



# Owensboro Police Department

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Swatting Call Leads to Juvenile Charged

**\*\*UPDATE\* - Detectives with the Criminal Investigations Division investigated this case and determined a second juvenile acted jointly with Juvenile #1 to pose as a student and send the threatening text message.**

Detectives brought Juvenile #2 to station for questioning and subsequently Juvenile #2 was charged and transported to Warren County Regional Juvenile Detention Center on the following charge:

- Terroristic Threatening 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

Juvenile #2 has previously been charged with the following:

- Terroristic Threatening 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree
- Theft of Contents from a Vehicle (Complicity)
- Fleeing or Evading Police 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (On Foot)
- Criminal Trespassing 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Harassment – Physical Contact – No Injury

On Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 4:41 P.M., Officers with the Owensboro Police Department responded to the 1800 Block of Frederica St in reference to a Terroristic Threatening complaint against an Owensboro Public School. Officers arrived and spoke with the principal of the school who advised officers she received a text message screenshot from a faculty member of a text message from a student using a Text Now App, stating he was going to commit a shooting at school the next day.

Detectives with the Criminal Investigations Division responded to investigate and were able to make contact with the student who allegedly sent the text message. The investigation revealed an individual was posing as this student. Detectives tracked down the actual sender of the text message at his residence. That male juvenile was brought to station for questioning and subsequently charged.

**The juvenile was charged and transported to the Warren County Regional Juvenile Detention Center on the following charge:**

- **Terroristic Threatening 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**

**The juvenile has previously been charged with the following:**

- **Possession of Handgun by Minor 1<sup>st</sup> Offense**
- **Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (2 Counts)**
- **Assault 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (No Visible Injury)**
- **Terroristic Threatening 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (3 Counts)**
- **Disorderly Conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**
- **Prescription Controlled Substance Not in Proper Contain 1<sup>st</sup> Offense**

**Anyone with additional information can call OPD at 270-687-8888, or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers at 270-687-8484.**