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## ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

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### **School Resource Deputy Arrests Student on Campus with Loaded Gun**

On Tuesday, September 13, around 10:40 a.m. the Leon County Sheriff's Office School Resource Deputy (SRD) at Leon High School arrested a 17-year-old student found to be in possession of a loaded firearm.

While school administrators were investigating a separate incident involving the student, he admitted to having the Glock 22 in his backpack. Administrators immediately conducted a search of the bag and secured the weapon. The school was not placed on lockdown.

The juvenile was taken into custody and transported to the Juvenile Assessment Center. He is charged with Possession of a Firearm on School Property.

The SRD's investigation is still active. However, it has been determined the gun has not been reported stolen and the student did not brandish or use it in a threatening manner against any students or staff.

Since the start of this school year, SRDs have recovered three firearms on school grounds. This includes the weapon found last month at Gene Cox Stadium. LCSO wants to remind citizens that it is a violation of state law for any person to carry a firearm or weapon on school premises, school-provided transportation, or other facilities being used exclusively for school activities.

Families are encouraged to discuss with their children the potential consequences of bringing a weapon on school property 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.



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