



# News Release

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**Headline:** Two Teenage Suspects Arrested for Bomb Threat

**Details:** On September 18, 2019, around 11pm a parent called TCSO to report that her daughter had observed concerning comments on Instagram. A meme was posted that had a list of school incidents and the caption "notices weird kid taking out AR-15". Another comment was posted between another individual and the original poster talking about different weapons to include using grenades and bombs. TCSO contacted the 15 year old male from Rainier High School about the post. The male admitted to making the posts and claimed it was a joke. The other suspect making posts was identified as a 16 year old male who attends Yelm High School. This second teenage male also admitted to making the posts and also claimed it was a joke.

Both teenage males were arrested and booked into the Thurston County Youth Services Center for Threats to Bomb or Injury Property. No weapons or bombs were located in the possession of either suspect. TCSO has made the school district aware of the threat and will have an increased presence at Rainier HS including our SRO present at the school.

This is a great example of another student saying something to a parent when she observed concerning comments on social media. TCSO would like to commend the 18 year old female student from the Rainier area who spoke up when she observed this concerning post and comments. TCSO will investigate and take enforcement action on these types of threats and postings on social media.

"See Something, Say Something"