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## News Release

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### **SAGINAW POLICE URGING PARENTS TO TALK TO CHILDREN ABOUT MAKING THREATS.**

In the wake of the recent tragedy in Oxford where a student killed four classmates we have seen a rise in threats at our schools. As can be expected following an event such as Oxford, school staff is exercising hypervigilance regarding potential threats.

“Our intention is to warn students that they face serious consequences for even playfully mentioning the idea of using guns at school or otherwise causing violence. Student and teacher safety is paramount and we don’t play”, ~Said Detective Sergeant Matthew Gerow.

"Students who think this is a way to be funny, or gain some kind of recognition from their classmates, are making a very big mistake and it is imperative that parents have a serious conversation with their children”, ~said Saginaw Police Chief Bob Ruth.

The Saginaw County Prosecutors office has always taken a zero tolerance approach regarding any threats related to schools, staff and students. “No student is immune and my office is taking these incidents very seriously, any threat involving a school can be deemed as terroristic which could result in a twenty year felony charge”, ~said Saginaw County Prosecutor John McColgan.”

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