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GCSO INVESTIGATING WRITTEN BOMB THREAT AT WHS

The Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) was notified of a written bomb threat that was discovered at Wewahitchka High School (WHS) today at approximately 11:00 AM Central Time. Gulf County Sheriff Mike Harrison, Superintendent Jim Norton and school administration assessed the threat and made the decision to evacuate the school. Due to the proximity of the schools and transportation challenges, students and staff at Wewahitchka Elementary School were also released for the day.

GCSO deputies were assisted by the Bay County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit with searching the school facility. No explosive devices were located during the search and the building is deemed safe. School will resume its regular schedule tomorrow morning.

The GCSO continues to investigate the incident. Anyone with information is asked to contact the GCSO or submit a tip using the GCSO smartphone app. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers at 850-785-TIPS (8477). If the tip leads to an arrest, they may be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.

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