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Threats to Area Campuses

Bloomington, IL - On Wednesday, 9/04/24, at approximately 9:39 p.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU) for a report of an active shooter.

Patrol officers conducted a thorough investigation with the IWU Department of Campus Safety. The Bloomington Police Department confirmed there was no active assailant and no credible threat.

The Illinois State University Police Department (ISUPD) received similar reports on their campus. ISUPD investigated those incidents and found no active threats.

These incidents both occurred during an ongoing investigation in Macomb, IL. Western Illinois University distributed a safety alert due to a shooting near their campus. Two officers were stuck by gunfire while serving a warrant. The shooting left two officers in critical, but stable condition. Our thoughts and prayers and with the injured officers and assisting agencies as they continue to navigate this situation.

We take all reports seriously and response to these incidents takes priority when the safety and well-being of our community members is threatened. It is essential to recognize that misinformation and social media shared without context can cause serious harm to our community. We ask our community members to look critically at the information being shared with them, ask questions before sharing, and bring first-hand accounts to law enforcement so we can quickly respond.

It is considered disorderly conduct to knowingly transmit a false threat of destruction of a school building or school property, or a threat of violence, death, or bodily harm directed against persons at a school, school function, or school event, whether or not school is in session. This is considered a Class 4 Felony. If found guilty, the court shall order any person convicted to reimburse the public agency of the cost for their response, up to \$10,000.

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If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email CIAU@cityblm.org. You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPD TIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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