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Meridian Township Police Investigate False Report of Active Violence

There is no threat to the public or anyone at Okemos High school

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, MI — On February 7, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. Meridian Township Police were dispatched to Okemos High School for a report of an active shooter. The school was immediately placed on lockdown and responding units arrived within minutes. Responding officers cleared the interior of the school and determined no shots had been fired and there was no threat. No injuries were reported. The students were dismissed for the day and were reunified with their parents.

The Meridian Township Police Department would like to thank the following agencies for assistance with this incident: Ingham County Sheriff's Office, Michigan State Police, East Lansing Police Department, Lansing Police Department, Michigan State University Police and Public Safety, Lansing Township Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Meridian Township Fire Department, and the East Lansing Fire Department.

A joint press conference will be held at the Okemos High School on February 7, 2023 at 3 p.m. Attendees will need to enter the high school on the east side through door #20.

Anyone who has information regarding this incident are encouraged to contact Sergeant Ed Besonen at 517-853-4800, by email at besonen@meridian.mi.us, or submit an anonymous tip through the Department's social media sites.

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