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MCSO cites New Salem student after second shooting threat at school

Mandan, N.D. – The Morton County Sheriff's Office responded to a second threat of a school shooting at New Salem-Almont High School in New Salem yesterday afternoon. Today, the MCSO cited a 13-year-old female student for terrorizing. The school chose to immediately suspend her until she appears in juvenile court.

At approximately 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 5, the school was put on lockdown after school staff learned of another graffiti message on a bathroom wall. The message, similar to the one from Dec. 1, stated there would be a school shooting. When MCSO deputies arrived, they secured the area, searched the school, and students were ushered out a single exit by 3:30 p.m. No weapons were found, and there were no reports of injuries or shots fired. Evening basketball games that were scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. still took place, but with law enforcement presence in the school to ensure public safety within the building.

On Friday, Dec. 1, 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. That incident also resulted in a lockdown with a school search, and no weapons were found.

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