



City of Red Bluff
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

SUSPECT: Trotter, Thomas 18-year-old Red Bluff resident
CRIME: Terrorist threats, possession of a concealed dirk/ dagger,
possession of a Billy club, and possession of a knife on school
property.
LOCATION Red Bluff Union High School
DATE: April 8, 2019
CASE: 19-1178

On April 8, 2019, shortly after 8 AM, the Red Bluff Police Officer assigned to the Red Bluff Union High School was contacted by school staff regarding information the school had received. The officer learned 18-year-old Thomas Trotter had told a fellow student there might be a school shooting on Monday (April 8, 2019). Additionally, Mr. Trotter told the other student not to come to school on Monday.

After receiving this information, additional Red Bluff Police Officers, along with Investigators from the Tehama County District Attorney's Office, responded to the school. Mr. Trotter was contacted in the school library. Mr. Trotter was found to be in possession of a concealed survival type knife. Mr. Trotter's vehicle was searched. A Billy club and another knife were located inside his vehicle.

Mr. Trotter was booked into the Tehama County Jail for the above listed charges. He is being held on \$83,000 bail.

At this time, this appears to be an isolated incident and no other RBUHS students were involved.

The school wasn't locked down during this incident; however, several students were moved from the library to another room while Mr. Trotter was being detained.

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