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Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event: 6/4/14 12:00 PM

Location of Incident: 7105 Highway 9, Felton

Case Number: 1404498
Type of Incident: False Bomb Threat

Suspect(s): Juvenile Suspect (Name withheld)

Photo(s) Available: Yes ____ No _X___

Description of Incident:

On 6/4/14 at about 2:00 pm, the Sheriff's Office responded to the report of a Bomb Threat by telephone to San Lorenzo Valley High School in Felton. Deputies arrived on scene and were advised by school officials that an unknown suspect left a voice message at the school stating a bomb would blow up on campus on 6/6/14. There was no further information regarding the threat other than the suspects voice was that of a male and there was laughter in the background.

The Sheriff's Office worked closely with school administration to take proper precautions to ensure the safety of the students at the school. Closing the school was a consideration in this matter.

Detectives were immediately assigned to the investigation, began developing information regarding the origin of the call through phone providers and began investigating this information.

On 6/5/14 at approximately 2:00 PM, detectives contacted a 14 year old male in Cincinnati Ohio. They conducted a phone interview of this juvenile male who admitted to making the False Bomb Threat to SLV High School. The suspect also admitted to making several other prank calls to local businesses in the Santa Cruz area. The investigation determined that the suspect had no local ties and the threat was completely random.

The investigation will be forwarded to the Juvenile Probation department for review and any possible criminal charges. Any questions about possible outcome should be forwarded to Juvenile Probation.

After determining the threat was false, SLV High School was open for business on 6/6/14.

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