



Rick Staly, Sheriff

## FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Flagler County School NOT the Target of Social Media Threat**

The Flagler County Sheriff's Communications Center received multiple calls Sunday evening concerning a social media post threatening a school named "MHS." A thorough investigation has found that the "MHS" mentioned in the post is Monticello High School in Albemarle County, Virginia. The threat was not referencing Matanzas High School in Palm Coast.

A suspect has been identified and detained in the Virginia threat case. The Flagler County Sheriff's Office will have increased patrols at all schools on Monday, January 8th as children return from winter break. School personnel have been informed of the incident.

"We immediately responded to the reported threats and parent concerns and found that they did not take place in Florida. There was no credible threat to Matanzas High School," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "The safety of our children and school employees is a top priority and we will continue to have a strong presence in schools to dissuade this type of behavior in any Flagler School."

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