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Teen charged after weapon found on school campus



Suspect Michael Collins

Shreveport Police detectives have charged a 17 year old male after he was found to be in possession of a loaded firearm while on the campus of a Caddo Parish high school Thursday afternoon.

Shortly after 12:00 p.m. on February 9, 2017, Shreveport Police detectives, after receiving a Crimestoppers tip, arrived at C.E. Byrd High School regarding the on-going investigation into the shooting death of 15 year old Antonio Newsom last month.

Once on the campus, authorities spoke with the school's School Resource Officer and advised they needed to interview a student regarding the continuing homicide investigation. It was at that time, contact was made with 17 year old Michael Collins Jr, who was present in a classroom at the school. Upon officers contact with Collins, a search was conducted of his person, at which time it was learned he was in possession of a loaded, 45 caliber handgun, stored inside the jacket he was wearing. The weapon was quickly seized by detectives and Collins was taken into police custody immediately and without incident. No students or staff were injured during the ordeal. Collins was transported from the school to Shreveport Police headquarters where he was interviewed by detectives for his alleged role in the investigation. Following subsequent interviews, Collins was charged with Illegal Carrying of Weapons and having a weapon of school property. While Collins was not named as a suspect in the shooting death of Newsom, the investigation continues. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call Crimestoppers at (318) 673-7373 Or visit their website at: www.lockemup.org

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