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HISD Police Chief: Threats to Safety Are Not Pranks or Jokes




November 9, 2023 - HISD's Lamar High School was in lockdown for approximately two hours this morning after a bomb threat. The Houston Police Department notified HISD Police that someone called in the threat around the start of the school day. The building was immediately locked down and HISD notified families. Students who were arriving for class at that time had to wait outside, as no one was allowed in or out while HISD Police searched the building and investigated the threat. HISD Police conducted a visual search and a sweep of the building with the K-9 unit. No suspicious materials were found.

This is the second bomb threat in as many days in HISD. The district's Police Chief, Shamara Garner, says these threats are not pranks.

"Campuses should be a safe haven for students and staff. Everyone needs to know that we don't consider threats jokes," said Chief Garner. "Any time fear is invoked, it's a serious offense. We will always investigate and present those cases to the District Attorney's office."

The lockdown was lifted around 10 a.m. HISD's top priority is the safety of its students and staff. To anonymously report a school safety concern, call the Say Something tip line at 1-844-5-SayNow.

The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the eighth-largest in the United States, with 276 schools and nearly 190,000 students. The 333-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area, with more than 27,000 employees.

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