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POLICE INVESTIGATING CREDIBILITY OF THREATS AT BRIDGETON HIGH SCHOOL

Bridgeton Police Chief Michael Gaimari said this afternoon that the department is aware of information being circulated on social media pertaining to threats of gun violence at the high school but have not discovered any credible threat at this time.

However, as a precaution, police presence has been increased substantially at the high school since Monday, a day following the fatal shooting of a student and the shooting injury to a second student early Sunday morning outside of a residence on N. Pearl St. In addition, there were two incidents of fighting at the high school reported Monday reportedly related to Sunday's incident.

"Our command staff and Criminal Investigation Bureau supervisors have been in constant contact with security supervisors at the high school since the shooting and have been coordinating in reference to the investigation and measures to prevent any further violence of any kind before, during and after school inclusive of school activities, Gaimari said Thursday afternoon.

He added that detectives from the local department and Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office have made substantial

progress in the investigation and three suspects, one adult and two juveniles, have already been identified and arrested and remain in custody. The chief added that the investigation is continuing and he expects additional arrests in the case.

“We’ve had officers present around and in the school since Monday and will continue to maintain a presence until this matter is resolved and thereafter as need be,” he commented, “parents should know that we work extremely well with the school’s security staff to ensure the safety of all students and we also monitor social media to investigate and determine credibility of information posted or relayed. Although we utilize social media in many of our investigations, it can also be a detriment when erroneous information is passed on.”