



# City of Ridgecrest Police Department

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## Press Release

**DATE OF INCIDENT:** WEEK OF MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH THE 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2007  
**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** BOMB THREATS  
**LOCATION OCCURED:** BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL AND MONROE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**VICTIM'S:** STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
**SUSPECT:** SEVERAL JUVENILES

### **RESUME OF INCIDENT**

In the past week, the Ridgecrest Police Department and the Sierra Sands Unified School District have received several reports of the possibility that explosive devices may have been placed on school campuses within our community. Targeted schools included Burroughs High School, and Monroe Middle School.

In all cases, the affected school was secured and was thoroughly searched by law enforcement personnel from the Ridgecrest Police Department and the Sierra Sands School District. No real danger or explosive devices existed at any of the schools.

Joint investigations were conducted by the Ridgecrest Police Department and the School District and in all cases the suspect(s) were identified as juveniles. Additionally, each suspect was arrested, and was taken to Juvenile Hall in Bakersfield Ca., where they were booked and confined on various charges included those related to making false reports and criminal threats.

The Ridgecrest Police Department and the Sierra Sands Unified School District would like all SSUSD students and their parents to know that we have, and will continue to, keep our schools safe. Criminal acts will not be tolerated and together, we will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure our community is free from crime and the fear of crime.

If you have any additional information related to these crimes, feel free to contact either the Ridgecrest Police Department at 760) 499-5100 or the Sierra Sands Unified School District at 760) 375-3363.

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