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## ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

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### **School Resource Deputy Arrests Student for Gun and Marijuana**

On Friday, September 9, around 12:00 p.m., a teacher at Godby High School detected the odor of marijuana coming from a 15-year-old student and escorted him to an administrator's office.

During a search of the student's backpack, school officials found and secured a loaded 9mm handgun and a plastic bag with approximately 12 grams of marijuana. The School Resource Deputy was immediately notified and took the juvenile into custody.

The SRD's investigation determined the juvenile purchased the weapon from an unknown source and there was no intended violence against fellow students or school staff. Due to the quick actions of school administrators, the campus was not placed on lockdown.

The teen is charged with Possession of a Firearm on School Property and Possession of Cannabis. He was transported to the Juvenile Assessment Center without incident.

LCSO encourages gun owners to properly secure firearms and document all serial numbers. 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.

To report a tip, residents should call 850-574-TIPS. Callers will be given a tip code that can be checked for updates on the case. If an arrest is made, a pick-up code will be sent, with the location where the reward may be collected. Tipsters must use the anonymous system to receive the reward. Learn more by visiting our website [www.leoncountysos.com](http://www.leoncountysos.com)

Also, if you see something of concern to school safety, please do not spread it, report it. Students, staff, or parents are encouraged to contact their School Resource Deputy, and school officials directly or use the Florida Fortify app to report their concerns.

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