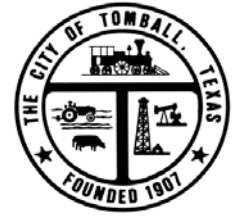




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Tomball Student Arrested After Making Terroristic Threats

On April 30, 2007, at approximately 0147hrs, Tomball High School Senior, William Tyson Jr., 18 yoa, was arrested for making terroristic threats at Tomball High School.

On Friday, April 27, 2007, William Tyson Jr., while in class, was heard by several students stating that on Monday, April 30, 2007, he would be bringing an AK-47 assault rifle to school and begin shooting all of the students during first period lunch. There was also a direct quote referring to a teacher that was going to be targeted.

Over the weekend, a concerned student had made mention of the conversation to her parents regarding the discussion. The information was relayed to the Tomball Police Department Investigations Division. Several students were interviewed and witnessed these statements being made by Mr. Tyson. The students had stated that the comments placed them in fear for their safety and the safety of the other students.

Upon completion of the investigation, Tomball Police Department contacted the Harris County District Attorneys Office who accepted charges on Mr. Tyson for Terroristic Threats, which is a felony offense due to the large number of potential victims. A warrant was obtained and Mr. Tyson was arrested without incident.

In light of incidents that have occurred as recent as Virginia Tech, along with the anniversary of Columbine High School, comments like this are not taken lightly. Law Enforcement officials have an obligation to students, parents, and faculty to provide a safe learning environment.