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Sheriff Dale V. Clarmont
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Cheboygan Schools received another threat of violence over social media on December 7th. This threat indicated there would be a school shooting. This information was brought to the attention of the Cheboygan County School Resource Officer. "Our School Resource Officer immediately turned this information over to the Cheboygan Department of Public Safety so an investigation could be started as soon as possible," said Sheriff Clarmont.

Cheboygan Department of Public Safety Director Kurt Jones said once his department received the information they immediately opened an investigation. "When we receive this type of threat we bring in the resources and move as quickly as we can."

The information was provided to Cheboygan School Superintendent Paul Clark. "It was out of an abundance of caution that I decided to close the schools for Wednesday. We take these threats very seriously and I wanted to ensure law enforcement had the time they needed to advise us of the direction of their investigation for us to make an informed decision as to when the school should be opened."

On December 8th the Cheboygan Department of Public Safety working in conjunction with the Cheboygan County Sheriff Department received information of a second threat from social media to the Cheboygan Schools again indicating a school shooting.

While investigating both threats the evidence was pointing to one individual utilizing two social media accounts. With the assistance of the Michigan State Police Intelligent Analysts and different social media platforms, the information garnered led to a person of interest in Canada.

"Investigating officers were able to make contact with Canadian authorities and pass the information to them and they immediately conducted an investigation into the subject, located the subject and arrested the subject," said Clarmont. "It was great work by all personnel and agencies involved." Chief Jones sentiment was the same. "Everyone did what needed to be done."

Chief Jones would like parents to be mindful of the social media platforms their children are on. "This was a person who was able to get into a non-private social media platform and create havoc," said Jones. "At the very least have your social media accounts on private."



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Sheriff Clarmont reiterated that law enforcement in Cheboygan county will takes these threats serious. “Whether a threat to our schools is from someone local or as in this case from another country I assure you we will do everything possible to bring that person to justice. I encourage parents to talk with their children and stress the importance of accountability and to always report immediately when they see or hear it.”

Sheriff Clarmont and Chief Jones both stated it is necessary and vital that when any threat is posted on social media or is heard, it needs to go to law enforcement. “When we end up getting the information it has already spread around social media and it becomes harder to track down how it started and who is responsible for the threat.”