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### **Middle School Student arrested for possession of handgun.**

**Prosser, Washington February 26, 2020:** On February 25, 2020 at approximately 4:00 PM, Prosser Police responded to a possible weapons complaint at the Boys and Girls Club in Prosser.

Upon arrival, officers were contacted by a 13-year-old female who advised she saw a handgun in a waistband of a male student during math class at Housel Middle School towards the end of the day.

Officers talked to several other witnesses who substantiated what the witness had told officers.

Officers made contact with the 12-year old male suspect, and subsequently took him into custody without incident. The firearm was recovered, and the juvenile admitted to having the gun at school.

Upon further investigation, there was no information suggesting the juvenile had a plan to use the firearm at school. The juvenile said he brought the gun to school for protection. The Juvenile was subsequently transported to the Benton County Juvenile Justice Center for possession of a stolen firearm, and possession of a deadly weapon on school grounds.

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