



# NEWS RELEASE

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## JUVENILES ARRESTED AND CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH FALSE BOMB THREAT

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes, Passaic County Sheriff Richard H. Berdnik, Prospect Park Police Chief Charbel B. Atie, and Haledon Police Chief Angelo J. Daniele announce the arrest and charging of two juvenile residents from Prospect Park, ages 14 and 15, in connection to an investigation regarding an alleged bomb threat made telephonically today resulting in evacuation procedures at Manchester Regional High School in Haledon and Prospect Park School #1 in Prospect Park. Members of the Passaic County Sheriff's Department's Bomb Squad were deployed to search and secure each school.

The investigation revealed that the alleged threat was a hoax.

Both juveniles have been charged with two counts of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree False Public Alarm, in violation of NJSA 2C:33-3a(1)(b) and two counts of 4<sup>th</sup> degree False Public Alarm 9-1-1 Phone Call, in violation of NJSA 2C:33-3e. The disposition exposure on each 2<sup>nd</sup> degree juvenile charge is three (3) years of a custodial term to the care and custody of the Juvenile Justice Commission, and the exposure on each 4<sup>th</sup> degree juvenile charge is one (1) year of a custodial term to the care and custody of the Juvenile Justice Commission.

The complaints that have been filed against the juveniles are docketed within the Superior Court Family Division. Juvenile proceedings pursuant to New Jersey law must remain confidential. Therefore, the juveniles cannot be identified.

A juvenile complaint is merely an accusation. Despite these accusations, the juveniles are presumed innocent unless and until proven delinquent beyond a reasonable doubt.

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