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Minor in Possession of a Firearm at School – 1225 Fourth Street Beloit

December 21, 2016 – at 840a the Beloit School Resource Officer arrested a 17 year old student after it had been discovered by school security staff that the student was in possession of a semi-automatic handgun and in possession of marijuana. Nehemiah Evans, 17 years old from Beloit, was arrested and held at the RCSO Jail for:

- Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Deliver within a 1000 feet of a School
- Possession of a Dangerous Weapon by a Person under 18
- Possession of a Firearm in a School Zone

Beloit Memorial was in a soft lockdown for about 30 minutes this morning after the security officer discovered the gun in the student's pocket. A soft lockdown means students and staff continued normal classroom activities but no one was allowed to enter or leave classrooms or the building. No one was injured during this incident and students and staff were safe.

"I want to commend the excellent thinking and action by one of our security officers and the school resource officer here at BMHS," said Supt. Thomas Johnson. "They did an outstanding job in bringing this situation to a rapid and safe ending. We will work to continue ensuring the safety of our students and communicate appropriately with staff and parents."

Beloit Police will have a visible presence at Beloit Memorial High School tomorrow. Any further information or updates will be released through the Beloit Police Departments social media outlets. We are asking that anyone with any information on this matter to submit a tip to the Greater Beloit Area CrimeStoppers at www.P3tips.com or call (608) 362-7463.