

# Hillsdale County Sheriff's Department

*Sheriff Stanley Burchardt*

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## **News Release**

**September 13, 2016**

On September 13, 2016 Reading High School notified the Hillsdale County Sheriff's Office that they had evacuated the school. Upon our arrival we were advised that an unknown substance was causing breathing difficulties for some staff and students. While the school was evacuated an investigation into the cause revealed that a student had sprayed Mace (commonly known as pepper spray) or similar chemical irritant from a key chain. Reading Schools Superintendent Chuck North decided to cancel classes for the rest of the day to clear the building of the lingering smell.

The investigation continues along with Reading Schools Administration. No students or staff required medical attention. Staff returned back into the building after students were sent home.

Lt. Tim Parker