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Date: April 24, 2015
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Subject: Message left at School

The Oshkosh Police Department is investigating a message left at Merrill School sometime after school on April 23, 2015 and prior to the start of school on April 24, 2015. The brief message indicated there was a bomb. The school was searched at the start of the school day while the students were outside and nothing suspicious was located. The Oshkosh Area School District sent a letter to parents making them aware of the original message and the District's response.

Later in the day a 14 year old student sent a social media message about a bomb at Merrill School. The students were evacuated about 12:45 P.M. and the school was searched. Nothing suspicious was located and the students were allowed to re-enter the school.

It was later determined the 14 year old read the information on a Facebook Page and didn't realize it was from earlier in the day. It is likely the Facebook message was based on the earlier letter sent home from the District and there was not a second threat.

The Oshkosh Police Department continues to investigate the original message left at Merrill School. If you know who the person is that wrote the original message at the school or have information related to this crime please contact the Oshkosh Police Department at (920) 236-5700.

If you have information and would like to remain anonymous, please contact Winnebago County Wide Crime Stoppers at (920) 231-8477 or text **IGOTYA** and your crime tip to 274637 or go to www.winnebago crimestoppers.org and submit your text via the web. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

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