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<b>Subject:</b>	Westerville Police Make Arrest in School Threat		
<b>Releasing Officer:</b>	Lt. Jeff Gaylor		
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(WESTERVILLE, Ohio) – Westerville Police today arrested a student of Westerville South High School after an investigation into a threat written on a bathroom wall at the school on Monday, September 8.

The threat warned of a shooting on Monday, September 15 with the message, “9/15 School Shooting so don’t come! Warning!” Investigators were able to identify the suspect from school video entering and exiting the bathroom. After conducting a series of interviews and handwriting samples of several students in the area at the time, police identified the student believed to be responsible for the threat.

“Any threat to school safety is taken very seriously,” said Westerville Division of Police Lt. Jeff Gaylor. “The strength of our partnership with Westerville City Schools was a great advantage in this investigation. Working together, we were able to keep students and parents well informed while we focused on the investigation. We are prepared and train regularly in school safety management, and any threats to students and their safety will be treated at this level.”

The student arrested today has been charged with Inducing Panic, a felony. He has been transported to the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center.

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