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PRESS RELEASE

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Threats at Pleasant Valley High School

Chico, CA –

On March 5th, 2019, two students were involved in an altercation on the campus of Pleasant Valley High School. In the course of the altercation, one of the students made threats to another student. These threats were overheard by other students in the area and relayed what was said to more students. PVHS Administration immediately intervened and began an investigation into the situation. Chico Police school resource officers were also called in and actively assisted in the investigation. Searches of both the school and private residences were conducted. After speaking with witnesses and performing follow-up searches, it was determined that there was no credible threat to the safety of the students or staff as a result of this student altercation.

While the above situation is extremely disappointing, the school was not in danger. However, rumors began to circulate after misleading and inflammatory information was posted to social media. On March 6th PVHS Administration and Chico Police received copies of social media posts describing unsubstantiated rumors and misinformation regarding the above mentioned student altercation. On March 7th PVHS Administration and Chico Police researched the social media postings and identified the originators of the inaccurate posts. The individual(s) admitted to fabricating the information they posted. Disciplinary action was taken by PVHS Administration and the student was arrested by Chico Police for violation of 653.2(a) PC – (Internet Harassment).

PVHS administration and the Chico Police Department encourage everyone in the community to contact the school or police when they have concerns; however, unsubstantiated and inaccurate information can only cause further issues. This situation is an example of the harm that can be caused by the sharing of inaccurate information.

As always, the safety and security of the community, students and staff is the highest priority, and we will continue to take every step necessary to ensure the students and staff are safe. All threats made on campus are taken seriously. Students who make threats can face serious disciplinary action, up to and including suspension, expulsion, and even arrest. It's also important to hold students accountable for the dangers of posting inflammatory and derogatory social media posts.

Location: Pleasant Valley High School

Date/Time: 03/06/2019 at 10:00 am

Victim: N/A

Suspect: Name Withheld

Supervisor: Sgt. Mike Williams #S-14

Watch Commander: Commander Ted McKinnon #C-9