



# Information Release

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### School Threat Investigation

#### UPDATE # 1

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Emerald Ridge High School Threat Update: Detectives from our Major Crimes Unit along with the FBI served a search warrant at a residence within the City limits of Puyallup. Detectives have recovered potential items of evidence from the residence. Detectives are continuing their investigation of the threat.

The threat itself was posted on an Internet public forum in Europe. An agency in Europe learned of the threat and notified the appropriate authorities in Washington DC. Puyallup PD was then notified by authorities in Washington DC of the threat and immediately began an investigation.

The threat of violence is specific to Emerald Ridge High School. No other schools were noted in the threat. The threat has nothing to do with any clown activity anywhere in our area. The threat at this time does not appear to have any links to terrorism.

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The Puyallup School District, School Resource Officer from Emerald Ridge High School, and PPD were in contact very quickly this morning regarding the incident. As noted earlier, Emerald High School was closed today out of an abundance of caution for students, staff, and the community. Due to the very close proximity of Glacier View Junior High School it too was closed for the day.

PPD will be continuing to investigate the incident this afternoon and we will provide further updates, as we can, this afternoon.

***Original Release:***

This morning at approximately 4 AM our department received information about a threat of school violence at Emerald Ridge High School in the Puyallup School District. Detectives from our Major Crimes Unit along with the School Resource Officer from the Pierce County Sheriff's Department are actively investigating the threat.

School has been canceled today at Emerald Ridge High School and Glacier View Junior High School out of an abundance of caution for our students, staff and community. We will update the community as the day progresses, as we can, on the investigation.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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