



# Pembroke Pines Police Department



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PIO On-Call Number – 954-252-5029

## MEDIA RELEASE

**ASSIGNED PIO:** Captain Adam Feiner

**DATE OF MEDIA RELEASE:** February 10, 2022

**TIME OF MEDIA RELEASE:** 1:00 p.m.

**CASE NUMBER:** PPPD21OFF074009

**CHARGE/INCIDENT:** School Threats / Juvenile Arrest - UPDATE

**DATE OF OCCURRENCE:** November 19, 2021

**TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** approximately 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE OF OCCURRENCE:** Renaissance Charter School, 10501 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines, FL 33026

**SUSPECT(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:**

1) Updated Suspect: 12-year-old female

**VICTIM(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:**

1) Updated Victim #1: 13-year-old female

2) Updated Victim #2: State of Florida

**INCIDENT SUMMARY:**

\*\*\*\*\* UPDATE – February 10, 2022 \*\*\*\*\*

Following an extensive and thorough investigation by our department, the original student arrested in this case (a 13-year-old female, Victim #1) was exonerated of these charges.

At the time of our initial investigation in November 2021, the family of the victim chose to exercise their rights and did not cooperate with investigators. Due to the exigent nature of the school threats and in accordance with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Act, it was determined that probable cause existed to arrest Victim #1 due to available evidence as well as multiple witness statements. The decision to arrest the student was made in consultation with the Broward State Attorney's Office.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department at 954-431-2200, email to [tips@ppines.com](mailto:tips@ppines.com), or call Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



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On December 21, 2021, the mother of Victim #1 began cooperating with our officers’ continued investigation and provided specific information which caused investigators to apply for a subpoena for the I.P. addresses associated with the threatening messages. It was not until January 18, 2022, that our agency first obtained new evidence from the subpoena that did not support the claims of the initial victim in this case (Suspect #1). The Broward State Attorney’s Office was immediately notified of these new facts and five additional subpoenas along with two search warrants were presented. The additional information obtained led to the exoneration of the student first arrested (Victim #1) and implicated one of the alleged victims (Suspect #1).

A 12-year-old female student who also attended Renaissance Charter School was found to have maliciously impersonated Victim #1 by using her information to create an email address and open multiple Instagram accounts. Suspect #1 then sent herself and other students multiple threatening messages, and intentionally lied to law enforcement and school staff to frame Victim #1.

Suspect #1 is charged with Written Threats to Kill or do Bodily Harm (FSS 836.10), Falsifying a Police Report (FSS 837.05), Penalty for Disruption of an Educational Institution (FSS 877.13), and Criminal Use of Personal Information (FSS 817.568). Victim #2 (State of Florida) surfaced based upon the falsification of a police report.

Unfortunately, only a partial representation of this case was reported by some of our news media partners. Much of the information related to this investigation is available within the police report, which is attached to this updated Media Release. In addition, extensive body worn camera footage of pertinent actions taken in this case is also available via a public records request.

Please see attached police report.

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On Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, members of the Pembroke Pines Police Department were made aware of threatening messages, posted on Instagram, which were directed towards students and staff at the Renaissance Charter School. A determination was made that the threats began on November 18<sup>th</sup> and updated posts indicated that the individual making the threats claimed to be at the school on the morning of November 19<sup>th</sup>. In response, the Renaissance Charter School was temporarily

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placed on a code-yellow alert (limited movement).

Our Threat Assessment Team was immediately deployed to investigate the incident and ultimately identified, and arrested, a 13-year-old female who is a former student at Renaissance Charter School.

At this time there is no active or on-going threat toward students or staff at the Renaissance Charter School in Pembroke Pines. The juvenile female who has been arrested is being charged with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Felony for making a written threat to do bodily harm or commit an act of terrorism (FSS 836.10).

Whether written as a joke or a prank, out of frustration or anger, all threats made against our schools will be taken seriously. Making threats of this nature is a serious offense and any individual determined to have committed such an act will be arrested and charged accordingly. The Pembroke Pines Police Department has been creating and distributing strong messaging about the severity of consequences that will occur to students who use social media or any other means to threaten our schools, students or teachers.

We are again asking all parents to please take this moment to speak with your children about the severe consequences for making threats to do harm and also encourage that they report threats of which they are made aware.



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