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Blackstone-Millville Regional High School student faces charges of threatening to blow up school; arrested while traveling with family in Tenn.

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A student at Blackstone-Millville Regional High School in Blackstone faces charges of threatening to blow up the school, according to the Worcester County District Attorney's Office.

Damien Grenga, 17, of Providence Street in Millville, is being held by authorities in Tennessee, where he was arrested Friday while traveling with his family, according to Tim Connolly, a spokesman for the Worcester County District Attorney's Office.

Earlier on Friday, local police contacted Massachusetts State Police assigned to the district attorney's office to assist with an investigation about threats made to blow up the school.

Investigators believe Grenga talked in class about making a bomb and bringing it to his high school to blow up the building, Connolly said. Grenga also drew pictures but Connolly declined to say more about the nature of the pictures.

Police searched Grenga's home in Millville on Friday and found no explosives or weapons, Connolly said.

Local authorities contacted the police at the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department who arrested Grenga in Crossville, Tenn., a city of about 10,500.

Connolly said the teenager will be held there until he goes before a judge on a fugitive from justice charge .

Grenga will then face charges in Uxbridge District Court for threatening to bomb his high school, according to Connolly. The spokesman did not know when Grenga is expected to be arraigned in Tennessee or in Uxbridge and declined to comment further about the case.

A dispatcher for the sheriff's department in Cumberland County said no one was available to comment Sunday afternoon. A spokeswoman for the Tennessee courts system, and administrators from the high school and the school district could not be reached Sunday afternoon for comment.

A calendar on the school district's website says schools in the district are closed this week for spring recess.

About 535 students attend the public high school on Lincoln Street in Blackstone, according to the state department of education website.

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