



# NEWS RELEASE

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<b>Subject:</b>	UPDATE: Weapon Referenced in School Threat Recovered; Student Facing New Charges		
<b>Releasing Officer:</b>	Lt. Ron McMillin		
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(Westerville, Ohio) – The Westerville Division of Police (WPD) recovered a firearm over the weekend suspected to have been hidden when a student fled Westerville South High School (WSHS) on Friday, February 23. An anonymous caller had earlier warned the school the student was carrying a firearm.

Demarius Braxton, 17, was arrested and charged with a misdemeanor count of Inducing Panic and a felony count of Tampering with Evidence on Friday. He was transported to Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center, where he remains.

Braxton now faces new charges, including a felony charge of Carrying a Concealed Weapon; a felony charge of Illegal Conveyance/Possession of a Deadly Weapon in a School Safety Zone; and a felony charge of Receiving Stolen Property.

Braxton is currently enrolled at Westerville South High School.

Westerville City Schools notified staff, parents and guardians this afternoon. The investigation is ongoing.

For more information on the Westerville Division of Police, please visit [www.westerville.org/police](http://www.westerville.org/police).

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