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## HPD Addresses Post to Social Media

Harrisonburg, VA – Earlier this evening, the Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) was contacted regarding a Snapchat picture being circulated.

The image was showing a high school age male with a firearm. A caption within the snap made reference to the recent shooting in Florida.

Several people reported this image to HPD and HPD’s Major Crimes Unit then began an investigation to determine if the male was a local student and if there was a legitimate threat.

Around 8:30 P.M. the Major Crimes Unit was in contact with a law enforcement agency in South Carolina, where the offender is located and was taken into custody. This male and incident had no connections to the Harrisonburg community.

Additional officers with HPD will be in the schools tomorrow. Parents, students, and staff are always encouraged to contact the local police department to report any concerns or possible threats against the safety of this community.

HPD encourages anyone in the community who observes suspicious or criminal activity to report it by calling 911. Callers who have information about crimes and wish to remain anonymous may call Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050. Crime Solvers offers cash rewards for anonymous tips leading to arrests. Tipsters may also text “HPD” plus their tip to CRIMES (274637).

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