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Update #1

The reports of a juvenile male that had made threats to harm students at the Joplin High School have resurfaced. Out of an abundance of caution, the Joplin Police Department provided a stronger, visible presence at the school this morning while Joplin detectives contacted any new leads that were reported. At this stage, these reports have been linked back to the original threat for which the juvenile was taken into custody for Terroristic Threats on March 3rd.

The Joplin Police Department encourages open communication and prompt reporting of any indications of threats to students. At this time, we have not identified any immediate or new threats to students.

MEDIA RELEASE

The Joplin Police Department school resource officer at Joplin High School located at 2104 S. Indiana Ave. was contacted by school officials at 2:30 P.M. yesterday March 3, 2016. They had received information that a juvenile male had made threats to harm students sometime in the coming days.

The juvenile officer was contacted and the juvenile was taken into custody for Terroristic Threats and transported to the Greene County Juvenile Detention Center. He remains there at this time and there is no active threat to the school or students.

The investigation is ongoing at this time.

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