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MCSO responds to school shooting threat in New Salem

Mandan, N.D. – Shortly after 2:00 p.m. today, the Morton County Sheriff's Office responded to a 9-1-1 call from the New Salem-Almont High School staff reporting evidence of a possible planned school shooting.

Graffiti was found on a bathroom wall stating that there would be a shooting during sixth period, which runs from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. A MCSO deputy arrived on the scene to secure the area and then additional units from MCSO and the ND Highway Patrol arrived at 2:20 p.m. No weapons were found, and there were no reports of injuries or shots fired.

The school had gone on lockdown and law enforcement searched the entire school. The principal guided law enforcement from classroom to classroom. Each student was scanned with a handheld metal detector and then released through a single exit. Buses ran earlier than usual to accommodate the students vacating the building.

"I want to commend the teachers and staff at New Salem High School for the very good job they did with following lockdown procedures," Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier said. "They did exactly what they needed to do."

The MCSO will continue to investigate the incident.

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