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# Media Release

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**DATE:** May 4, 2017

**TITLE:** Ashwaubenon High School Evacuated due to Perceived Threat.

Ashwaubenon, WI – This morning, May 4, 2017 at approximately 7:20 am a passerby saw a person wearing a plastic mask, what he perceived to be a ballistic type vest and carrying a backpack and bag enter the Ashwaubenon High School.

This person called 911 to report this which triggered an emergency response from Ashwaubenon Public Safety.

Ashwaubenon Public Safety was assisted by the Brown County Sheriff's Office and a perimeter was secured as the students and staff were evacuated to a pre-determined location.

Teams of officers cleared the school while others worked to determine the identity of the perceived threat.

It was found that a student wearing a Star Wars Costume came to school on May 4<sup>th</sup> which is known as Star Wars Day to those Star Wars fans.

Once the evaluation of the situation and the clearing of the school were completed the student was taken for questioning while the school was allowed to resume to session.

In evaluating this situation we at Ashwaubenon Public Safety praise the person who reported this. The saying "If you see something, say something" certainly applies to this and we always encourage people to report suspicious activity.





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The identity of the student is protected juvenile information and will not be released. Ashwaubenon Public Safety is not seeking any recourse toward the student as it has been determined that this was merely a mistake or lapse in judgment.

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