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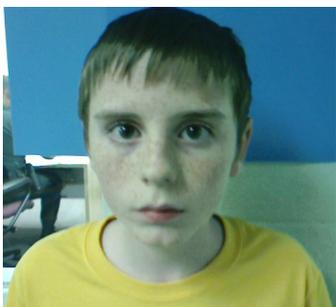
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Bomb Threat Arrest made at Stambaugh Middle School



Auburndale Police have made an arrest in three separate bomb threats made over a three week period at Stambaugh Middle School in Auburndale. The bomb threats were all hand written on bathroom walls within the school. Arrested is Hunter Lee Jackson W/M DOB – 5/14/2001 of Auburndale.

The first threat was discovered on September 20, 2013 and said: (spelling is as it was written) “I’m a high school student and I know where one of you students live. I’m going to Bomm this school on the 24th of the month”. As a result of this threat, police, the sheriff’s office bomb canine, and school staff were at the school on the morning of September 24, 2013 to search the school for any threat. The students were also screened as they arrived at school that morning. There were no suspicious items or devices found.

The second threat was discovered written on a bathroom wall on October 14, 2013 and said “bom6 wensday 3rd period”. The third was also discovered on a bathroom wall on October 15, 2013 that said “three people have a bomb”

The common thread in all three bomb threats is the fact the same student discovered the threats and reported them to staff members. The school resource officer investigating the threats met with the student and began to question him about his findings. He had the student write a statement about finding the threats and discovered some of the lettering in his hand writing was the same as that written on the walls. The one telling character was the letter “b” in the word bomb on the second threat that appeared to be the number “6”. The student began confessing to the threats. He told police that he was forced to write the threats by two unidentified students. The investigation continued trying to identifying these other students. There is no evidence to support Jackson was forced to write the threats.

Jackson is charged with three (3) counts of False Report of a Bomb a second degree felony and one (1) count of Disrupting a School Function, a second degree misdemeanor.

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