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BREAKING FEATURED

False report of a shooting made at Huntingtown High

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Authorities responded to Huntingtown High School on Monday morning for the false report of a shooting that occurred, according to an alert from the sheriff's office.

Around 9:12 a.m., Calvert County Sheriff's Office deputies secured Huntingtown High School after receiving the report of a shooting, a release from the sheriff's office states. Police have confirmed that no shooting took place, but an investigation into the report is ongoing, according to a Nixle alert sent at 9:45 a.m.

Capt. Dave Payne of the sheriff's office said the false report was made to the Maryland State Police Prince Frederick barrack as well as the sheriff's office. He said deputies subsequently arrived at the school and swept the outside and inside areas with police dogs. It is unclear whether the call came from inside or outside the school premises, but Payne confirmed the same caller contacted both MSP and the sheriff's office.

According to a Facebook post from Calvert County Public Schools, the high school was in a modified lockdown due to the false call to law enforcement. Officers are assisting school administrators with the investigation, and the building has been cleared to resume normal activities. Payne said the investigation, which is in an early stage, is to determine who made the false reports.

Requests made to the school's principal for comment were not immediately returned.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact the sheriff's office at 410-535-2800.

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