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On October 30, 2018, at approximately 12:53 PM, students alerted WWMHS-School Protection Deputy Michael Callaway of a message written in the stall of the boys bathroom, which stated, "I have a bomb in my bag." Wildwood Middle High School was immediately placed on lockdown and all students were evacuated to safety. Deputies responded to the school with K9 Rio, an explosive detection K9. The school was cleared of any explosives with the assistance of the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

Sumter County Sheriff's Office Detectives began their investigation, which later identified Jahmar R. Rich, DOB 01/24/2002, as a suspect. While interviewing Rich, he admitted to writing the threat in the stall of the bathroom, and he advised, "... it was not meant as a serious threat, ... everyone in the school jokes about this stuff." Rich was arrested and charged with disturbing the peace-school, religious or lawful assembly and threaten to bomb-false report bomb, explosive, weapon of mass destruction.



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The Sumter County Sheriff's Office takes threats to schools, in any manner or form, very seriously. All threats, even if it is intended as a prank, will be investigated, the suspect will be identified, and they will be arrested. We have reached a point, due to the recent violent school tragedies, that this behavior cannot be tolerated.

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