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POLICE INVESTIGATE THREAT AT SOUTH KITSAP HIGH SCHOOL

Port Orchard, WA – At approximately 2:51 p.m. today, the Port Orchard Police Department received a phone call of an armed male at South Kitsap High School, 425 Mitchell Ave, Port Orchard, WA.

Port Orchard Police Department officers, with assistance from the Kitsap County Sheriff’s Office, responded to the school and arrived within three minutes. The school was placed on lockdown as officers and deputies checked and cleared the school and surrounding area. School was out for the day and the only students on campus were there for extra-curricular activities. After a thorough search of the campus, including the viewing of security camera footage, the campus was re-opened.

The Port Orchard Department is committed to thoroughly investigating the threat and Detectives are currently working to identify the source. The Department does not believe there is an active threat to the community and suspects this incident is related to other “swatting” calls throughout the country. We will continue to focus on ensuring the safety of students, school staff, and community members when responding to these types of threats.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Port Orchard Police Department via 911 or by email at police@portorchardwa.gov.

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