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“Two Handguns Recovered After Being Brought To School”

On December 15th, 2008, Auburn Police were alerted by an alternative school Principal located in the City of Auburn concerning information they had gained that one of their students had brought two unloaded handguns to school. An investigation was initiated with the information provided by school officials and it was discovered that on December 12th, 2008 a 14 year old student had removed two handguns from a gun safe belonging to one of their relatives, placed the guns into their school bag and rode the bus to the school located in the City of Auburn.

The investigation showed that the juvenile never removed the guns from the bag and the sole reason for bringing the guns to school was to show them to another student after school and away from school property. The juvenile cooperated with the investigation and advised Detectives that he made sure the guns were unloaded and he did not possess any ammunition for either of the handguns. There was no indication that the student had any ulterior motives for bringing the handguns to school.

Auburn Police Detectives did contact the family member who owned the handguns and recovered the weapons as evidence with full cooperation from the owner. The two recovered handguns were properly owned and registered on the family members pistol permit.

The juvenile was charged with criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree, a class A misdemeanor and the case was forwarded to Cayuga County Family Court. The school where this incident took place is not part of the Auburn Enlarged School District and is administered by Cayuga/Onondaga BOCES. No further information will be released concerning the juvenile or the school in order to protect the juvenile's identity due to their age.

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