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VIRAL SOCIAL MEDIA THREATS DEEMED NON-CREDIBLE

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The public safety community is responding to an increase in school threat reporting following the shooting at Apalachee High School. Law enforcement wants to remind the public that making specific threats on social media will be investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

However, school safety hotlines and law enforcement often see increased reporting following a mass shooting incident, as students and the public are more apt to report suspicious activity or concerns. Reposting these online threats can cause undue panic and spread false information. To date, the majority of investigations into threats posted online since the Apalachee High School shooting have been deemed non-credible.

If you see or hear a threat, report it to local law enforcement immediately. Notify authorities but don't share or forward the threat until law enforcement has had a chance to investigate.



