



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Middle School Student Arrested After Making Threats to Shoot a Teacher**

On Tuesday, October 12, 2021, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) was notified of a Buddy Taylor Middle School student (BTMS) threatening to shoot a teacher and a student. The School Resource Deputy (SRD) was notified by the teacher at BTMS that the student told her that he was going to come to the school and shoot her.

The teacher at BTMS stated that earlier in the day when the student was in the classroom and issues began with between him and other students. The student said "I am going to shoot you" multiple times while insinuating he had a gun. Not only were these threats made to the teacher but another student within the classroom as well. The BTMS teacher stated that other students in the classroom overheard what the student said. After Deputies were notified they made contact with the student at his residence and he was arrested. The student did not wish to speak with deputies any further.

"Making threats to others is no joke and will always be taken seriously," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "It is unfortunate how often we have to make these arrests. Parents, I ask that you please teach your children the proper way to handle anger and that making threats or acting out is not the solution. I once again implore parents to be the Sheriff in your home and talk to your children. We don't want to be the Sheriff of your child but we will if you don't."

The student was arrested without incident for Two Counts of Threats to Kill and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility for processing. He was then turned over to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).

This is the sixth similar arrest of a student in the last 30-days.

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