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Press Release

On September 26, 2025, at 10:05 a.m., the Mountain Lake Police Department was contacted by the administration from the Mountain Lake Public school. They had just received information about a student that had made threatening statements earlier in the week about “shooting up the School (Mountain Lake Public School)”. There was no specific date or time stated when the shooting was supposed to take place or if the student had the means or ability to carry out the threats.

The suspected student had not been at the school since the threats had been made and did not reside in Mt. Lake. Local Law Enforcement were contacted where the suspected student lived and were able to secure the student.

There is no immediate threat to the public or schools. The Mountain Lake Public School and our department worked collaboratively together on immediately addressing the threats made.

At the start of this school year, our department provided refresher training to the staff for Active Shooter Events, following the latest federal guidelines of Run, Hide, and Fight protocol through the ALICE (Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate) format. We also provided information on pre-attack indicators of historical Active Shooters as obtained from the FBI, with the goal of stopping school shootings before they can happen. This collaborative approach contributed to the swift actions taken to locate and take the suspected student into custody, ensuring both the necessary mental health care and the continuation of the criminal investigation.

This case remains under investigation and once completed, will be referred to the Cottonwood County Attorney’s Office for review.