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Two Minors Admit to Felony Charges in Ventura High School Bomb Threat Case

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that two juveniles have admitted to felony charges related to the May 2, 2025, bomb and shooting threat that prompted a full lockdown at Ventura High School.

On June 4, 2025, at the Ventura County Juvenile Justice Center, one minor admitted to three felony charges: malicious informing of a false bomb, conspiracy to commit a malicious informing of a false bomb, and criminal threats. Ventura County Superior Court Judge Kevin DeNoce sentenced the minor to wardship under Welfare and Institutions Code section 602, the most serious level of juvenile probation.

In a separate hearing held on May 21, 2025, in the same courtroom, the second minor admitted to two felony charges: malicious informing of a false bomb and conspiracy to commit a malicious informing of a false bomb. Because the minor's legal residence is in Santa Barbara County, the case has been transferred to the Santa Maria Juvenile Courthouse for sentencing, as required by law. That minor is scheduled to appear for an interim hearing on June 10, followed by a sentencing hearing on June 17.

The charges stem from a May 2, 2025, incident at Ventura High School, where school officials received a threatening phone call claiming that someone was on campus with a bomb and intended to commit a shooting. The school was immediately placed on lockdown, and law enforcement was dispatched to secure the campus and investigate.

"The juveniles who committed the false bomb threat and school shooting threat, have been held accountable for their criminal conduct," Juvenile Unit Supervisor Maureen Byrne said. "These threats placed the entire Ventura High School campus on lock-down, and caused students, teachers, and the surrounding community to be in fear. School staff and the Ventura Police Department acted quickly, finding the juveniles responsible and restoring safety to the campus."