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PRESS RELEASE

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UPDATE: 06/12/2023

Detectives have charged the father of the student who brought a loaded firearm into a Spotsylvania County Middle School on May 19, 2023. Josette Rodriquez, 37 years of age male from Spotsylvania was charged with recklessly leaving a loaded, unsecured firearm so as to endanger the life or limb of a child under the age of 14. Mr. Rodriquez has a June 20th General District court date. Sheriff Roger Harris would like to remind parents that properly storing and or securing firearms is the best way to prevent curious kids from getting hurt, youth and adults in crisis from using a family firearm for suicide, and firearms from being stolen and misused by others.

ORINGIAL: 05/19/2023

CHANCELLOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT FOUND IN POSSESSION OF A LOADED GUN IN CLASS

This morning, a Spotsylvania Sheriff School Resource Officer was notified by Chancellor Middle School administration in regards to a student who may be in possession of a gun. A student reported to a teacher seeing another student with a gun and that the gun should be located in the suspected student's backpack. That teacher immediately notified administration and a joint investigation resulted in finding a loaded .45 caliber handgun in the student's backpack. At no time was the gun showed in a way to threaten students, faculty, staff, or threaten the safety of the school. The student is currently in custody and will face charges at the conclusion of the investigation. The joint efforts of the student, teacher, school administration, and school resource officer should be commended for their quick actions during today's incident.

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