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PRESS RELEASE

To: All Media Outlets
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On 11/11/15 at approximately 7:56 am, the Maplewood Police Department was notified of a potential threat at Columbia High School by school administrators. Officers from the Maplewood and South Orange Police Departments responded to the school and as a precautionary measure, the school was placed in a code yellow, shelter in place, while a threat that was received via social media was investigated.

As a result of the investigation a 14 year old male 9th grade CHS student was taken into custody at his home in South Orange by the Maplewood Police Department and subsequently charged and released to his parent. The code yellow was subsequently lifted and all student and faculty were safe as they resumed their normal schedules. The Maplewood Police Department would like to thank the CHS school administrators and staff for their excellent work in dealing with this morning's incident and helping to facilitate a quick resolution to the matter.

The incident continues to be under investigation. There is no further information available at this time.