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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **High School Student Arrested for Written Threats to Kill**

A 16-year-old student that attends Matanzas High School (MHS) was arrested and charged with Written Threats to Kill, a felony, on Wednesday afternoon. The defendant posted a SnapChat social media post that stated her intent to shoot other students that she felt had been bullying her with a firearm.

A third party reported to school staff and the School Resource Deputy (SRD) that the post was circulated on social media. FCSO obtained a screenshot of the post and conducted interviews with witnesses and the defendant separately. Based on the investigation, the student was arrested and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility and turned over to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

"This is the third juvenile arrest over the past eight days for making threats," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "We cannot stress the fact enough that making a threat will be taken seriously in Flagler County as we have a zero tolerance policy. Whether you think it is a joke or not, making a threat is a crime with serious consequences. Parents, talk to your children – now! If your child is being bullied either you or your child should immediately report it to a school official."

Please view the FCSO Public Service Announcement on School Threats with you family. Encourage your children to report school threats or suspicious incidents to law enforcement.

View the FCSO PSA here:

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

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