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Student taken into custody after threatening comments

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On Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at approximately 7:25am, Hartford officers investigated a report of a student overhearing a comment in a conversation between two other students in the hallway that morning saying, *"I'm going to shoot up the school."* Hartford officers worked with the administration of Hartford Union High School to identify the student and bring them to the school office for questioning.

The subject ultimately admitted to having made the comment. However, they claimed that they made the comment because they *"were having a bad morning,"* and said that they never intended to act on the comment. While speaking to officers, the student ultimately admitted that the comment was inappropriate.

No weapons were found in the student's possession and none were located on school grounds. It is not believed that weapons were ever actually on the school grounds. In the course of this investigation, the student's mother voluntarily surrendered three firearms belonging to the family from their residence in the Town of Hartford. The student had not made any direct reference to these weapons, but they were removed from the residence pending the outcome of this investigation. No further evidence that would establish any additional intent to act upon these comments has been discovered at this time.

Charges of Disorderly Conduct against the 14-year-old student are being referred to Washington County Juvenile Intake. This investigation is ongoing and no further information is being released at this time.

The Hartford Police Department joins the administration of the Hartford Union High School in commending the students who came forward to report this matter. The safety of our schools and our community is our top priority.

All suspects enjoy the presumption of innocence, and the state must prove all charges in a court of law.