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THREAT EMAILED TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Gulf County Sheriff's Office responded to Wewahitchka High School this morning after the School Resource Deputy was alerted by school administrators about an emailed bomb threat. Moments later it was determined that the email was sent to multiple school administrators and all district schools within the county.

The investigation commenced immediately. "Investigators worked closely with Superintendent Norton and the Gulf District Schools Administration," said Sheriff Mike Harrison. "The email and its content were recognized by Investigators from prior criminal intelligence bulletins received at the Sheriff's Office."

While communicating with law enforcement partners, it was determined the email was sent to multiple school districts within Florida. "Investigators were able to determine that the email was not from a local source and had no reason to believe the threat was creditable," said Sheriff Harrison. "We are in communication with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and will share details obtained during our investigation with them. This email was sent to prompt fear not only in our own school district, but many across Florida."

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