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## **December 2021 Social Media Threats**

Last evening multiple community members in Nassau County reported alarming social media posts referencing “HMS”. There was concern that these initials match those of certain schools in our county. Concerned citizens widely circulated these images with reposted messages through local social media. Because the image was a repeated screenshot which had been reposted multiple times it was difficult to determine the origin.

NCPD initiated an investigation through the resources of the Patrol division, Detective division and our Homeland Security unit. We also worked with district administration to disseminate appropriate community confidence message regarding ongoing the investigation.

NCPD was able to develop additional information from our contacts in Fairfax County Police Department in Virginia where a similar threat was discovered. They had been conducting a parallel investigation which originated earlier on 12/8/2021. It appears that the posts in the Fairfax Virginia case are the same posts which were circulated through Hicksville. Our Virginia Counterparts were able to locate the base image of the weapon which is a google stock photo. Subsequent investigation in Virginia identified some of the students involved and charges are being pursued.

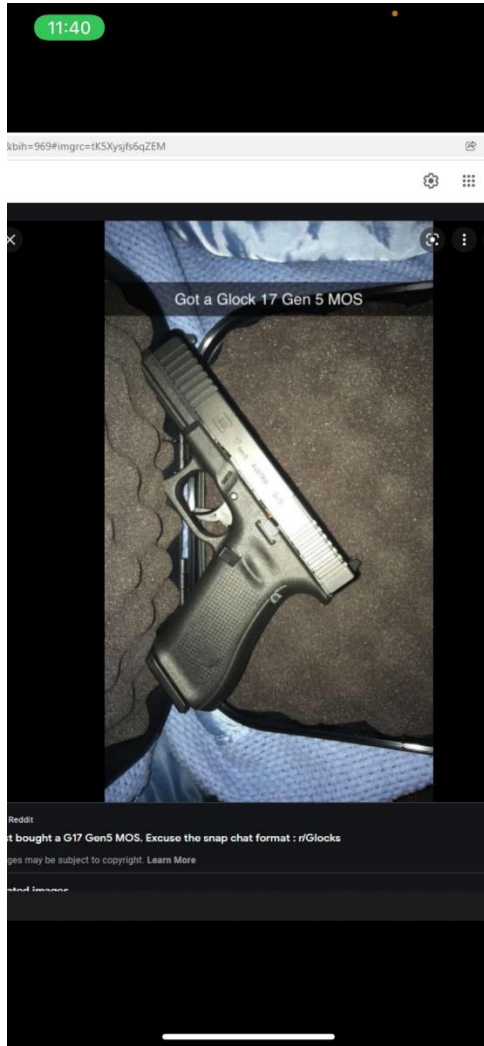
There is no indication that this threat ever had connection to Nassau County. Unfortunately the repeated re-posting of these images in local group chats has driven the narrative that this is a local threat. It is important to consider the impacts of reposting these types of images without properly vetting their origin or authenticity. Anyone with information is encouraged to share it with NCPD so that we can properly investigate these threats.

**SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING – KNOW SOMETHING, DO SOMETHING**

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GOOGLE STOCK IMAGE



VIRGINIA THREAT

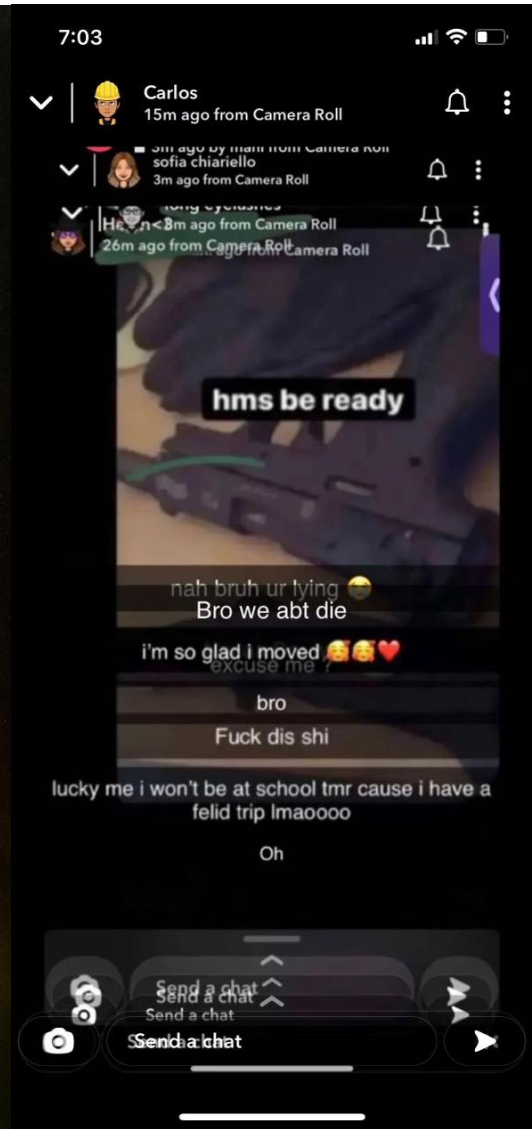
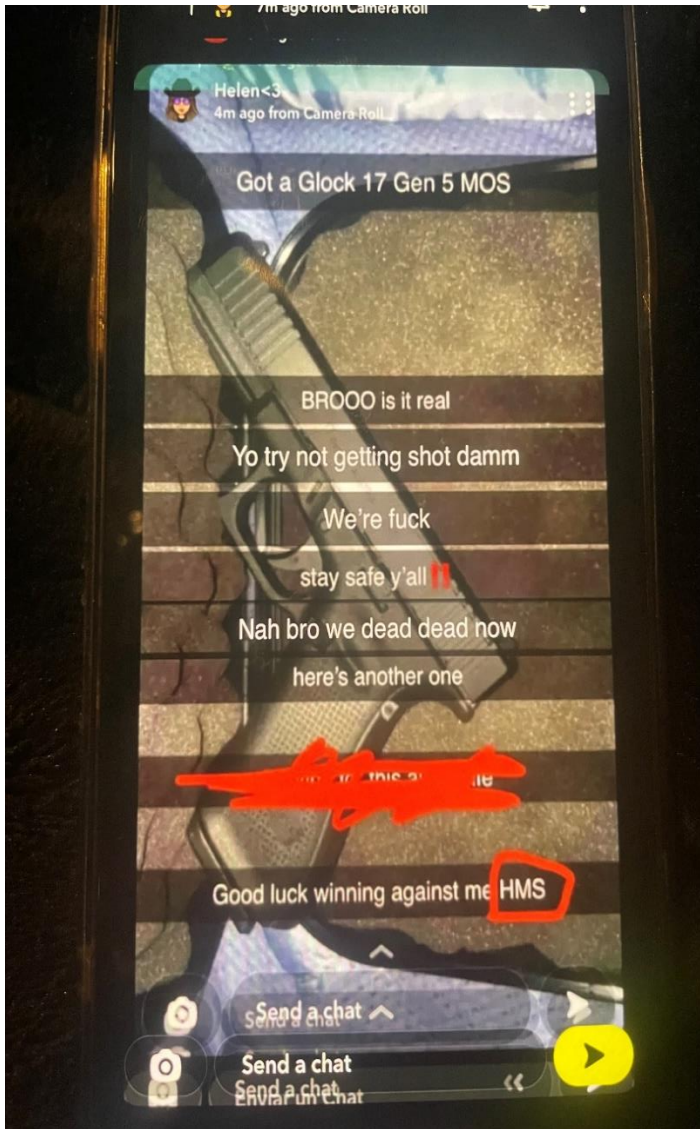
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An additional investigation was initiated based on this post which also began circulating last night. This may also be a repost of a threat from another jurisdiction. No one is aware of the origins of this message. NCPD and school officials did search the local High School where it was originally reported and did not find any locations in the building with the same paint color the writing is on.

The New York State Police / New York State Intelligence Center are also tracking similar incidents state wide. They report identical and similar school violence threats have been received by numerous jurisdictions throughout NYS. This seems to be intentionally allowing for the message to gain social media virality. There have been a high number of very similar threats all over social media and thus far none have been tied to a known individual.

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