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Detectives Looking for 15-Year-Old who Made Threats to Kill 50 High School Students

PATTERSON, CA-Detectives are actively searching for a 15 year-old Patterson High School student after the parents have stopped cooperating with officials. On May 19, 2007 the parents reported their son made threats to kill 50 people at Patterson High School. Sheriff's Deputies took the minor into protective custody and transported him to Stanislaus County Behavioral Center. The juvenile was later transferred to a Behavioral Center in the Concord area.

On May 22, 2007 the parents called a social worker at the Behavioral Center in Concord to report they had found what they believed to be bomb making materials in there son's bedroom. The Sheriff's Bomb Team responded and disposed of several chemicals after taking samples

On May 24, 2007 the Sheriff's Department had obtained a no bail felony warrant for the juvenile. The same day the juvenile's father, Charles Belkin, made a surprise visit to Behavioral Center in Concord and signed his son out against medical advice.

Over the last two days Sheriff's Detectives have contacted the father over the phone and advised him to immediately have his son surrendered to the Stanislaus County Juvenile Hall. The father was told his son could be a potentially dangerous person. The parents have retained an attorney who has been in constant contact with Detectives in an attempt to get the 15-year-old into custody. Detectives are also actively working with the Stanislaus County District Attorney Office in pursuit of obtaining warrants for both parents for harboring the juvenile.

The father Charles Belkin drives a 2002 white Toyotas Highlander, license number 4WVZ141 and the mother Cindie Willett drives a white 80's Mazda MPV van unknown license plate number.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department at (209) 525-7114. Callers can also leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636 and be eligible for a cash reward.

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