



TARPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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Robert P. Kochen
CHIEF OF POLICE

On May 6, 2013 at approximately 8 a.m. Tarpon Springs School Resource Officer Taurean Mathis (assigned to Tarpon Springs High School) was following up on an anonymous tip he received that a student at the high school (TSHS, 1411 Gulf Rd, Tarpon Springs) may have a firearm on campus.

Ofc. Mathis removed the student from his classroom and escorted him to his office; the student was advised that a tip was received that he may have a firearm on his person. The student admitted to having a firearm concealed in his right pocket of a pair of red shorts he was wearing underneath his jeans. Officer Mathis was able to take possession of the firearm (black .32 caliber, Berretta) which had three (3) rounds in the magazine which was inserted in the weapon, but there were no rounds in the chamber of the firearm.

The student admitted Post Miranda to bringing the firearm on campus for what he stated was self-protection due to on-going problems he was having outside of school with a few other students from TSHS. He advised that he found this firearm in some bushes a few days ago while walking on Meres Blvd (not during school). Upon inspection of the firearm Ofc. Mathis discovered that the serial number on the firearm had been filed down; the student appeared to be unaware of this. There were no threats made at any-time on campus, and school activity was never disrupted.

The student was arrested and transported to the Juvenile Detention Center, charged with;

- Possessing a firearm on school grounds, 790.115 (felony)
- Carrying a concealed firearm, 790.01 (felony)

Arrested;



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Respectfully,

Captain Jeffrey P. Young



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