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School officials, police investigate incident with toy guns

A Hoopeston Area High School student is facing disciplinary action after toy guns were found in a classroom Thursday.

Chief Mark Drollinger said two black plastic toy pistols and two silver cap guns were found in a duffle bag in a classroom. An underage male student brought the toys for a school project but failed to get prior approval to bring them, Drollinger said.

High and middle school parents were notified of the incident Thursday afternoon via the Alert Now system. The recorded message said: "In order to clear up any possible misunderstandings, please know that this morn-

ing the HS and MS administration worked together on and incident where a "look alike" plastic gun was brought to school as a means of using it as a prop for a school project. Unfortunately, this item was not approved to be brought to school by staff and administration.

"At no time was there a threat to the safety of our students and staff, nor was there an intent to harm. However, in light of our training and concerns regarding school safety, we did enact our safe school plan and investigated with all seriousness, but a "code red" was

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Eric S. Jamerson, 47, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 4:36 p.m. Wednesday at Route 1 and Penn after police received a report of reckless driving. Jamerson was charged with driving while license

Incident continued from other side

not necessary. All partners of our safe school plan were involved and informed as needed."

"In reflection, this situation is a reminder that school safety for our students and staff is a priority of our district and we ask that you please keep us informed of any concerns that may compromise our safety."

Drollinger said the student assured him that the boy had no intention of wrongdoing, the items were not brought to scare anyone and the student had not been bullied by anyone.

The school handbook bans "using, possessing, controlling or transferring a firearm or "look alike," knife, brass knuckles or other knuckle weapon regardless of its composition, a billy club, or any other object if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm."

Police News



revoked and was released on a notice to appear.

Brian E. Field, 27, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 8:13 p.m. Wednesday in the 600 block of West Penn. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear/pretrial/driving while license suspended and driving an uninsured vehicle, he was released on bond.

A **35-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 8 p.m. Friday that someone took items from her car while it

was in the 500 block of West Washington.

Kyle Vaughn, 24, of Rossville, was arrested after an investigation into a hit-and-run accident reported at 2:05 a.m. Saturday. Police said Vaughn, in a 1999 Ford F350, hit a utility pole owned by Frontier Communications, then left the scene. He was found a short time later and was charged with driving under the influence, leaving the scene of an accident and failure to reduce speed. He was released on bond.

A **17-year-old** Hoopeston boy was arrested at 11:14 p.m. Saturday in the 700 block of North Fourth Street. He was charged with assault and disobeying a police officer and was released on notices to appear.

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Obituaries

LONG - Don L. Long, 93, of Milford, died Friday, April 20, 2012, at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. Graveside service was at 2 p.m. Sunday at Body Cemetery, Woodland. Memorials are suggested to Woodland Methodist Church, American Cancer Society or donor's choice. Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka, was in charge of arrangements.

SHORES - Leta L. (Harden) Shores, 68, of Rossville, died at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital emergency room. Funeral service was at 1 p.m. Saturday at Rossville Church of Christ. Burial was in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation was 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor's choice.

Weather



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