

## PRESS RELEASE

On September 16, 2021, the Callahan County Sheriff's Office received a report from Eula High School about a possible hazing incident in the locker room during the 8<sup>th</sup> period on September 15, 2021, between the hours of 2:45 PM and 3:20 PM. After a lengthy investigation and interviews, it was revealed five students were involved and identified as suspects of a sexual assault incident. Currently the Callahan County Sheriff's Office is looking at pursuing charges of sexual assault and additional charges may follow.

The school was an integral part of our investigation and notified us when they first learned of the incident. They allowed us to use their facility to conduct follow up interviews and kept us informed of any new developments.

Since this incident involved a juvenile victim, we cannot release much information about what had occurred. This is still an active investigation and we will be meeting with the Callahan County Prosecutor early next week to discuss getting warrants issued for the suspects.

The Callahan County Sheriff's Office takes cases of Sexual Assault very seriously and we are confident we will prosecute as we are allowed by the criminal statute.

If you have further information about this case, please call the Callahan County Dispatch Center at (325) 854-1444.

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