

Teenager Arrested Over Mass College Bomb Hoax

Following a massive bomb hoax that shut down hundreds of schools and colleges across the UK, an alleged teenager in the middle of a Minecraft gamers feud was arrested.

Hertfordshire police detained the 19-year-old after 24,000 threats to schools were sent warning of a bomb attack and soliciting money.

These emails appeared to be sent by VeltPvP which is a gaming network. VeltPvP is a Minecraft player-versus player server, of the type that businesses make use of to sell their products to gamers.

Following a massive bomb hoax that forced the closure of hundreds of schools across the UK The teenager believed to be at the heart of an Minecraft gamers' dispute was detained by police from Hertfordshire. Hertfordshire police arrested the 19-year old after 24,000 emails were sent out to schools informing them of imminent attacks.

The emails were intended to cause the domain to be shut down for abuse . They they are believed to be sent by an organisation that was trying to discredit VeltPvP.

The National Crime Agency (NCA) stated that there was no credible threat to the emails' that were received this week.

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The statement read "We understand teachers and parents concern, but stress that there was no real threat to the schools' emails.

However, we are taking these communications very seriously. Since this is a live investigation we are unable to comment further.'

Following the bomb hoax emails the school was surrounded by signs Cardinal Road School in Feltham

The parties involved in the fight claimed opponents had engaged in illegal activities in order to hinder one another's businesses.

When asked whether he regretted the effect the letters had on the students who were forced to evacuate, one of the hoaxers said, "It is terrible, it'sn't the nicest thing."

In blaming VeltPvP the hoaxer claimed the network had enaged in a campaign of Direct Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks, which he claims were employed to attempt to block other competitors' Minecraft servers.

Following the bomb hoax email threat, parents were urged to return their children to their homes.

VeltPvP issued a statement stating that they were being targeted and harassed by cybercriminals.

"We are extremely sorry for anyone who was affected by this, but we want to inform you that it is fake."

More than 400 colleges and schools across the nation received the email which claimed an explosive had been planted and was set to explode in the event that cash wasn't given.

Cardinal Road School, Feltham West London was one of the schools that received the hoax email.

Police forces from London, Bristol, Liverpool and Bedfordshire were among those who were questioned.

Parents at some schools asked to be able to pick up their children in the wake of concerns about the emails.

Six schools across Hertfordshire were also among those affected: Abbots Hill in Hemel Hempstead, Valley School in Stevenage, The Sele School in Hertford, Duncombe School in Hertford, Stanborough School in Watford and St Albans High School.