



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

Subject: School Threat Message

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SYNOPSIS:

The Rancho San Diego Sheriff's Station is investigating a threatening message originating from Steele Canyon High School.

On Thursday, March 15th, around 8:00 p.m., the School Resource Deputy assigned to Steele Canyon High School received information about an image being circulated via social media by students at the school and immediately started to investigate. The image was a picture of a threatening message written on an unknown surface, at an unknown location, and was taken on an unknown date. The message threatened a school shooting, but did not reference a specific school. The school was searched in an attempt to locate the original message, but the message was not found.

At this time, there's no credible threat to the Steele Canyon High School. As a precaution, deputies will have an increased presence at the school on Friday, March 16th. The Rancho San Diego Station is working closely with school administration to investigate the source of the message.

The Sheriff's Department and local school districts take every threat seriously and nothing can be dismissed or ignored.

We want to remind students that if they hear any threats of violence or even potential violence, they can always approach our school resource deputies or call the anonymous Crime Stoppers Students Speaking Out Tip Line at (888) 580-8477 or the Sheriff's Department at (858) 565-5200.