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## STUDENT CRIME SCENE ACTIVITY

The Boyden-Hull JR/SR High School's Forensic Science Class participated in a crime scene activity the final three weeks of school. This activity was facilitated by SRO, Deputy Waylon Pollema and the Forensic Science teacher, Ms. Cathryn Carney.

The students were given a scenario to start the activity and then entered a mock crime scene where they discovered that a murder had been committed.

As part of their investigation, the students learned the following: search warrant application, evidence collection, fingerprint analysis, and suspect interviews. Sioux County Attorney, Tom Kunstle, assisted the students with a search warrant application. Ms. Melissa Brantsen, the school's Art teacher, helped by creating a mock victim. Additionally, several teachers assisted in the activity as interviewees of the students in their process of discovering potential witnesses or suspects.

The students successfully completed the activity by learning and completing a thorough investigation of the crime scene, analyzing evidence, and interviewing suspects, which led them to the correct discovery of the offender.

As part of the project, the class also toured the Sioux County Sheriff's Office and Sioux County Courthouse.

