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### Media Release

April 14, 2017

#### Essex High School Incident Update

The investigation into the Essex High School threat levied on April 12, 2017 has found that incidents of a very similar nature have occurred recently in Indiana, California and Colorado. In each of these incidents the threat was initially deemed credible, however later determined to be a hoax.

The Essex Police Department is being assisted by with FBI in this investigation.

Bradley J. LaRose  
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April 13, 2017

#### Essex High School Incident Update

The investigation into the Essex High School threat levied on April 12, 2017 is continuing. As a result of the investigation thus far the veracity of the threat has been greatly diminished. Searches of the high school buildings, investigative efforts and analysis of the call have found many consistencies with "swatting". Swatting involves an individual reporting a fictitious event or threat for the purpose of creating a law enforcement response.

The investigation into the identity of the perpetrator and the motive is continuing. This incident remains a high priority for the Essex Police Department.

A law enforcement presence at the high school will continue as a measure of safety assurance.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Essex Police Department at 878-8331.

Lt. Kenneth Beaulieu will be available for an interview until 4 pm - 878-8331.

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