





## GREAT QUESTIONS -

There have been several great questions regarding this incident that need clarifying;

1. The suspect did indeed enter the school and rob another student while inside. This information was not known to staff or law enforcement until later.
2. The SRO and an assisting deputy were investigating a vehicle parked in the fire lane, in the wrong direction. There were two individuals inside the vehicle, one of which was the suspect.
3. The suspect was taken into custody for being in possession of the stolen vehicle and for being on school grounds after having already been trespassed. He was handcuffed, patted down, and placed in the back of a patrol car by the assisting deputy while the investigation continued. At the same time, the SRO was working with staff and the other occupant of the vehicle.
4. Thanks to students coming forward, the SRO learned of the earlier robbery, and that the suspect had been in possession of a gun. Although a pellet gun and flare gun were located in the vehicle, the suspect was subjected to a second search and a handgun was located hidden in his groin area.
5. YES, a more intrusive search should have been initially done. No one understands this more than the assisting deputy, who at the time was taking into consideration the age of the suspect and the crime in which they were investigating. No excuses. This is a harsh reminder to law enforcement to thoroughly search, while also preserving people's dignity.
6. Lastly, we understand there will be a school board meeting this coming Wednesday Oct 26th. This is a great opportunity to ask questions in person.

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This is a follow-up with more information on yesterday's incident at Central Kitsap High School.

Yesterday a School Resource Officer (SRO) at Central Kitsap High School was investigating a report of an unoccupied vehicle reported to be parked in the fire lane, in front of the school, facing the wrong direction.

The SRO contacted the vehicle, which was now occupied by two juveniles, a current student who was the front seat passenger, and the driver, who was not a student, was identified as a 17-year-old Central Kitsap resident.

While investigating our SRO learned that the 17-year-old had previously been trespassed from school property. The SRO also learned that the vehicle was stolen. The 17-year-old was immediately taken into custody, searched, and secured in the back of a patrol vehicle.

School staff then advised deputies that the 17-year-old had been inside the school and had robbed another student of some possessions. Soon after, additional information was received that he had a weapon hidden on him.

The 17-year-old was re-searched, and a handgun was recovered. While searching the vehicle, deputies located a pellet gun and a flare gun.

The investigation determined that the 17-year-old was the only suspect, and there was no further danger to the students or staff at the school.

The 17-year-old suspect was booked into the Kitsap County Juvenile Detention Center on charges of Robbery 1st Degree, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, and Felony Harassment.

A second juvenile, who is a student, was arrested during this investigation and booked into the Juvenile Detention Center for Disorderly Conduct.

We value our partnership with Central Kitsap School District, and we work together closely to keep students and staff safe. Yesterday was no exception.

The investigation is continuing.

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# UPDATE

