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FCSO Reminds Parents to Monitor Children's Online Activity after a Juvenile is Arrested for Written Threats to Kill

A 14-year-old male was arrested by Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) deputies early Friday morning and charged with Written Threats to Kill.

The parent of a 13-year-old male contacted the FCSO after the suspect made numerous threats through social media to kill the victim after school regarding an argument on Instagram.

Deputies were able to track the social media account to the 14-year-old suspect. Deputies responded to his residence on Rosecroft Lane in Palm Coast and spoke with the suspect and his parents. The suspect admitted to sending the messages to the victim but claimed it was only out of anger and that he did not intend to carry out the threat.

"We take all threats seriously and if you make a threat – whether verbally, in writing, or through social media – it will be investigated and you will be arrested," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "Cell phones and social media are a part of every child's life these days and it is more important than ever for parents to pay attention to what their children are doing online. Let them know that if they make the wrong choice, say, write or post threats, they will face serious consequences. Florida law is very strict and there is no discretion for law enforcement. We have a zero tolerance policy for threats in Flagler County."

The suspect was processed at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility and then turned over to the Department of Juvenile Justice in Daytona Beach who released the boy to his mother.

The threats were made directly to the victim via a social media platform. There were no threats to the schools or to any other students.

The FCSO is asking for all parents to become more involved in what their children are doing online. Below is a chart of the top 23 mobile applications that parents should be aware of and monitoring. In addition to being aware of the applications your children utilize, the FCSO would also like to familiarize


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parents with parental control applications that can assist in monitoring online activity. A few parental control applications that may be considered include Bark, Net Nanny, and Securly. These applications are available on both Android and Apple devices.

TWENTY-THREE APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

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 SNAPCHAT allows users to see your location and can keep photos/videos for up to 24 hours.	 OMEGLE is an anonymous video app that critics believe is a perfect app for unsuspecting predators.	 TINDER is a location-based dating app and website.
 CALCULATOR% is one of several secret apps that allows used to hide photos, videos, files, and history.	 GRINDR is a location-based dating app and website.	 MEETME is a location-based dating app encouraging strangers to meet in person.
 PERISCOPE allows users to stream audio and video content and share it with other users.	 SKOUT is a location-based dating app and website.	 BADOO is a location-based dating and social media app with the ability to send photos, videos, and messages.
 HOUSEPARTY is a live chatroom for texts and video. Users have reported explicit content, racial slurs, and more.	 WHATSAPP is a messaging app that allows users to send photos, videos, and make calls and video chats.	 ASK.FM is known for cyberbullying.
 BLENDR is a location-based dating app and website.	 KIK is a direct messaging app that allows anyone to contact anyone else with unlimited access.	 WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers.
 LIVEME uses geolocation while livestreaming videos allowing users to see your exact location.	 BUMBLE is a dating app that requires a female to make the first contact. Fake accounts are known to be created.	 XBOX LIVE is an online service that behaves as a social network and allows for chatting with strangers.
 HOLLA is a video chat app. Users have reported explicit content, racial slurs, and more.	 HOT OR NOT is a dating app where users to rate the profile of others and to see and chat with people in their area.	 TIKTOK is a social app with limited privacy controls known for cyber bullying and explicit content.
 INSTAGRAM allows users to see your location and allows private messaging.	 TWITTER is increasingly popular with teenagers and has been linked to cyberbullying.	

*MONITORING APPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS. CHECK OUT BARK, NET NANNY, SECURLY AND MORE.

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1 ★ NON-EMERGENCY: 386-313-4911 ★ FLAGLERSHERIFF.COM ★ SHERIFF RICK STALY

This list does not encompass all possible applications and parents should monitor all online activity.

Remember that if you see something, say something. Report suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office at 386-313-4911 or by emailing TIPS@flaglersheriff.com. You may also contact CrimeStoppers at 1-888-277-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip through the FCSO Mobile application. You may also send tips through FortifyFL.

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