



## Vacaville Police Department

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## *Press Release*

<b>Today's Date:</b>	3/25/09
<b>Date &amp; Time Occurred:</b>	3/25/09, 7:47 a.m.
<b>Submitted By:</b>	Sgt. Kim Humbert
<b>Phone:</b>	707-449-6265
<b>Case Number:</b>	09-2652
<b>Type of Crime/Incident:</b>	Possession of a firearm in a school zone; Carrying a concealed firearm; Carrying a loaded firearm in public
<b>Location:</b>	2050 Nut Tree Rd.
<b>Suspects:</b>	13 year old male – Vacaville resident

### **Narrative:**

On the above date and time, just before school, Youth Services Officer Tim Garrido was patrolling the shopping area near Vaca Pena Middle School. Officer Garrido noticed three boys on the side of the of the complex acting suspiciously. When they noticed the patrol car, the suspect immediately turned away from the Officer and was shoving something into his jacket. The Officer contacted the subjects and asked them what they were doing. They initially claimed they were just talking but further questioning resulted in the discovery of a handgun concealed in the suspect's jacket.

The firearm was loaded and the juvenile claimed that he was going to go target practicing after school and could not provide a reason as to why he would carry the gun through the school day. He insisted he had no conflicts with anyone at school and no intentions of using it while at school. The suspect had been showing the gun to his friends. There were no threats or acts of aggression involving the gun. Family members were contacted and advised they do not own the weapon that the juvenile had in his possession. The rightful owner's identity and how the juvenile acquired the weapon is still under investigation.

The suspect was arrested for firearms violations noted above including possessing a gun in a school zone, which is within 1000 feet of a school. He was booked into Solano County Juvenile Hall for the violations.

The Vacaville Police Department and the Vacaville Unified School District have a zero tolerance policy toward weapons in or around a school. Both organizations work jointly to maintain a safe environment for both students and staff members. Anyone with additional information about this incident is asked to call Officer Tim Garrido at 449-6284.