



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

## **FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **11-Year-Old Arrested After Threatening School and Students**

On Wednesday January 27, 2021, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) responded to Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, located at 4600 Belle Terre Parkway in Palm Coast, after receiving a report of a student making threats.

FCSO deputies made contact with Principal Kavanagh who told deputies that she received an email from a parent stating that the suspect, an 11-year-old student at Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, had made some concerning statements the previous day during the school's lunch period.

In the email, the parent explained that her daughter, also a student, witnessed the suspect make numerous disturbing statements regarding his intentions to cause harm to students at the school and the way he would use to do it.

The student reported the suspect said he would blow the school up with bombs and harm students with a gun and mace that he claimed to have in his backpack. The suspect also claimed to have been stalking another female student and to know what her bedroom looked like.

Deputies interviewed another student who was also present at the time the suspect made the reported statements who confirmed to have heard the same threats.

Deputies then made contact with the suspect and his parents. When deputies asked if the suspect had made the statements he said that he did but claimed to have 'only been joking' and did not intend to harm anyone. Deputies asked the suspect if he had a gun inside his backpack to which he replied that he did not but that he did have mace. A search of the suspects backpack recovered a can of mace and a 2 ½-inch pocket knife.

"This is the second arrest this week for making threats and then claiming they were just joking," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "Parents please talk to your kids about wrong and right and keep track of what they're bringing to school in their backpacks. Do not be surprised when we come knocking on your door after hearing about a bomb threat your child has made. Saying you were just joking is not going to

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make deputies turn around and leave. We take all threats very seriously and your child will be arrested. Be the Sheriff in your home before we have to be the Sheriff for your child. We do not like making these arrests so help us prevent it by talking to your child.”

The suspect was arrested and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. He is charged with False Report of a Bomb and was released into the custody of his parents as required by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).

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