

Mason Student Adjudicated for Inducing Panic

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On Friday, April 24, 2015, a Mason High School student admitted to the charge of inducing panic on school grounds, a felony of the second degree, and was adjudicated a delinquent child. In March of this year, the student sent messages to a group chat informing his friends and acquaintances that he was planning on “shooting up the school” on March 16, 2015. The school received information about the threat from the anonymous “Safe School Alert” system which prompted them to contact the Mason Police Department to investigate the situation.

Juvenile Court Judge Joseph Kirby placed the student on probation and ordered him to be on house arrest with GPS monitoring while school is in session and successfully complete intensive outpatient psychological therapy and anger management. The student was ordered to be on day reporting at the Warren County Juvenile Detention Center until Mason City Schools adjourn for summer break. A suspended commitment to the Ohio Department of Youth Services and the Mary Haven Youth Center was also imposed. The student was ordered to write a formal letter of apology to Mason City Schools and complete an essay for Judge Kirby. There is a no contact order in effect with Mason City Schools, which is undertaking its own disciplinary review of the case.

Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell commended the efforts of Detective Jeffrey Wyss, Lieutenant Scott Doughman, Police Officer Michael Sechrist, and Police Officer Christopher Slone of the Mason Police Department for their investigation and apprehension of the Mason student, as well as Assistant Prosecutors Julie Kraft and Adam Nice.



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