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Suspicious Person with a Weapon Incident

On 1/9/19 at 2:31 PM The Naugatuck PD received a phone call from a anonymous caller in which the caller advised that a “white male wearing a tank top is holding a gun in the air threatening that he will shoot the next person that comes onto his property”. The caller stated that the incident occurred at a residence on Sunburst Rd. and described the subject as having facial tattoos. The caller also described the residence but was unable to provide a residence address and no further information was provided by the caller.

Naugatuck Officers and detectives responded to the area and immediately conducted a thorough canvass. While this incident was being investigated, Naugatuck Police simultaneously notified the Naugatuck Board of Education of our presence in the area and recommended that Maple Hill elementary School conduct a precautionary lockdown until the situation could be further investigated and until a determination could be made that there was no threat to the facility. The Naugatuck PD stationed an officer at the school to restrict movement onto the school property at about 2:45 PM.

Naugatuck officers and detectives spoke with numerous residents in the area of Sunburst Rd. during the canvass and none reported seeing or hearing anything that matched the events described by the caller. At approximately 3:15 PM, based on an extensive canvass of the area a determination was made that there was no immediate threat to the public including Maple Hill School students and staff. Based on this information NPD cleared Maple Hill School to remove the precautionary lockdown status.

Although a determination was made that no immediate threat existed, the investigation into the incident including information regarding the caller remains open. It should be further noted that investigation into the origin of the call revealed that the number is registered as “unknown” from Washington State, indicating the possibility of the call being connected to a “swatting” incident.

The Naugatuck PD requests anyone that might have information regarding this incident contact the Naugatuck PD at 203-729-5221 or the NPD Confidential Tip Line at 203-720-1010.