



TARPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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Date : May 24, 2016

Time : 2:15pm

On this date May 24, 2016 at approximately 11:43am Officers of the Tarpon Springs Police Department were summoned to Tarpon Springs High School due to a large fight that had broke out. The schools SRO's were advised by school administration of the fight as they were actively trying to stop the fighting. The SRO's responded and requested additional units upon their arrival. The fighting happened in and around Building #9.

The inital fight involved 4 female students (all Juveniles) which started due to an incident that occurred over the weekend (not on school grounds) in Palm Harbor (NFI regarding this incident), when several other male students began to get involved. None of the involved would listen to the repeated instructions of school staff or officers on scene, to stop their aggressive behavior. Therefore, in the interest of the safety of all students and staff, officers effected the arrest of 10 students (4 females and 6 males) all charged with Disorderly Conduct in order to quell this situation before it could escalate any further.

All 10 students were juveniles ranging between 9th and 11th grade, there were no serious injuries reported, and no weapons were involved.

Officers remained on campus the remainder of the day as a precaution.

Respectfully,

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