



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

Subject: Armed Student Arrested at Valhalla High School

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SYNOPSIS:

On 02-01-19 at 1414 hours, Valhalla High School Resource Officer (SRO) was on duty when a student reported seeing a male student with a handgun and a loaded magazine inside his class room. The suspect student left Valhalla shortly after the weapon was observed. The SRO broadcasted a description of the suspect and a direction of travel (as information developed). The suspect student was later observed walking away from the school and was detained by deputies pending further investigation. The student was not in possession of a weapon and claimed not to have had one. Deputies checked the surrounding areas for the handgun without success. The student was initially transported to his residence to be released to his mother when school staff located the weapon and a loaded magazine on campus. The magazine had 1-round in it and was inserted backwards into the handgun. The student was arrested and taken to Rancho San Diego Station for processing and later booked into Juvenile Hall.

The safety of our students is always foremost, and we take these concerns very seriously. The Sheriff's Department and Grossmont Union High School District will continue to encourage students to report anything they see or hear that causes them concern.

We very much appreciate our partnership with the Grossmont Union High School District and their priority in keeping school campuses safe.

Call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 with information and you will remain anonymous. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to a felony arrest.