

Today on February 8, 2023, an incident occurred where a young adult male entered the Haubstadt School. Yes, we did send out a press release earlier that stated contrary to that. I sent that press release out with the information that I had at that time. As the investigation progressed I was notified that the subject had briefly entered the school but then walked back outside. I have spoken with the school corporation safety director and they are addressing the issue.

Now to address some rumors.

First of all the South Gibson School Corporation, The South Gibson School Board, and the Gibson County Sheriff's Office are committed to keeping the kids and teachers safe!

It should be noted that no School Resource Officer was at the school at the time of this incident. Let me be clear on this the South Gibson School Corporation and the South Gibson School Board WANT SRO's (School Resource Officers) in every school every day. Why was there no SRO? We have a staffing crisis. I inherited this department and the SRO program January 1st, but I want to make this abundantly clear I take responsibility for the fact that our SRO program HAS to do better and be better! In fact earlier today I was meeting with my SRO lead about the staffing crisis. We are working together to find a solution. As your elected sheriff I want to move forward in an economically and legally responsible manner. Trust me as a man who grew up in Gibson County and raised a family here I have skin in the game!

Sincerely,

Sheriff Bruce Vanoven