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Suspect in Custody for Threat to Casco Bay High School

PORTLAND, Maine – A 17-year-old male from Westbrook was taken into custody around 9:00 AM this morning by the Westbrook Police Department and charged with Terrorizing for threatening messages he posted on a social media application that were directed toward students at Casco Bay High School. A realistic looking BB gun was seized during his arrest.

The reason for this threat is still being investigated but the initial investigation points to a longstanding dispute between two different groups of individuals that has been occurring outside of the school.

With this arrest the Portland Police Department hopes the students, staff and faculty can resume classes and regain their feeling of normalcy. Police will be working with the school department to ensure that everyone returning to the school after this incident can do so with the confidence that they are safe.

The suspect was issued a juvenile summons and given conditions of release that will prohibit him from being on school department property. He was released to the custody of his parents.

If anyone has any information that could help Police with this investigation they are asked to call (207) 874-8575.

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- **Mobile phone users can text the keyword “GOTCHA” plus their message to 274637 (CRIMES).**
- **Submit tips by going to the Portland Police Department website: www.portland-police.com and clicking "[Submit an Anonymous Crime Tip](#).”**
- **Anonymous phone tips can be left on the Department’s Crime Tip line:207-874-8584.**