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Michigan Tech student arrested after posting racist threat on Yik Yak

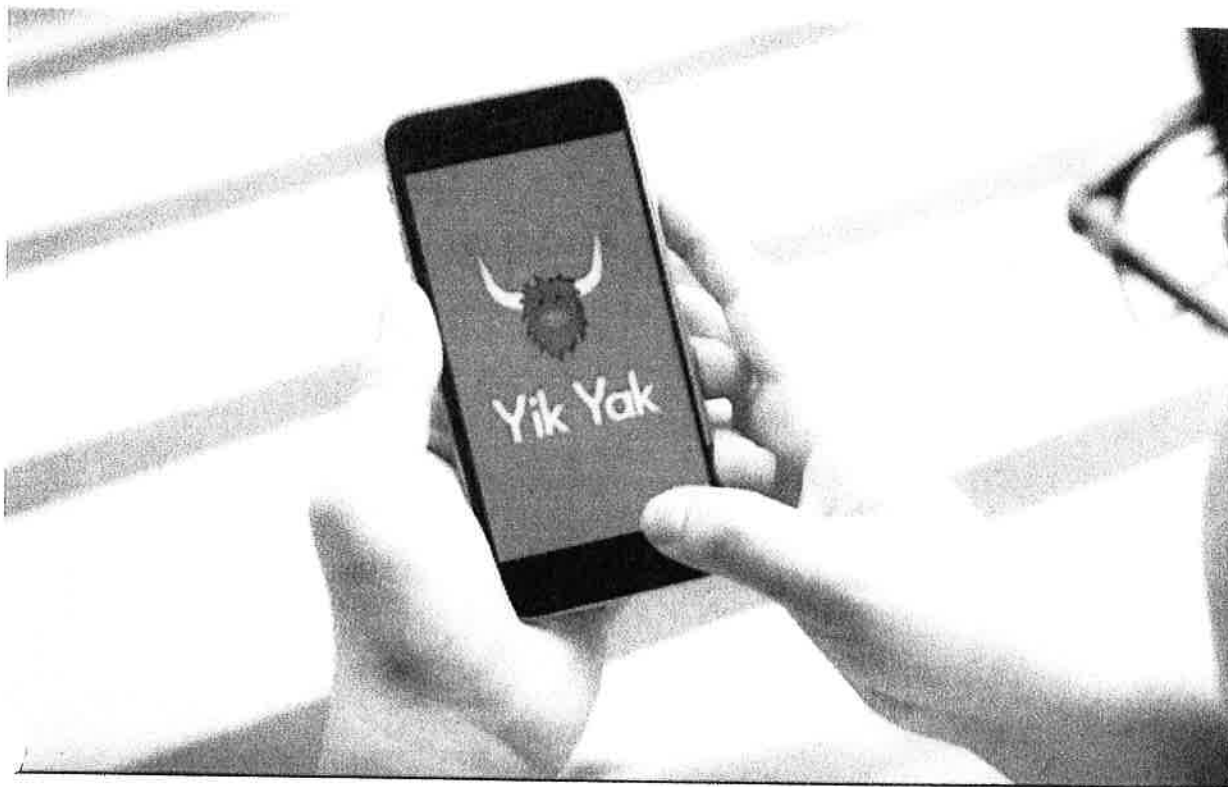


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Houghton, Michigan police arrested a Michigan Technological University student Thursday evening after someone posted a threat toward African-Americans on a phone app that publishes messages anonymously. The suspect was released on bond Friday from Houghton County Jail after being charged with disturbing the peace.

While monitoring the Yik Yak app feed as usual, the MTU Department of Public Safety and Police Services spotted the threat that read, "Going to kill all black people." After seeing the message around 2 p.m. Thursday, the department immediately notified police and emailed a safety alert to all Michigan Tech students, staff, and faculty, MTU spokeswoman Jennifer Donovan told *Red Alert Politics*. The student was placed in police custody within 10 hours of the posting later that evening.

"It's important to remember that we are a community and will not tolerate threats to any member of our family," MTU President Glenn Mroz said in a statement Thursday evening. "It's time we watch out for one another."

Mroz announced Friday the university issued an interim suspension to the student and a ban from campus.

Using the assistance of Yik Yak and information provided from those in the campus community, police were able to identify the suspect.

Yik Yak is a popular phone application on college and university campuses. It allows individuals to anonymously

As a result of the incidents this past week and threats also posted on the app at Missouri University, Yik Yak posted on [its blog](#) that it condemns such use of the application.

"Yik Yak cooperates with law enforcement and works alongside local authorities to help with investigations," Yik Yak spokeswoman Hilary McQuaide said in an email. "We may provide information without a subpoena, warrant or court order when a post poses a risk of imminent harm."

Administration increased law enforcement present on campus Thursday as a result of the post, and the school has held counseling sessions for students interested.

The suspect's arraignment is scheduled for Monday.

2 arrested in separate threats at SVSU, Michigan Tech



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Two people have been arrested after separate threats linked to two Michigan universities were posted online via the Yik Yak social media messaging app.

The Saginaw News reported Friday that a suspect was jailed after an anonymous threat led Saginaw Valley State University to increase police patrols at its Kochville Township campus.

The content of the threat was not disclosed, but school officials said Friday it was not specific to Saginaw Valley State.

At Michigan Technological University, a suspect was taken into custody late Thursday after an anonymous threat posted on social media was directed at the Upper Peninsula school's African-Americans.

The university announced the development in a tweet Friday morning.

As result of the threat, police increased its presence on the university's Houghton campus.

The university's Department of Public Safety and Police Services first noticed the threat that said, "Going to kill all black people" posted on Yik Yak midday Thursday, said Jennifer Donovan, a Michigan Tech spokeswoman.

Yik Yak is a social media messaging app within a certain geographic area that is popular on college campuses.

Police began an investigation and sent out an email alert to students, faculty and staff. Yik Yak is cooperating with police, Donovan said.

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Counseling services were offered at the university's Center for Diversity and Inclusion on Thursday evening.

Anyone with information on the incident is asked to contact Public Safety and Police Service at (906) 487-2216.

The threats come as campuses across the U.S. are dealing with racial strife and as students are pressing for better treatment of black students following the ouster of the University of Missouri's president.

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