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## **Deputies Arrest Student with Gun on Campus**

Earlier this afternoon, a School Resource Deputy (SRD) at Rickards High School arrested and charged a 17-year-old student for having a loaded gun on school property.

School administrators stopped the male student, who was not in class during school hours. The SRD was notified after the loaded Glock was found during a search of his bookbag.

The student was immediately detained and transported to the Juvenile Assessment Center. He is charged with Possession of a Firearm on Campus and Grand Theft of a Firearm.

The Leon County Sheriff's Office encourages families to discuss with their children the potential consequences of bringing a weapon to school and if they "See Something, Say Something." The FortifyFL app is available to anonymously report Leon County School-related suspicious activity or call 850-922-KIDS.

Also, as part of its Cease Fire initiative, LCSO in collaboration with Big Bend Crime Stoppers will offer a monetary reward leading to the arrest of an individual illegally possessing a firearm. Tipsters can remain anonymous and receive a \$1,000 reward, call 850-574-TIPS. Learn more by visiting our website <u>www.leoncountyso.com</u>



