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BMCC Campus Safety/Regional Updates

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Blue Mountain Community College has been monitoring two issues concerning other locations of the educational community in our region today.

The first issue came to our attention earlier this morning via the Pendleton Police department's communication of a possible indirect threat to schools in our region. The report was in response to a troubling Facebook post made by an individual. The location of the individual of concern was discovered to be in the Spanaway, Washington community. This individual has now been detained.

The second is the announcement from Rogue Community College in Grants Pass, Oregon that they have closed and evacuated their campuses due to a bomb threat. Local law enforcement are investigating.

These events come following the active shooter incident at Umpqua Community College last Thursday. It is for this reason that BMCC finds it vital that we keep our students, staff and community in the communication loop. We want everyone to know that our administration and our local law enforcement are aware and working behind the scenes to make sure that we have factual information available before responding and communicating. We are constantly evaluating the potential impact each new piece of information has on our college and community. Please rest assured that BMCC is focused upon the safety and security of our students and employees. We will continue to carefully monitor and evaluate each report we receive and share with our college community in the timeliest manner we are able.

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