# BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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**Threatening Cell Phone Text Message:**

**Oroville**—On 11/3/10, a Las Plumas High School student received a text message threatening violence against the school. This text message was from a former Las Plumas student. The current student reported the incident to school staff and the Butte County Sheriff's Office.

The threat was non-specific; however, the Sheriff office considers any threats against a student or school to be extremely serious and the safety of the students and school staff is paramount. The Sheriff's Office is conducting an investigation into the threat and additional security has been assigned to the school.

Las Plumas High School is not in "lock down" mode and is open. Las Plumas High School does not believe the threat is imminent but is taking the threat serious, as they do with all threats against the school.

**Update 11/4/2010 2:56 PM**

Our investigation is continuing and we are releasing the following update:
The suspect has been located out of the state, on vacation with his parents. We don't believe the suspect had the intent or ability to carry out the threat. We believe the threat was the suspect's response to harassing text messages the suspect was receiving from several students of the school. The text threat contained a statement about a "school shooting".

Upon conclusion of the investigation, the case will be forwarded to the Butte County District Attorney's Office for review.