



# Pembroke Pines Police Department



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## MEDIA RELEASE

**ASSIGNED PIO:** Amanda Conwell

**DATE OF MEDIA RELEASE:** March 15, 2023

**TIME OF MEDIA RELEASE:** 12:00 p.m.

**CASE NUMBER:** PPPD23OFF015459

**CHARGE/INCIDENT:** School Threats - ARREST

**DATE OF OCCURRENCE:** March 9, 2023

**TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** 6:39 p.m.

**PLACE OF OCCURRENCE:** Charles W. Flanagan High School; 12800 Taft Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33028

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

1) 16-Year-Old Male

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

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### **INCIDENT SUMMARY:**

On Thursday, March 9, 2023, multiple calls were received by our department advising of a threatening text message shared amongst Charles W. Flanagan High School students. Among the various messages included the statement “Flanagans gonna get shoot up by magfag tomorrow” alongside a photoshopped image of a cat holding a rifle.

Our Threat Assessment Team was immediately activated and identified the suspect as a 16-year-old former student of Flanagan High School. Police officers interviewed the suspect and his mother and determined that the suspect was visiting relatives out of state when the text messages were reported. The suspect told police officers that “magfag” was the name of his cat, and that the text messages were intended as a joke.



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Our initial investigation determined that there was no active threat to the high school campus, and parents and students received notification through the police department's social media platforms and the school's administration.

When the suspect returned to Pembroke Pines, he was taken into custody and charged with Written Threats to Conduct a Mass Shooting, a felony under FSS 836.10.1.

Whether written as a joke or as a prank, all threats made against our schools are taken seriously and will be investigated by police officers. Making threats of this nature is a serious offense and any individual who commits these acts will be arrested and charged accordingly. We urge all parents to please speak with your children about the severe consequences of making threats toward a school campus, students, or staff. Our community is encouraged to report any suspicious statements or threatening messages to police.