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13-Year-Old Arrested for School Threat Made on Fortnite

On Monday at approximately 3:30 p.m., Visalia Police Department officers received information regarding a possible school threat made through the online gaming platform, Fortnite. The user reportedly threatened to carry out a mass school shooting and then take his own life.

Officers quickly investigated and traced the threat to a residence in Visalia. A 13-year-old juvenile was identified as the person who made the threat. Although the threat was ultimately deemed not credible, the juvenile was arrested and booked into the Tulare County Juvenile Detention Facility for criminal threats (PC 422).

This incident serves as a serious reminder: The Visalia Police Department does not tolerate any threats of violence, real or perceived. All threats will be investigated thoroughly, and those responsible will face consequences, regardless of their age or intent.

Parents, please speak with your children about the seriousness of making threats, even as a joke. These actions can lead to criminal charges and long-term consequences.

As the new school year approaches, the Visalia Police Department remains committed to keeping our students, schools, and community safe. We urge everyone: If you see something, say something.

