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**THREE MENOMINEE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CHARGED
WITH MAKING TERRORISTIC THREATS**

Menominee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey T. Rogg charged¹ three Menominee High School Students in separate Juvenile Petitions filed in the 41st Circuit Court, Family Division, with False Report of Threat of Terrorism, and School—Intentional Threat to Commit Act of Violence Against School, School Employees or Students, on March 29, 2022. In the adult system, the charged offenses carry maximum penalties of 20 years in prison and one year in jail, respectively.

The charges arise from a report by a Menominee High School student to Menominee Police Department School Resource Officer Daniel Bartell on March 16, 2022, that there was a viable and active threat being made by certain specific classmates against an adult School Success Worker and the Assistant Principal. The Facts filed with the Court in support of the Petitions allege that the Juveniles made threats to “shoot up the school,” and that they had a “target list” of both the adult Administrators and at least two students.

Rogg commended the courage of the student in reporting the situation to school personnel, and the proactive efforts of Officer Bartell in conducting an immediate and thorough investigation. Rogg further emphasized that “because of this student’s bravery, a potential disaster was averted.”

“This is actually one of the more significant school threats I’ve seen this year, since my warning letter to all parents and students in December,” continued Rogg. The Menominee County Prosecutor’s Office has charged 12 such cases since the Oxford (Michigan) School shootings on November 30, 2021.

Each of the juvenile Respondents (a Female; DOB 12/11/2007; a Female, DOB 05/19/2008; and a Male, DOB 03/11/2007), will be arraigned before the Hon. Daniel E. Hass on April 5, 2022, at 2:00, 2:30 and 3:00 p.m., respectively, in the 41st Circuit Court, Family Division. Rogg has filed a request with the Court for Pretrial Detention of all three Respondents. Juveniles do not receive adult sentences; rather, upon conviction, the judge will fashion a sentence considering the crime(s) committed, and the rehabilitation needs of the juvenile offender.

¹ Prosecutor Rogg reminds everyone that the charges are allegations and all criminal defendants, as well as juvenile respondents, are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty, beyond a reasonable doubt, in court.