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Release Date/Time: 7-25-14 10:00 PM

Subject: Social Media Threat to Vans US Open of Surfing - ARREST

Case Number: 2014-10497

Details:

Arrestee: 16 Year-Old male from Huntington Beach
Charge: 422 PC – Terrorist Threats

On July 25, 2014 at approximately 12:00 PM the Huntington Beach Police Department received information from another law enforcement source regarding a possible threat of violence at the Vans US Open of Surfing. The event is slated to start tomorrow July 26, 2014 at 8:00 AM. The threat was made via social media and was posted on July 24, 2014.

Our investigators initiated an investigation and determined the threat appeared credible and quickly identified a 16 year-old suspect in Huntington Beach. On July 25, 2014 at approximately 7:00 PM investigators served a search warrant at the suspect's residence and arrested the juvenile. A handgun and shotgun were located at the residence, which the suspect had access to. At this time the investigation continues and investigators have seized and are examining all of the suspect's electronic devices for additional evidence. At this time it appears the suspect acted alone and no overt acts occurred to carry out the threats.

Due to the ongoing investigation we are not releasing the social media forum used or the specifics of the threats made at this time. The suspect was interviewed and will be booked at the Orange County Juvenile Hall on the listed charge.

Officials from the Huntington Beach Police Department will be available on Saturday July 26, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the police station lobby (2000 Main Street HB) for more information and interviews.