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Deputies Investigating Separate & Unrelated Threats at Two Pueblo West Schools

Pueblo, CO: The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with Pueblo County School District 70, is investigating unrelated reported threats made at two Pueblo West schools late Wednesday night to determine the validity of the reports. The reported threats involved Skyview Middle School and Pueblo West High School.

District 70 officials cancelled classes at Skyview Middle School today. Classes were held at Pueblo West High School with an increased presence of Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies at the school throughout the day. Investigations into both reports are ongoing.

"We take any and all threats involving our schools very seriously and the safety of our students and staff is a top priority," said Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor. "Our deputies are doing a thorough investigation of both reported threats to determine their validity."

District 70 officials notified the Sheriff's Office Wednesday night that they had received information from a Skyview Middle School student, who said he overheard a conversation in which another student said he was going to bring a gun to school today (January 9).

Deputies investigated the report but were unable to identify the student who made the threatening statement. Deputies are working with District 70 officials to review surveillance video to identify a potential suspect or witnesses.

A second, unrelated threat also was reported Wednesday night involving a statement overhead off campus about a student wanting to shoot other students. Although a specific school was not mentioned in the threat, the witness said he thought the individual who made the statement was wearing a Pueblo West High School T-shirt. Sheriff's Deputies have found no evidence to support such a threat at the high school, but as a precaution, additional deputies were placed at the school on Thursday.

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