

Suspect in school threat case bound over

(KNZA)--A Topeka teenager accused of making threats on social media that led to the lockdown of the Royal Valley High School last August has been bound over for trial.

That came after 19-year-old Braden Crowder waived his preliminary hearing last week in Jackson County District Court on a felony count of criminal threat.

Crowder is also charged with a misdemeanor count of telephone harassment.

The Holton Recorder reports arraignment was scheduled for January 25.

The Royal Valley High School, in Hoyt, was placed on “modified lockdown” for several hours August 29 after a series of alleged criminal threats over social media toward a group of students at the school.

Classes continued during the lockdown but all exterior doors remained locked. Jackson County Sheriff’s deputies were sent to the school for “precautionary purposes.”

The lockdown was lifted after Crowder was taken into custody later in the day in Topeka.

He remains free on a \$25,000 bond.

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