



# Jefferson Township Police Department

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## Jefferson Twp. Police Department News Release

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As the community is aware, an incident was reported to the Jefferson Township Police Department on September 10th that prompted a multi-agency police response to the Jefferson Township High School and Middle School Complex.

We realize that many rumors have been circulating throughout the community regarding this incident. This was an active investigation involving multiple law enforcement agencies at the Federal, State, County, and Local level. The premature release of the details of the incident and subsequent investigation may have hindered that investigation.

All local leads have been exhausted and have since been forwarded to our Federal counter partner. However, we feel we can release some of the details of the incident.

On September 10th, at approximately 8:30 am, a phone call was received at the high school. An unidentified male caller communicated to school staff that he was disgruntled with the school administration and would come to the school with a weapon, particularly a firearm. It is still unsure if this was a possibly confirmed threat or SWATTING incident. The investigation will continue if and when new leads are developed.

As communicated in previous releases and statements by the police & school administration, the multi-agency response and decision to send students and staff home that morning was made of an abundance of caution. At no time was it felt that any student or staff was in danger based on the initial call to the school. We thank the community for your understanding and cooperation on that day.

**Citizens who have information relating to crimes, criminal activity or wanted persons (fugitives) can call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Morris County Crime Stoppers offer the citizens of Morris County direct and easy access to their law enforcement community. Reward and anonymity are the incentive. Making Morris County a safer place to live is the benefit!**

**(973) COP-CALL**

**Note: All individuals charged with a crime are presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law.**