



# BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE**

### **Endwell Student Charged with Misdemeanor Following Social Media Threat**

(ENDWELL, NY) A juvenile from Endwell was arrested and charged for making a school threat on the social media platform Snapchat.

On Tuesday, December 17, 2024, the Broome County Sheriff's Office was alerted to a threat that was posted earlier in the day on the social media platform Snapchat. BCSO Detectives located the owner of the account within minutes of the report being made, and following an investigation, charged the 15-year-old female with Making a Threat of Mass Harm, a Class B Misdemeanor.

“We treat every threat of harm to lives of our community’s children and teachers seriously,” said Sheriff Fred Akshar. “I urge all parents to take the time and talk with their children and ensure that they understand that it’s never acceptable to make threatening statements of school violence as a joke or under any circumstance. The Broome County Sheriff’s Office has zero tolerance for this kind of behavior, and unfortunately, this individual found out the hard way.”

The juvenile is a student at Maine-Endwell High School.

“Upon learning about this potential online threat, the student was immediately identified and brought into the office,” said Maine-Endwell Central School District Superintendent Jason Van Fossen. “The Broome County Sheriff’s Office responded to the high school within minutes. At no time were our students, faculty, or staff in any danger. We commend the team at the Sheriff’s Office for their swift response and we will continue to treat any and all threats of this kind seriously. The safety of our school community is of utmost importance and behavior of this kind will not be tolerated.”

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