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Two Juveniles Charged in Ventura High School Threat

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that two juveniles have been charged with making a false bomb threat, conspiracy to make a false bomb threat, and criminal threats, all felonies, in connection with a phoned-in threat that caused a lockdown at Ventura High School last week.

On May 2, 2025, at approximately 12:38 p.m., Ventura High School staff allegedly received a threatening phone call stating that someone was on campus with a bomb and intended to commit a shooting. School officials immediately contacted law enforcement and placed the campus on lockdown, directing all students and staff to shelter in place. The Ventura Police Department responded and initiated an investigation.

The investigation led to the identification of two male, 15-year-old Ventura High School students who were later taken into custody. The Ventura County District Attorney's Office filed a juvenile petition against each minor on May 5, 2025. Both appeared in juvenile court today. One minor's arraignment was continued to May 21, 2025. The other minor denied all charges and a contest is scheduled for May 27, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in juvenile court. They remain in custody at the Juvenile Justice Center in Oxnard.

"All threats to commit violence on our school campuses will be treated seriously," Juvenile Unit Supervisor Maureen Byrne said. "The bomb and shooting threat made towards Ventura High School's campus caused students and staff to fear for their safety. Our office is committed to ensuring that school campuses are safe for students."

Charges:

- PC 148.1(c) – Malicious informing of false bomb
- PC 182(a)(1) – Conspiracy to commit a crime
- PC 422(a) – Criminal threats