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The Fredericktown R-1 School District was on lockdown most of Thursday after a parent told 911 operators his child stole or moved a dolly and other items and he was going to school to find out where his stuff was.



The lockdown began at 10:30 a.m. and ended at 1:55 p.m., but law enforcement officers remained at all three campuses until the end of the school day. School officials sent a letter home with students at the end of the day.

"We received a call from our 911 dispatch that there may have been an upset individual and they might be coming to school. Just as a precautionary measure we locked down the schools," said R-1 Superintendent Chadd Starkey.

School officials say the students and faculty were not threatened.

According to Madison County dispatch logs, at 10:24 a.m. a parent called 911 and said he was coming to town and going to the school to speak with his son to find out where his stuff is. Dispatch operators told the man not to go to the school and come to the sheriff's office instead.

At 10:35 a.m. the parent called again to speak with a deputy in reference to the missing items. He told sheriff's department personnel he did not mean to call 911 earlier and that he would speak with his child after school.

Madison County 911 operators contacted school resource officers, who initiated the lockdown as a precautionary measure.

Authorities say the man could face charges related to misuse of 911.