBOX," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "We have a zero tolerance policy in Flagler County for threats of violence in our schools. We have been working closely with the School District to remind parents and students about appropriate speech and behavior in schools as well as online."

Earlier this month FCSO released a PSA on all of their social media channels encouraging parents, students and faculty to report school threats or suspicious incidents to law enforcement. FCSO wants to remind all of Flagler County that if they see something, say something."

View the FCSO PSA here:

<https://www.facebook.com/flaglercounty.sheriffsoffice/videos/2082099221857434/>

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