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AKRON, Ohio (Friday, September 17, 2021) – Following the Hudson Board of Education meeting on September 13, 2021, the Hudson Police Department was made aware of allegations of child pornography within the school district made by Hudson Mayor Craig Shubert. Because of the close working relationship with Hudson schools and local elected officials, the Hudson Police Department has asked the Summit County Prosecutor's Office to review the materials related to the September 13, 2021, meeting and accusations made by Mayor Shubert.

"These allegations have resulted in threats being made against board members, faculty and administrators in Hudson. Those threats must stop," said Prosecutor Walsh. **"Under Ohio law, a prompt about a fictional writing is not child pornography.** We will review this matter and determine if there is a factual basis that any laws were broken either by the writing prompts or the threats that have been made."

Additional questions can be forwarded to James Pollack, Summit County Prosecutor's Office Director of Communications, at pollack@prosecutor.summitoh.net.