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### **Police searching for teenager in Thatcher Woods**

Law enforcement personnel from several communities are searching Cook County Forest Preserve's Thatcher Woods in River Forest for a 15-year-old Oak Park teenager.

Apparently facing suspension for an incident at Oak Park and River Forest High School, the student reportedly left a message on his home computer suggesting an intent to harm himself in Thatcher Woods, which runs along Thatcher Avenue on the western edge of River Forest.

The teenager's father, who discovered the message on the computer, went to the area, found his son's bicycle and contacted police.

Law enforcement officers, along with Forest Preserve Police, began searching the area between Lake Street and Chicago Avenue at about 1 p.m.

In addition to Oak Park Police, officers from River Forest and Elmwood Park are involved in the search, including a canine unit. Law enforcement agencies in other communities may become involved as the search continues.

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

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