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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Upper Yoder Township Police Department (UYTPD,) in collaboration with Cambria County detectives, has made an arrest last night as a result of its investigation of a social media threat received by the Westmont Hilltop School District on December 14, 2017. The threat was made against the high school student body.

The threatening message was received on December 14th by a student-run Twitter account and passed on to the High School's administration. The district immediately contacted the Upper Yoder Township Police Department (UYTPD.) Local and county law enforcement investigated and identified some people of interest within a few hours. Police then acquired appropriate search warrants in preparation for making an arrest.

During this time, school was closed on Thursday, December 14th due to inclement weather and Friday, December 15th due to the threat.

Police informed the District that the suspect has been charged with terroristic threats, a felony. The suspect is a minor who does not attend Westmont Hilltop School District. In accordance with state and federal laws, the District will not release any additional information about the individual. With the suspect now in custody and confirmation from law enforcement that the threat is no longer present, classes will resume on Monday.

The school district is grateful to Chief Don Hess of the UYTPD and to county detectives who worked diligently and quickly. We are also grateful to the student who alerted the administration of this possible threat.

We thank the entire school community for your patience and understanding during this time, and we look forward to getting back to the business of educating students.

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