



Rick Staly, Sheriff

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# NEWS RELEASE

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### **Breaking News:**

## **Student in Custody for Bringing Gun to School**

A teacher at Buddy Taylor Middle School (BTMS), located at 4500 Belle Terre Parkway in Palm Coast, received information that a student may have a firearm in his backpack. The teacher alerted school administration and BTMS School Resource Deputy Cory Petty to conduct an investigation.

The student, a 14-year-old male, was detained and a loaded handgun was found in the student's backpack. There was no magazine in the firearm but there was one round in the chamber. Sheriff Staly, members of the Sheriff's Investigations Services Division and FCSO's Domestic Homeland Security Section are also on scene.

"Our number one concern is the safety of our students and thankfully we were able to thwart any plans this juvenile may have had before someone was injured during today's incident," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "This student now faces multiple felonies for his actions. Make no mistake, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office takes a zero tolerance approach to weapons and threats on school campuses. This incident was safely resolved because of the great cooperation between school personnel, students, School Resource Deputies, the Sheriff's Office and the systems we have put in place."

Flagler Schools Superintendent James Tager says "I want to point out the 'see something, say something' campaign works. I commend that, combined with the quick actions of our School Resource Deputies, to bringing a quick resolution to this incident."

This is a developing story. More information will be released as it becomes available.

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