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NEWS RELEASE

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High School Student Arrested for Filing False Police Report



A false report of a gun on campus at Matanzas High School on Thursday morning resulted in the arrest of a juvenile for filing a false police report.

A student told another student that he'd seen someone in the back parking lot of the school put a gun inside a car. No one was reportedly threatened. School Resource and Patrol deputies locked down the parking lot and assisted administrators in conducting a thorough search of the area. The Sheriff's explosive detection K-9, Jax, assisted in the search. No firearm was located. A Sheriff's Detective interviewed the student who reported the crime. That student admitted to the detective that he had made the story up and never witnessed anyone with a gun on campus.

"We take all reported incidents seriously," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "We moved quickly to ensure the safety of the students and teachers, and put a lot of resources into this investigation. Ultimately, the report was unfounded, which we are grateful for; however, filing a false report is against the law and a waste of taxpayer dollars."

A 17-year-old male was arrested for filing a false police report, a misdemeanor. He was booked into the Flagler County Detention Facility and released to his parents.

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