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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: DZ Middle School Lockdown

Date: 05/09/2007

From: Sergeant David Campbell

Case or Incident #: 2007-014634

Summary:

On 05/09/2007, at approximately 10:04 am, the Juneau Police Department was notified of a possible weapon found on the Dzantik'i Heeni Middle School campus. In essence, a teacher saw a 7th grade student drop an item that appeared to be a firearm. Pursuant to the school district's Emergency Action Plan, the school was placed in lockdown.

JPD officers arrived and determined that the item was an air soft gun. Air soft guns are not firearms, but they do project small plastic pellets. The investigation revealed that two air soft guns were brought onto campus and three students were involved. The students were two 6th graders and one 7th grader.

The 7th grade student, a 13 year old boy, was charged with Assault in the 4th Degree for placing the teacher in fear of imminent physical injury. The 7th grader was transported to and lodged at the Johnson Youth Center. All three students will face administrative discipline from the school.

At approximately 11:10 am, DZ Middle School was released from the lockdown and the school resumed its normal activities. No students or staff members were injured during the incident. Students will be released from school at the end of the day by normal means.

Any charges reported in this press release are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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