Student Arrested for Making Threats

Officers arrested Lucas John Clayton, age 14 (DOB 2-28-02), a 9th grader at St. Petersburg High School, for making a false report concerning the use of a firearm in a violent manner, FS 790.163, a 2nd degree felony.

Clayton made a threat to another student saying that anyone not wearing red on Friday, at St. Petersburg High School, would be shot. Then students spread the rumor through texts, Twitter, Snap chat and other social media this week. Several concerned students and parents alerted the school resource officer and the administration and investigators were able to determine Clayton was the source of the threat. Officers arrested him Thursday, October 6.

Clayton told investigators he was not serious and meant it all as a joke.

This incident is not related to any clown sightings or postings.