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### **GDOE** Shares Update on Anonymous Threats to GDOE School Campuses

The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) would like to remind the island community that in light of the recent anonymous threats received by school campuses, our school teams continue to keep our students safe as they work with local law enforcement and other community partners in identifying the individuals who have posted anonymous threats on social media platforms.

Earlier today, the Guam Police Department (GPD) announced through a general press release that an individual has been identified and detained at the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) facility in connection with social media posts inciting riots at Tiyan High School. This individual was taken into custody for Terroristic Conduct, Terrorizing, Rioting, Reckless Conduct, Child Abuse, Obstruction of Governmental Functions Conspiracy and Solicitation.

GDOE thanks our local law enforcement and community partners for the successful apprehension of this individual and their support as we continue to identify those who have recently made anonymous threats to our school community.

"Acts intended to terrorize or disrupt our school community will not be endured nor tolerated," said Superintendent Dr. K. Erik Swanson. "In situations such as these, we would like to reassure our island community that GDOE has procedures in place to ensure the safety of our students and employees. As we exercise measures to ensure student safety on campuses, our school administrators continue working with community partners to identify, validate, and apprehend individuals who make and circulate these anonymous threats."

GDOE encourages those in the community to contact the schools or local law enforcement if they have any information relative to anonymous threats made to any of our school communities. For any questions or concerns, you can send an email to Michelle A.T. Franquez at matfranquez@gdoe.net.

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