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Media Release: December 14, 2021 **Social Media trend regarding threats to schools**

The Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office has been made aware of messages trending nation-wide on social media that encourage students to call in false violence (i.e. shootings or bomb threats) to schools on Friday, Dec 17, 2021. These threats are not specific to Santa Cruz County and no verified or credible threats have been identified at this time in our area.

Please remember, if you see something, say something. Anyone with knowledge of specific threats or suspicious activity should contact law enforcement. The Sheriff's Office takes all threats and false threats seriously and will investigate them to the fullest.

We are urging parents to monitor their children's social media use since these threats can often originate on social media. This includes, but is not limited to TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

Again, there are no credible threats to this area, but we are closely monitoring the situation.

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