



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**Contact:** Watch Commander, 805-339-4416  
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**VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Incident:** Threats to "BHS" High School

**Location:**

**Date/Time Occurred:** 2-22-2018 @ 1915 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Police Detectives and School Resource Officer's (SRO)

**Suspect(s):** Male 16 year old juvenile, Belen, New Mexico resident

**Report #:**

**Narrative:**

At the above date and time, the Ventura Police Command Center received numerous calls reference a possible threat to "BHS" students via Snapchat. The snapchat stated that the writer was going to bring an Ar-15 to campus and threatened, "all BHS students prepare to see my wrath tomorrow". While conducting the investigation it was discovered that the original threat came from Belen New Mexico just outside of Albuquerque. Ventura Police spoke with Belen City Police who confirmed that yesterday, 2-21-2018, they investigated the Snapchat threat that was directed towards Belen High School "BHS". Based on the threat they wrote a search warrant for the Snapchat account and were able to identify the IP address where the threat originated from. Their investigation revealed that a 16 year old student, who attended Belen High School, sent the Snapchat. Before the start of school Belen Police Officers contacted the 16 year old and took him into custody for the threats. During an interview with the juvenile, he admitted to making the threats via Snapchat. According to the Belen Police, Ventura is the 3rd California Agency to contact them today reference this incident.

Based on the investigation the Ventura Police Department has determined there is no credible threat to Buena High School students. Ventura Police and Ventura Unified School District officials are continuing to work together to ensure the safety of all students and faculty throughout the district. In an effort to remain vigilant the Ventura Police Department will have extra SRO's at Buena High School throughout the day tomorrow.

*The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at [www.venturapd.org](http://www.venturapd.org)*

*If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.*

*If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.*

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