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# Press Release

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Threats at School**

Tallahassee- Today, just before 10:00AM, the Tallahassee Police Department and the Leon County Sheriff's Office responded to Apalachee Elementary School and Lincoln High School in reference to a suspicious 911 phone call. The caller indicated that violence may occur and mentioned a firearm. The Tallahassee Police Department and the Leon County Sheriff's Office worked together and instituted the Incident Command System due to the large number of students involved and the complexity of the scene. The Police Department established an outer perimeter to keep vehicle and foot traffic away from the schools. The Sheriff's Office established an inner perimeter, which placed both schools in a lockdown to prevent anyone from entering or leaving the school buildings.

At least two more phone calls were received by the Tallahassee Police Department between 10:00AM and 12:00PM while officers and deputies were on scene. It was decided by supervisors on scene and school security to conduct a room by room search at Apalachee Elementary School in hopes of finding the cell phone used to make the calls. The reason the search was focused on the elementary school was due to the voice of the caller. During the course of the investigation a student identified another student who may have made the call. Once the suspect was identified another student came forward as a witness as well.

Subsequent to this investigation, a fourth grade student was arrested and charged with the following:

1. 3 Counts of Misuse of the 911 system.
2. 3 Counts of Disruption of a School Function

The name of the juvenile is being withheld per Florida statutes since these are misdemeanor charges.

Sgt. Rob Reisinger said: “Obviously we take these situations very seriously. Fortunately, this one was a hoax. Today was a good example of all disciplines working together to carry out procedures that have been put in place and refined multiple times since the Columbine incident. These resources include law enforcement and school officials”.



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