



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: 15 Year Old Arrested for Bomb Threat at Newark High School

Newark Police have arrested a 15 year old male Newark High School student for reporting a bomb threat at the school early this morning.

At approximately 7:30am an anonymous call was received at RECOM, the New Castle County 911 center, reporting that there was a bomb inside the school. Newark Police were promptly alerted and school administrators evacuated the staff and students to the football stadium.

Police K9 teams from both Wilmington Police and the Delaware State Police responded and swept the school for explosives. The sweep was completed at approximately 9:50am and students were returned to the school.

Detectives quickly developed several tips leading to the identification of the 15 year old suspect. Detectives executed an arrest warrant at the juvenile's home, taking him into custody without incident. The juvenile was arrested on one count of Terroristic Threatening Causing a Building Evacuation. He was arraigned at JP Court # 20 released back to the custody of his parents on \$5,000 unsecured bail.

During the evacuation at the school a fight broke out at approximately 7:45am on the football field between two 16 year old male students. An officer who had responded for the bomb threat and was assisting with the evacuation observed the fight and attempted to break it up. When he was unable to physically separate the two and stop the fight he deployed his pepper spray which successfully ended the altercation. Both juveniles were then taken into custody and transported to NPD Headquarters where they were arrested for Disorderly Conduct. Both were released to the custody of their parents.

One student, who was unrelated to the fight, sustained exposure to the pepper spray and was transported by ambulance to Christiana Hospital for treatment. NOTE – it was originally reported that this was unrelated to the pepper spray.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Cpl. Adam Mease at 302-366-7110 ext 404 or adam.mease@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

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