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Student Arrested for Making School Shooting Threats at FPC High School

A student was arrested at Flagler Palm Coast High School on Friday after reports that he threatened to "shoot up the school" in front of two witnesses last Friday, December 7. The witnesses did not initially report the incident to anyone until they decided to come forward on Friday, December 14, and notified School Administrators of the threats after seeing prior reports in the media about similar incidents.

School Resource Deputies conducted interviews with the witnesses and learned that the suspect spoke to both students about plans to shoot up the school and stated that he would text them the morning of the shooting so that they would not come to school and get hurt. Based on the completed investigation, FCSO School Resource Deputies determined that the student made threatening statements regarding a potential shooting on the school's campus causing the witnesses to be in fear for their safety.

"This is the sixth juvenile charged in Flagler County while at school since last Friday," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "This behavior must stop! Kids – stop threatening violence. Parents – talk to your children, now! This is not a joking matter. When these incidents occur, we will continue to investigate and make the appropriate charges. I'm proud of the witnesses who came forward and notified staff of the statements. They did the right thing by reporting it so we could investigate."

"I am especially proud of the students in our schools who are reporting these incidents to their parents and teachers or administrators," Flagler Schools Superintendent James Tager said. "We are seeing, time and time again, where students are not allowing a few of their classmates to get away with these threats. It will take all of us working together to get the word out about how seriously we take each and every threat."

Skylar Suarez, 16, was charged with False Report Concerning the Use of Firearms in a Violent Manner, which is a felony. He will be processed at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Center and turned over to Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.

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