



TARPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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Date: March 5, 2018

Time: 2:30 p.m.

On Friday, March, 2, 2018 the following statement was discovered written on a girl's bathroom wall at Tarpon Springs Middle School: "I'm coming for this school on 3-5-18 be ready!" Based on the recent events the inscription was interpreted as being a threat of injury or death to the school and any occupant at the school. This implied threat caused the school to notify parents by phone about the threat which created a fear that over 100 students were absent from school on March 5, 2018 and officers from the Tarpon Springs Police Department increased their presence. An investigation was conducted by the school administration and the T.S.P.D. officer assigned to the location. Pursuant to the investigation an eighth grade female admitted to both a faculty member, and the S.R.O. that she wrote the threat. She cited school and domestic pressures as a motive however, she was unable to articulate further as to how these issues resulted in her actions.

The student, who is not being identified, was arrested and charged with written threats to do bodily harm/injury. She was transported to the Pinellas County Juvenile Assessment Center on this date.

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