



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: Two Newark High School Students Arrested for having a Loaded Handgun in School

On Tuesday April 7, 2009 at approximately 10:30 a.m. a Newark High School student observed a handgun magazine and then also observed a handgun in a classroom. This student sent a text message to a friend at a neighboring area high school. The student at the neighboring high school notified that schools School Resource Officer, who subsequently contacted the Newark High School administration.

The Newark Police Department's School Resource Officer and NHS Administrators responded to the classroom and conducted a search. Students were taken out of the classroom and searched; at this point nothing was located. A search of the empty classroom was then conducted. Located first was a handgun magazine that was loaded with three 9mm rounds. This magazine was located on a desk under some papers. Then a book bag was located in the classroom. A search of this book bag located a black Smith and Wesson 9mm handgun. One round was loaded into the chamber; however, there was no magazine in the gun. Due to the location of both items, two male juveniles were identified and taken into custody.

At this time both juveniles are still being processed through the court system and additional details will be made available.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact SRO Cpl. Darryl Saunders at 302-366-7110 ext. 130 or darryl.saunders@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, where a reward

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