



OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE  
KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 3/8/18  
Complaint Number: 18-110817  
Type of Incident: School Threat  
Reporting Deputy: Dep. Kozal  
Supervisor Approval: Sgt. Room

On Sunday March 4, 2018, shortly after 1:00 p.m. we were contacted by the Grand Rapids Police Department who requested our involvement in a threat investigation that they had initiated. Deputies were informed by the Grand Rapids Police Department that an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student from Crossroads Middle School had left a threatening message on a 9<sup>th</sup> grade Northview High School student's voicemail that included broad threats against Northview High School. The Grand Rapids Police Department and the Kent County Sheriff's Office immediately made contact with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade suspect and his parents and determined he did not have the means or intent to carry out the threat. He was left in the custody of his parents and barred from the school pending a review of the case by the Kent County Prosecutor's Office and School Administration.

On March 7, 2018, the Kent County Prosecutor's Office authorized a juvenile court petition for the charge of 750.543M – False Report or Threat of Terrorism. Juvenile court proceedings are pending.

JRR – 3/8/18