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Plumas County Sheriff's Office Responds to Threats Toward Portola High School; Juvenile Suspect Arrested

Portola, CA – During the late evening hours of January 15, 2026, the Plumas County Sheriff's Office was notified of alleged threats involving potential gun violence directed at Portola High School.

Deputies immediately initiated an investigation to assess the credibility and origin of the reported threats. During the investigation, deputies identified the suspect as a juvenile residing outside of Plumas County. The individual was contacted and subsequently taken into custody for making criminal threats. The criminal investigation is ongoing.

Portola High School administration was promptly informed of the situation. After evaluating the circumstances and confirming there was no ongoing threat to students or staff, the school remained open and in session on Friday, January 16.

The Plumas County Sheriff's Office emphasizes its commitment to the safety of local schools and the broader community. Any threats of violence are treated with the utmost seriousness and investigated thoroughly.

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