

Teen Arrested for Plotting Columbine-Style Mass Murder at Church

A 19-year-old Texas man has been arrested on suspicion of plotting a mass murder at a church where he had been kicked out of a youth ministry due to his erratic behavior, police documents made available on Monday showed.

Nicholas Amrine was taken into custody on July 2 for saying in online posts he would launch an attack similar to the mass murder at Columbine High School in Colorado in 1999, where two students shot dead a teacher and 12 students before committing suicide.

A lawyer for Amrine was not listed in online arrest records, police said. No details were available on formal charges being filed.

During questioning with police "Amrine admitted that he used his personal Facebook account to post all the threats of violence and warning directed at Convergence Church," the arrest affidavit said.

"All the kids that forgot about me are going to get what they deserve," he wrote in a Facebook post on June 3. "It will be over in a flash. It will be over in a bang, u will see my face and then nothing else ever again."

Dallas TV broadcaster WFAA reported that Amrine has been released on bail and has apologized for his posts, saying he never meant to carry out an attack.

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