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TO: Press Sources

DATE OF INCIDENT: February 26, 2014

LOCATION: 153 South Cross Rd

INCIDENT: Poughkeepsie Teen charged after reporting a Bomb Threat

On February 26, 2014 at approximately 3:23 pm the Hyde Park Police Department received a call from Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School for a reported bomb threat. School officials were alerted to a boy's bathroom by a student who found a threat of a bomb going off prior to an assembly scheduled for 6:00 pm at the school. Hyde Park Police and 2 Bomb detecting K-9 dogs from the Dutchess County Sheriffs Office immediately responded and evacuated the building. School officials and Police immediately began reviewing video surveillance footage and a suspect was quickly identified. Detectives went to the Town of Poughkeepsie home of a 17 year old FDR student and brought him to the Hyde Park Police Department for questioning. The suspect confessed to writing the threat on the bathroom wall and stated there were no bombs in the building it was fictitious. Police and school officials worked together to search the building and the building was cleared by 5:20 pm and students and staff were allowed back in the building.

The 17 year old male student was arrested arraigned in front of Judge Kennedy and remanded to the Dutchess County Jail on \$12,500 cash or \$25,000 bail bond. He is due back in Hyde Park Justice Court on February 28, 2014 at 12:00 pm.

The suspect's name is not being released because he may be eligible for youthful offender status.

Charges: Falsely Reporting an Incident in the 1st Degree a Class D Felony

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