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## **Arrest made in bomb threat (PHS)**

On 11/06/2017 staff members at Pratt High School received a bomb threat from an unidentified person(s) through a fictitious e-mail account. In response, school administrators contacted officers of the Pratt Police Department and began planning for the evacuation of school students and staff and the cancellation of school events.

On 11/07/2017 officers of the Pratt Police Department, assisted by Troopers from the Kansas Highway Patrol and their canine partners, conducted a search of all USD 382 facilities. Following the search, supplemented by USD 382 staff, officers were able to determine there to have been no device as indicated by the e-mail.

On 11/08/2017, acting on information obtained through a cooperative investigation by school officials and local enforcement officers, a subject was identified and taken into custody without incident. The subject is identified as Claudia Rodriguez-Oviedo, a 32 year old white female, has been booked into the Pratt County Jail on felony charges of Aggravated Criminal Threat and Unlawful use of computers.

It should be noted that all persons arrested are considered innocent until proven guilty in a Court of law. Any future press releases will be made by the Pratt County Attorney's Office.

**CASE NO: 2017-7382**