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The City of Missoula Police Department responded to the threat of an active shooter directed at the Hellgate High School. The threat was sent through Snapchat™ with a firearm being presented. A “geo” tagged location of Hellgate High School, and the words “school shooter ong”.

A Missoula Police Department School Resource Officer advised the school to immediately initiate a lock down after confirming the threat. The Officer called additional Officers to the location to assist with taking precautionary measures. Multiple different agencies arrived quickly to assist with the investigation and wherever else they were needed to ensure the safety of the students and staff.

During the investigation, Law Enforcement Officials searched multiple private residences, and the individual(s) of interest were not located.

MCPS initiated the start of an organized evacuation once it was deemed the threat was no longer in the area. Officers and the other law enforcement partners remained on scene to aid as security of the students and staff to ensure their safety.

The organized evacuation was successful and completed.

The Missoula Police Department was provided information from the public on the location of the juveniles. The information was acted on and resulted in locating the juveniles at a local shopping center. There were no weapons on any of the three juveniles when they were detained.

It was deemed there is no longer a threat to Hellgate High school and at no point were any firearms discharged before, during, or after the threat.

The Missoula Police Department referred charges on one juvenile female for Intimidation, tampering with evidence, and Obstructing a Peace Officer, to the County Attorney’s Office and to Youth Court.

The Missoula Police Department would like to acknowledge and thank all of the local, state and federal agencies for their assistance and help during the investigation.

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