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Non-Investigative Informational Announcement

Case Number: 22-02634

Type of Incident: Criminal Trespass / Suspicious

Circumstances

Date / Time of Incident: 01-20-2022 / 1118 hours

Location of Incident: 3520 Southridge Blvd, Kennewick

Do not release suspect name if they are a juvenile.

Suspect (Age) / City Residence:

Suspect in Custody

Charges:

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Summary of Incident / Details:

On 01-20-2022, at about 1118 hours, students at Southridge High School notified school staff including the Kennewick Police School Resource Officer (SRO) of a suspicious juvenile male on the campus. The 17 year old juvenile male was recognized by students from a previous incident in which the student was a suspect in a burglary in September 2021 at Ranch and Home. The students reported that they thought that the suspect had a firearm in his backpack.

The SRO notified other Kennewick Police Officers of the situation and several responded to the school. Southridge High School was placed in lockdown while police investigated and attempt to locate the suspect male. Chinook Middle School and Sage Crest Elementary School were placed in a modified lockdown. Through the investigation, it was determined that the male had already left the campus and all three school were taken out of lock down. Southridge High School was in lockdown for approximately 45 minutes. At this time, it is unconfirmed if the suspect actually had a firearm in his backpack. No one was injured during the incident. Extra police presence was at the school today for extra security. The investigation is on-going.



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If anyone has information about this incident, please call the non-emergency number at 509-628-0333 and reference the above case number. Anonymous tips can also be provided online at www.kpdtips.com.

- Posted to Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and/or YouTube)
- Photos, Audio, and/or Video Attached

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