

Safe 2 Tell Complaint Leads to Arrest

Incident Places High School in Secure Perimeter For Short Period

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-September 27, 2022-Last night, Monday, September 26, 2022, the Steamboat Springs Police Department (SSPD) received a “Safe 2 Tell” complaint via 911. The complaint was in reference to a male who posted a picture of himself with what appeared to be an AR style rifle and a message stating “*Full on drive by shit here.*” Officers were unable to locate the individual last night.

This morning, Tuesday, September 27, 2022, SSPD officers began investigating the incident and identified the suspect as 18-year-old Zachery Durham. Officers contacted staff at the Steamboat Springs High School (SSHS) and quickly located Durham and 19-year-old Damion Rhodes in the school parking lot, where Rhodes was observed loading a magazine into what appeared to be a rifle. Officers contacted the individuals and located an Airsoft gun concealed in their vehicle.

As a result, the school was placed in Secure Perimeter. This security level is not as serious as a lockdown and permits instruction to continue and students to move inside the building with the doors locked.

Durham and Rhodes were arrested for Interference with Educational Institution and Attempted Felony Menacing. Both were booked into jail. Durham is not a student at the school; however, Rhodes does attend SSHS.



“We take potential threats and threats of violence very seriously,” said Chief Sherry Burlingame. “We immediately began investigating the incident and attempting to locate the suspect. We’re glad officers were able to intercede and that the concerned party shared the tip.”

Safe 2 Tell is an anonymous way for students, parents, and the community to report any issues concerning safety or the safety of others. SSPD encourages anyone who is concerned about school safety to utilize Safe 2 Tell (Safe2Tell.org).

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