

Threats led to lockdown, one in custody



Braden Charles Crowder/Credit: Jackson Co Sheriff's Office

(KNZA)--A 19-year-old Topeka man is in custody for allegedly making threats that led to the lockdown of an area high school Wednesday morning.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse, in a news release, said Braden Charles Crowder is accused of making “a series of alleged criminal threats directed towards several area teenagers.”

He was arrested after the Sheriff's Office received a tip that Crowder was at a manufacturing plant in Northwest Topeka, where Kansas State Highway Patrol Troopers and Sheriff's Office Detectives took him into custody shortly before 1:30 Wednesday afternoon.

The Sheriff's Office was informed of the threats Wednesday morning, leading to Royal Valley High School, in Hoyt, being placed on modified lockdown.

Morse, in the release, said deputies were sent to the school for “precautionary purposes.”

Superintendent Aaric Davis, in response to an emailed inquiry from MSC News, said the district “received copies of a social media post where a non-student made threat against a small group of students,” leading to the modified lockdown. Classes continued but Davis said all exterior doors remained locked.

The lockdown was lifted once Crowder was in custody.

He was arrested on a Jackson County District Court warrant for criminal threat and telephone harassment.

Following his arrest, Crowder was booked into the Jackson County Jail, held on a bond of \$25,000.