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PRESS RELEASE

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On Monday September 16, 2019, the Johnstown Police Department received a Safe2Tell notification of possible threats of violence made by a student at Roosevelt High School that was directed towards another student.

The Weld RE-5J School District took immediate action and began disciplinary actions towards the involved student while the Johnstown Police Department conducted our investigation.

Between the evening hours of September 23, 2019 and the morning hours of September 24, 2019, the Johnstown Police Department received 23 Safe2Tell tips regarding a threat to Roosevelt High School that were all determined to be related to and stemming from the original Safe2Tell notification that was currently under criminal investigation. Our investigation revealed that misinformation put out on social media sites concerning the original incident were the cause for the numerous Safe2Tell tips received.

During the investigation, officers were able to interview the juvenile suspect and his parents, along with several identified witnesses. After conducting these interviews and analyzing multiple posts from various social media sites, the juvenile male was placed under arrest and was charged with **18-9-109 Interference with an Educational Institute** which is a class 1 Misdemeanor.

The Johnstown Police Department takes every Safe 2 Tell tip seriously and will respond to any and all tips received through this program. If our investigation into these tips are determined to be false or intentionally misleading, the Johnstown Police Department will take a zero-tolerance approach in our response.

The Johnstown Police Department would like to thank the staff and students of Roosevelt High School as well as the Weld RE-5J School District for their patience and trust during this entire investigation. The Johnstown Police Department continues to work closely with the Weld RE-5J School District to continue to provide a safe learning environment for our teachers and students.

Anyone with further information is asked to contact the Johnstown Police Department at 970-587-5555.