



# NEWS RELEASE

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## For Immediate Release

**Date:** Saturday, April 20, 2024  
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**Case:** 24-23452

### SCHOOL THREATS

On Friday, April 19, 2024, at approximately 6:09 p.m., the Yuma Police Department received information about a school threat posted on a social media platform.

The threat did not mention a specific school, but it was learned that the student, a 15 year old male and author of the threat, attends Kofa High School. Contact was made with the student and his parents. The student admitted to making the threat, but stated it was a joke and had no intention of carrying the threat out. The threat was a private message between the student and another student written in December of 2023. This message was screenshot and circulated yesterday on a social media platform. The student has no access to weapons and will not be attending the prom.

The Yuma Police Department worked with Kofa High School and the Yuma Union High School District on this case.

The Yuma Police Department takes all school threats seriously and will investigate each one of them. We ask our community to continue alerting us to these types of incidents and allow us the opportunity to verify the threats.

The Yuma Police Department encourages anyone with any information about this case to please call the Yuma Police Department at [928-373-4700](tel:928-373-4700) or 78-Crime at [\(928\) 782-7463](tel:928-782-7463) to remain anonymous.

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