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School Threat Assessment

On Wednesday, February 17th, 2016, at approximately 11:15 PM, the Woodstock Police Department initiated an investigation in reference to a possible threat to the Woodstock High School (WHS), located at 501 W. South St.

Patrol Officers met with a current student of the WHS and his mother. It was related that on February 17th, during the afternoon hours, the student received a text message from his friend (and former WHS student) which inferred that a possible incident of violence may occur at WHS on February 18th, 2016. After becoming concerned, the student who received the text told his parents, who in turn brought him to the Woodstock Police Department.

Woodstock Detectives were notified and responded to continue the investigation. A detective and patrol officer met with the former student, who crafted the text, and his parents at their residence. A thorough threat assessment was completed and it was determined that this threat was not credible. It was determined that the intent of the text was to impel the current WHS student to decide not to go to school on Thursday so that they could “hang out.” The former student was warned of his actions.

The Woodstock Police Department and D200 officials remain strong and vigilant partners in ensuring the safety and well-being of each student. The determination that this incident lacked any credibility was enough information to allow the school day to occur without disruption. However, as an added precaution, the Woodstock High School Resource Officer and on-duty Patrol Officers provided extra patrol to the area.

This incident serves as an excellent example where a concerned student/citizen has received disconcerting information and then has the bravery to bring it to others’ attention.