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JOINT STATEMENT: MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AND CHURCHVILLE-CHILI CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Re: School Threat Investigation and Arrest

For Immediate Release:

Riga, NY (April 11, 2018) – On Wednesday, April 11, 2018, in collaboration with the Churchville-Chili Central School District, Monroe County Sheriff’s deputies arrested and charged a juvenile Churchville-Chili student with making what Sheriff’s investigators believe to be credible threats against Churchville-Chili High School on Monday, April 2, 2018 over social media. The juvenile is charged with Making a Terroristic Threat, Falsely Reporting an Incident and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. The individual was arrested this afternoon and issued a juvenile appearance ticket to appear in Monroe County Family Court at a later date.

The Churchville-Chili School District was notified of this incident on the day of the initial report. School District Officials, including the Director of Security, continued to be advised and kept updated over the course of the investigation. The School District advised MCSO that the student who made the threats was not permitted to return to school while the investigation continued. Both the school district and the Sheriff’s Office determined that at no time were students or staff in danger.

“The Monroe County Sheriff’s Office takes all threats seriously and actively began investigating this matter as soon as it was reported and brought to our attention,” said **Sheriff Todd K. Baxter**. *“We will not tolerate any threats or acts of violence, especially against our most precious, our children. We immediately began working in collaboration with the Churchville-Chili School District to ensure all students were safe and continue to do so. Thank you to those individuals who reported the suspicious activity to authorities. We encourage all residents, parents, students, staff, and faculty to remain vigilant and aware of your surroundings.”*

Throughout the course of the investigation, the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office worked closely with the Churchville-Chili Central School District and the Monroe County Office of Mental Health to ensure the safety and security of students, teachers, faculty, staff, and community.

“On April 2, during our spring recess, law enforcement informed us that a student had posted a threat to our high school on social media and that they were investigating,” said **Lori Orologio, Churchville-Chili School District Superintendent**. *“After the investigation began, we also received reports about the threat through our anonymous helpline last week.*



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We want to let the school community know that the student was not permitted to return to school this week while the investigation continued and at no time were students or staff in danger."

As always, we ask that if any student or parent has first-hand knowledge of a threat to the school, now or at any time, you contact our Safe School Helpline at 1-800-418-6423, extension 359, visit the Safe School Helpline website or download the Safe School Helpline app. This information is posted on our website at www.cccsd.org. In addition, you may contact any administrator or the director of security at 293-1800 extension 2030."

Due to the sensitive nature of this case involving a juvenile, and the pending family court process, there is no further information at this time.

Today's arrest is the result of a cooperative effort between school districts and law enforcement. Monroe County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Michael Fowler and Churchville-Chili School District Superintendent Lori Orologio will be available for media inquiries **THIS EVENING, April 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the CCCSD Offices, 139 Fairbanks Rd. (Door #24), Churchville, N.Y.**

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