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A 15-year-old male juvenile was arrested by Sumter County Detectives and charged with written threats to commit a mass shooting. Early this afternoon, Sumter County was contacted by Cedar Park Police Department located in Texas, in regards to information in a chat room where school shooting threats were discussed among members. Through investigative efforts, Detectives were able to trace the IP address back to a home in Sumterville, FL. Their investigation identified the 15-year-old, Sumter Prep Academy student as one of the members of the chat room. The juvenile was questioned and admitted to his involvement. There were no direct threats to any Sumter County Schools in the chat.

This is an ongoing investigation involving multiple jurisdictions. However, at this time, we do not have any other Sumter County suspects involved. The Sumter County Sheriff's Office takes threats to schools very seriously. All threats will be thoroughly investigated. As always we'd like to remind our citizens, if you see something, say something.

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