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Charges Filed for Threats Made at Two High Schools

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that charges have been filed against two students who made threats in separate incidents at Oxnard High School and Santa Paula High School. The student involved in the Oxnard High School incident was charged with criminal threats and bringing a weapon onto school grounds. The student involved in the Santa Paula High School incident was charged with making a false bomb threat.

On June 1, 2022, at approximately 2:00 p.m., a 17-year-old student entered Oxnard High School's campus carrying a pellet gun. The student entered the library and showed his ex-girlfriend the gun. The student told the girl that he missed her and that the gun was for her new boyfriend. After leaving the library, she received a Snapchat photo sent by the student. The photo depicted him holding a gun with a threat written on the photo. School officials were notified, and the school was placed on lockdown. The Oxnard Police Department conducted a search for the student who was located off campus and arrested.

The separate incident occurred June 2, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. As students arrived at Santa Paula High School, a 16-year-old student yelled that he had a bomb. Fearful students notified school officials. Santa Paula High School and surrounding Santa Paula school campuses were placed on lockdown. The student was detained by the school's principal. Upon arrival of Santa Paula Police Officers, a search of the student and school campus was conducted, and no bomb was located.

Both students are currently detained at the Ventura County Juvenile Justice Facility. They will be arraigned separately at the Juvenile Justice Courthouse on June 7, 2022, in courtroom J3.

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