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St. Petersburg Police Arrest a 15 year old girl for cyber bullying

Arrested:

Gabrielle M. Rogers, DOB: 5-31-98, 922 18th Avenue North. She is charged with three counts of Aggravated Stalking and one count of Tampering with a Witness(all of these charges are felonies).

St. Petersburg Police Department detectives began investigating a cyber bullying case in late October where the suspect, Gabrielle M. Rogers, allegedly used an app called KIK to send several hundred threatening texts to three victims, all 15 year old girls, over the course of about 8 days.

KIK is a Canadian company that allows users to send texts through the app via the internet without using a cellular telephone.

Many of the texts were death threats.

Other texts included comments such as “You’re a pathetic piece of shit...You’re a whore...Nobody likes you...I hate you so much...I hope to cut you bitch.

Rogers knew that a relative of one of the victims had recently committed suicide, and encouraged that victim to commit suicide and go see her relative, rather than force Rogers to have to kill her.

Investigators learned that the suspect had once been friends with the victims, but for some reason became hostile toward them after she felt alienated by them.

Rogers admitted to sending some of the texts, but not all. She did admit to sending this particular text to one of the victims: “If this isn’t bullying then I don’t know what is.”

Rogers was initially interviewed by police detectives on Monday November 4th, 2013 at which time she was told to have not contact with the victims, but she continued to send threatening texts to them (hence the Tampering with a witness charge).

Rogers was arrested today and transported to the Juvenile Assessment Center.

Information provided by Bill Proffitt on Thursday November 7, 2013 at 2:50 p.m.