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NEWS RELEASE

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High School Student Charged With Felony After Making Threat Towards School

Fourteen-year-old Raul Hernandez was arrested Tuesday morning and charged with filing a false report concerning the use of firearms (F.S.S. 790.163) at Matanzas High School in Palm Coast.

Dean of Students Thomas Wooleyhan contacted School Resource Deputy John Landi and reported that a student had made threats to "shoot up the school" after doing poorly on a math assignment. The student was interviewed and admitted to making the comment but stated that it was a joke.

Several students and a teacher that were witnesses to the comment were also interviewed and confirmed that the threat was made by Hernandez.

"We have zero tolerance for this type of behavior and we will not allow it in our schools," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "We have a commitment to keeping our students and schools safe and we will continue to investigate all threats and file criminal charges when appropriate."

"We have made it clear to Sheriff Staly that we will not tolerate threats on or to our campuses. These are not joking matters and we stand with our law enforcement partners in ensuring all students, teachers, and staff can learn and work in a safe environment," Flagler County Schools Superintendent James Tager added.

Hernandez will be transported to the Flagler County Detention Facility.

Any suspicious activity should be reported to the Flagler County Sheriff's Office immediately by calling 9-1-1 for an emergency or 386-313-4911 for a non-emergency. Tips can be submitted through Crime Stoppers at 1-888-277-TIPS (8477) or by emailing TIPS@flaglersheriff.com.

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