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CGPD Investigates Gun in Middle School

Casa Grande, AZ – The Casa Grande Police Department responded to Cactus Middle School today where a 13 year old 7th grade student was found in possession of a firearm.

At 10:48 a.m., Officers responded to Cactus Middle School, located at 1220 East Kortsen Road, in reference to a student in possession of a firearm. Upon arrival, Officers were notified by school staff that a 13 year old 7th grade student was found to have a handgun in his backpack.

The investigation determined the student brought the handgun from home to school on a bus this morning where he showed it to another student. School staff was made aware of this and immediately identified the student and confiscated the backpack. The student's backpack contained an unloaded handgun and ammunition. It was determined the student's intent was to show the handgun to his friends. There is no evidence that would suggest any student or staff member was in imminent danger at any time.

The student was released to his parents and the Casa Grande Police Department will forward juvenile referral charges of Misconduct with a Weapon and Disruption of an Educational Institution to the Pinal County Attorney's Office for review. The Casa Grande Police Department considers this to be a serious incident and is working in coordination with the Casa Grande Elementary School District to complete this investigation.

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