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Warning discovered by career center staff

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Greenwood police are investigating a threat against Central Nine Career Center that an incident would occur today.

School staff found a threat written on a stall in the men's restroom at the career center, 1999 U.S. 31 South, Greenwood. The threat indicated that someone would "blow up" the center, according to a police incident log.

The threat said the incident would occur today, Central Nine curriculum director Nicole Otte said.

Additional security officers will be at the school today, she said.

Greenwood police were notified at 4:44 p.m. Tuesday after a staff member found the threat in the restroom, according to the police report.

The school resource officer was investigating the threat Wednesday, according to Greenwood assistant police chief Matt Fillenwarth.

Greenwood police declined to release additional information about the incident because the investigation is ongoing.

Parent message

Central Nine Career Center sent an automated phone message to parents of students after someone wrote a threat in the men's restroom at the school. The threat was reported on Tuesday. Here's a transcript of the message that was sent to parents:

Hello, this is Nicole Otte, curriculum director at Central

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Police interviewed students Wednesday and have not been able to determine who wrote the message, Otte said. Officers and school staff believe the threat is not credible and do not expect any incident today, she added.

"We've interviewed students, and at this point we have no evidence that this threat is credible," Otte said.

Parents and area high schools were notified through an automated phone message Wednesday afternoon. The message also informed parents that students could miss their classes at the career center without an excuse Thursday, Otte said.

About 1,200 students attend classes at the career center during morning or afternoon sessions. About 50 teachers and staff are at the school daily, Otte said.

Students from Center Grove, Whiteland, Greenwood, Franklin, Indian Creek, Beech Grove, Franklin Central, Perry Meridian and Southport high schools spend part of their day at the career center.

Central Nine offers more than 25 job and technical programs to prepare students to start careers or move into trade or college programs after graduating from high school. Programs include training for manufacturing, public safety, culinary arts, health sciences and construction.

Nine Career Center. We wanted to make you aware of a situation that has arisen at Central Nine Career Center. Someone wrote on a stall in the boys restroom about a threat for Thursday. We have been aggressively investigating the situation, and have notified local authorities, as well as all of our sending school principals.

We have no evidence at this time that this threat is credible. Beyond notifying local authorities, we also have several police officers and other protective services employees on our staff. We will continue to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our students.

Additional information will be made available to parents, if any further details arise as the school and police investigate.

While the school does not believe the threat to be credible, any students who are withheld from school by their parents tomorrow (today) will not be treated as failing to attend without an adequate excuse.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the school.

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