

# NEWS RELEASE

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### **15-year-old Winter Park 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center student arrested for bringing a firearm to school**

This morning, the Winter Park Police Department received a tip through Fortify Florida indicating a student had a gun in his backpack and was on campus at Winter Park High School (2100 Summerfield Road). Numerous police officers responded to the schools to assist the School Resource Officers who immediately began the process of identifying the student with the information that was received. Very quickly officers were able to locate the student, make contact, and place him in custody at the Winter Park 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center located at 528 Huntington Ave. A handgun (photograph attached) was located inside his backpack along with a magazine which contained three bullets.

All staff members and students are safe and the lockdown was lifted. We would like to thank the student who did the right thing and quickly reported their observations to [Fortify Florida](#). We continue to strongly encourage our students “if you see something, say something” to school officials or via the Fortify Florida app immediately upon witnessing any activity or observation of concern.

Marcus Gil, the student arrested, was charged with the following criminal violations:

**F.S.S-790.115 (1)-Possession of a firearm on school property (3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony)**  
**F.S.S-877.13 1a- Disruption of a school function (2<sup>nd</sup> degree misdemeanor)**