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Subject:	Westerville Police Charge Student in Social Media Threat		
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(Westerville, OH) – Westerville Police have made an arrest in the investigation of an alleged threat posted Wednesday via the social media app Whisper. A Westerville North High School freshman, age 15, was charged with Making False Alarms, a misdemeanor. The student was booked and released to parents.

Police identified the student as a person of interest and that student was interviewed last night. Investigators were able to determine there was no credibility to the threat, and assessed the misdemeanor charge.

The anonymous post read, “I think I gonna shoot up my high school tomorrow.” Although no reference was made to a specific school or school district, the geotag indicated the person was in the Westerville area when the post was made.

Westerville Police thank the individuals who provided information to assist in the investigation.

Public safety and school officials remind parents and students that any threat to school safety is taken seriously and investigated. For more information on the Westerville Division of Police, please visit www.westerville.org/police

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