



Pembroke Pines Police Department



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MEDIA RELEASE

ASSIGNED PIO: Amanda Conwell

DATE OF MEDIA RELEASE: September 17, 2025

TIME OF MEDIA RELEASE: 11:30 a.m.

CASE NUMBER: PPPD25OFF067065

CHARGE/INCIDENT: Swatting, Arrest – Charles W. Flanagan High School

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: September 16, 2025

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 8:40 a.m.

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: 12800 Taft Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33028

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

1) Andy Ismael Cruz; 14-years-old; 10/29/2010; white male; 7957 Johnson Street, Apt 1
Pembroke Pines, FL 33028

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

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INCIDENT SUMMARY:

Police officers have taken 14-year-old Andy Ismael Cruz into custody after he made a swatting call directed at Flanagan High School.

At 8:40 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, an anonymous caller contacted the Broward Sheriff's Office non-emergency line to report suspicious men walking toward Charles W. Flanagan High School. The caller said that at least one of the men was carrying a gun.

Police officers flooded the school's campus and actively searched the surrounding areas. The police department's response caused Flanagan High, Walter C. Young Middle School, and Lakeside Elementary to activate a Code Secure for precautionary measures. No suspicious activity or people were located during the search, and the call was considered a hoax.



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Another call was made to the Pembroke Pines City Pension Fund office, where the caller made threatening statements toward the pension office and Flanagan High.

The Pembroke Pines Police Department's Threat Assessment Team was immediately deployed to investigate both anonymous calls. Despite the caller's attempts to conceal their voice, identity and location from police, detectives were able to identify 14-year-old Andy Cruz as the caller for both threats. Cruz is currently a sophomore at Flanagan High.

Detectives interviewed Cruz and he admitted to placing the false calls as a form of swatting. Although it does not appear he had the capability to enact violence at Flanagan High School or the pension office, Cruz was arrested and charged with False Report Concerning the Use of Firearms in a Violent Manner (FSS 790.163), Disruption of School Function (FSS 877.13), and Misuse of Emergency System (FSS 365.172).

Swatting calls or threats made toward our local schools are not a joke and are fully investigated by our department. We urge all parents to speak with their children about the severe consequences of making false reports to police, especially concerning the use of weapons on any of our local schools.