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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (September 20, 2019) Suffolk Police advise that a student has been arrested following incidents at King's Fork High School that caused enhanced security at the school this morning, Friday, September 20, 2019.

Following their investigation of an unconfirmed threat discovered on social media it was determined that on Thursday, September 19, 2019, a student engaged in a verbal altercation with a teacher. During the altercation the student/offender threatened the teacher and other staff with bodily harm. The investigation further revealed that the student/offender's comments fueled the social media posts that prompted the enhanced security at King's Fork High School. Aside from the comments made by the student/offender, Suffolk Police determined that no credible threat existed.

Jalen Parker, age 18, was arrested on charges including Threaten Bodily Harm and Disorderly Conduct and was transported to Western Tidewater Regional Jail where he is being processed. The investigation remains ongoing. Mug shot attached.

SUFFOLK POLICE ENHANCE SECURITY AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL AFTER UNCONFIRMED THREAT

SUFFOLK, VA (September 20, 2019) Suffolk Police enhanced security at King's Fork High School, located at 351 Kings Fork Road, this morning, Friday, September 20, 2019, after an unconfirmed threat was discovered on social media.

The Suffolk Police Department also made the following comment on social media due to the volume of calls received and concern from the public: "There has been false information circulating online regarding an Active Shooter Threat at King's Fork High School. Suffolk Police have been on site all morning and there is NO credibility to these claims. There is NO active shooter threat at King's Fork High School."

Suffolk Police further advise that should they receive information regarding an imminent threat to public safety, the information would be acted on immediately and a formal notification would be made to our community. Anyone determined to be responsible for such threats will be held accountable and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

As always, if anyone has concerns that a crime is occurring, is going to occur, or has occurred, please contact law enforcement and provide them with the information. Threats of violence are taken very seriously and the safety of the public is our primary concern.

The investigation into this morning's unconfirmed threat remains ongoing and there is no further information available for release at this time.

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