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Press Release

Tri-County student held without bail Pending Dangerousness hearing 12/22/16

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A North Attleboro man has been ordered held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing after pleading not guilty to threatening to "shoot up" Tri-County Regional High School in Franklin, Mass.

Julius Willis, 18, of Ellis Rd, North Attleboro, was ordered into custody to return to Wrentham District Court Dec. 22, 2016 for the dangerousness hearing. He plead not guilty to the five charges brought by Franklin Police:

1. Disturbing a School (Chap. 272 Sec. 40)
2. Resisting Arrest (Chap. 268 Sec. 32B)
3. Threatening to Commit a Crime (to wit: shoot up school) (Chap. 275 Sec. 2)
4. Issuing a threat causing serious public alarm (Chap. 269 Sec. 14(c))
5. Disorderly Conduct (Chap. 272 Sec. 53)

Willis, who is a student at the school, was represented by Attorney Dan Gaudet for the purposes of arraignment. The arraignment was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Audley. The arraignment was before Judge Emogene Johnson Smith.

The Franklin Police investigation has not uncovered information at this time to indicate that the firearm Willis is alleged to have referenced in communicating the threats was physically brought to the school.