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LCSO School Resource Deputy Arrests Student, Recovers Weapon

Today, around 10 a.m., the School Resource Deputy (SRD) at Leon High School, safely detained a student, who had a gun on campus.

The investigation began after school administrators received information that the student was seen on social media, showing off a handgun. School staff, with the assistance of the SRD, quickly located and removed the student from a classroom. Administrators proceeded to conduct a search of the student and found a loaded 9mm, Glock 48 handgun in his possession. The weapon was reported stolen out of Tallahassee.

The 17-year-old male was arrested and transported to the Juvenile Assessment Center. He is charged with Possession of Firearm on School Campus, Possession of Concealed Weapon and Grand Theft of 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 Schoolrelated 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 www.leoncountyso.com.

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