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12-Year-Old Arrested for Threatening to Kill a Student

BUNNELL, Fla. — On September 23, a School Resource Deputy at Buddy Taylor Middle School (BTMS) was informed by the Dean's Office of a possible threat towards a student.

Flagler County Sheriff's (FCSO) Deputy Jordan Taylor discovered a 12-year-old girl was texting her exboyfriend about getting back together. During the conversation, the preteen texted, "I'm coming back to school with a big knife, if you get back with me, I won't kill you, but if you don't, your dead."

Initially, the school took a statement from the victim and immediately notified Deputy Taylor. The student, who is a Home Education Student, was arrested at her home for Written/Electronic Threat to Kill or Bodily Harm Another.

This arrest comes exactly one week after a 13-year-old girl was arrested following a school shooting threat made to BTMS. In the September 16th arrest, the teen made threats via social media after having a conversation with a friend about school shootings. In this case, the girl's mother stepped in and alerted the school.

"Today's nonsense comes at a time when schools not just in Flagler County but across the state are dealing with threats of violence at schools, often unfounded," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "Parents be the Sheriff of your home, so I don't have to be. We have zero tolerance for threats. Teach your children how to properly handle life's ups and downs, relationships, and disagreements. It will help them throughout their life and keep them from being arrested. We don't like arresting your son or daughter, but you threaten violence at a Flagler County school you will be arrested regardless of how old you are."

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