



MEDIA RELEASE

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Emergency Services Response & Investigation - Oldham County High School

Earlier today, March 5, 2024, the School Resource Officer assigned to Oldham County High School reported that shortly after 11:00 A.M. school officials began receiving reports of a strong gas odor inside the building which resulted in students and faculty being evacuated from the building. Oldham County Police, along with area fire departments and emergency medical services, responded to the high school to assist with the evacuation and ensure the safety of students and staff.

Firefighters who entered the school determined that there was no gas leak and later determined the reported odor originated from a liquid substance in or around two separate trash cans. Fire personnel used equipment to clear the odor from the school allowing students and staff to return to class.

Oldham County EMS evaluated approximately 7 students who reported discomfort. No students required additional medical care, and all returned to class. No further information is currently available regarding other additional illness or medical conditions resulting from the incident.

Oldham County Police detectives assisted the school resource officer in determining that the cause of the strong odor was a non-toxic concentrated liquid product commonly advertised online for use in pranks. OCPD personnel and school officials were able to identify a 17-year-old female student who allegedly poured the liquid in the trash cans thereby causing the evacuation of the school and a response from emergency services. The matter is still under investigation and no additional information is currently being released. Additional information may be released once the investigation is complete.

Anyone with information on this incident, or a crime occurring in Oldham County, can contact us at (502) 222-1300 or online at [OCPD Report a Tip or Crime](#). *When contacting OCPD, you can remain anonymous or choose to leave contact information for follow up opportunities.*