



# LAWRENCE COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER

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February 19, 2018

To Whom It May Concern

On February 17, 2018, the LCCTC Administration was notified about a potential threat made against the school. The notification came from the New Castle Police Department. A 17-year-old male had taken to social media to make threats as part of his group chat. The suspect was not and never has been a student of LCCTC.

The 17-year-old male expressed frustration regarding past bullying. He also expressed the ability to get illegal weapons. He claimed to understand how the shooter (referencing Parkland) felt. His rants were also profane, racist, and anti-Semitic. He further threatened specific students at LCCTC.

The threat made in a group chat and was posted by a male juvenile using an alias name. Through the investigation, officers were able to identify the actual name of the individual and the location of his residence.

Officers did subsequently go to this juvenile's residence and interview the 17-year-old juvenile and his parent. Officers were able to confirm that although the male did make comments about having weapons, a search yielded no weapons. The parents also attested to the fact that the student had no weapons.

The juvenile was taken to UPMC Jameson hospital for a mental health evaluation as a precaution. The NCPD will work with township police departments and follow up on this case.

At this time there is no credible threat to Lawrence County CTC or any school in the County.

The school and NCPD would like to remind all individuals that tips of any threats can be made to the tip line at [www.newcastlepd.com](http://www.newcastlepd.com) (can be anonymous) or by calling 724-656-9300 (non-emergency number). The school can be contacted at 724-658-3583.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leonard A. Rich".

Leonard A. Rich

Administrative Director