

<b>WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS MEDIA RELEASE</b>		<b>NEWS RELEASE NUMBER 2016-080</b>
<b>INFORMATION: DISORDERLY CONDUCT/CLOWN THREATS TO HARLEM SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>		
<b>DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2016</b>	<b>TIME: 1:00 P.M.</b>	<b>PAGE 1 OF 1</b>

During the week of October 3, 2016 there were several unsubstantiated rumors of clowns that were threatening to attack several schools in the Harlem School District. This was part of a regional and national trend.

On October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> there were two separate Facebook postings which threatened the Harlem 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus. Several hundred students either went home early or did not come to school the following day.

An investigation completed by Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies and school administrators identified a 14 year old student who was responsible for one of these postings.

This juvenile has been arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

**THE CHARGES AGAINST THE JUVENILE ARE MERELY ACCUSATIONS AND HE IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW.**

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