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UPDATE: Facebook Threat To Beaverton School District

Late in the evening of Tuesday, December 18, 2018, the Beaverton School District received a threat via their Facebook account. The Beaverton School District reported the threat to Washington County Sheriff's Office and Beaverton Police Department.

At 7:16 a.m. the Westview High School front office received a phone threat that said, "You all will die". Washington County Sheriff's Office is investigating this threat. The Beaverton School District decided to place all BSD buildings in lockout as a precaution. Lockout means the entire exterior of the buildings are locked and no outside activities occur. Lockout also means classes continue as scheduled inside the buildings.

Shortly before 9:00 a.m. another threat was posted on the School District's Facebook page. This threat had a link to a picture of a firearm. Analysis of the photo showed it was originally taken by a European media station in 2012. This threat was similar in nature and content to other threats received that originated outside our region.

At 11:27 a.m., an email was sent to 43 administrators within the School District. The email threatened violence at "a middle school" in Beaverton. Beaverton Police Department is investigating the origins of this email. It was determined that the email was sent through a service designed to hide the identity of the sender. Further examination showed the email was sent through a server system which has been used in the past to spread threats of violence in other school districts.

We continue to communicate with the FBI and other partnering law enforcement agencies to find the true origins of these threats. It is unknown why the Beaverton School District is being targeted with these threats. The investigation is ongoing.

Beaverton Police Department and Washington County Sheriff's Office will continue an increased presence at Beaverton School District schools. We are asking our community to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity. As a general reminder, if you see something, say something.

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