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PRESS RELEASE

(**Easton, MD**) - On Tuesday, March 15, 2022, the sheriff's office school resource officer assigned to Easton High School received information in regards to a bomb threat directed at the school which was posted on social media. Members of the Talbot County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division responded to the school and began an investigation to determine who posted the threat.

In cooperation with Instagram and a cellular phone company, detectives determined the threat was posted by the suspect from inside the school. Detectives worked throughout the day and into the evening, scouring a multitude of data in order to identify the suspect. The suspect was identified as a student enrolled at the high school and evidence was developed to charge the juvenile for posting the threat. The juvenile has been charged and referred to the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services for the following charges:

- 1. Threat of Mass Violence
- 2. Disturbing School Operations

Per Maryland law, the juvenile was released to their custodian upon conclusion of the investigation.

The Criminal Investigations Division worked in cooperation with the staff at Easton High School and the Talbot County Board of Education to bring this case to a resolution.

The sheriff's office takes these threats very seriously and will work diligently to identify those person(s) responsible for these types of threats. We encourage parents to have conversations with their students about the seriousness of these types of threats and the educational and financial impact these threats have to our community.