

PRESS RELEASE

The following is a joint press release from the Oneida City Police Department, the Oneida City School District, and the Office of Oneida City Mayor Leo Matzke:

On Wednesday, November 1, 2017, staff members of the Oneida High School began to hear rumors being circulated amongst students of a possibly threatening statement about the high school that was allegedly posted on a social media platform. At about the same time, the Oneida Police Department was also contacted by the parent of a student who also reported the same rumor.

Acting collaboratively, the Oneida City School District and the Oneida City Police Department interviewed numerous students who had reported hearing about the alleged threat. None of those students reported actually seeing the alleged threat on the social media platform. There was never any confirmation that a threat was actually made or posted on social media.

The person who was purported to have made these threats was located by the Oneida Police Department and has not admitted to engaging in such behavior. That person has not been charged with any crime as no crime was ever substantiated. No further information will be released pertaining to this individual.

During the course of the day on Wednesday, the Oneida Police Department maintained a presence at the Oneida High School and will continue to do so today. This presence is out of an abundance of caution and not related to any enhanced concern for student safety.

The Oneida Police Department, the Oneida City School District and Mayor Leo Matzke all want everyone to know that at no time during yesterday's investigation were students or staff of the high school at risk or in any danger. The safety of students and staff are always paramount.

No further public information can be released by any of the three entities issuing this press release at this time.