

State Police Arrest Student Found with Loaded Gun at Middletown High School

The Delaware State Police arrested a 15-year-old Middletown High School student on firearms and related charges after a loaded handgun was discovered in his bag on Tuesday afternoon.

On the morning of October 27, 2026, the DSP School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to Middletown High School, located at 120 Silver Lake Road in Middletown, was notified of an incident that had occurred the previous day. It was reported that the suspect, a **15-year-old male** student from Middletown, DE, had displayed a knife that he was carrying in a crossbody bag and made threatening statements. A concerned parent reported the incident to the school, prompting an immediate investigation. However, staff determined that the suspect had not yet arrived.

At approximately 10:40 a.m., the suspect arrived at the school. The SRO and school staff observed the student and immediately approached him. As they escorted him into a nearby empty classroom, he refused to surrender his bookbag and the crossbody bag he was wearing. He began to resist, and a struggle ensued. The SRO and school staff eventually secured both bags. Inside the crossbody bag, they found a loaded 9mm handgun and a 4-inch knife.

The suspect was taken to Troop 9, where he was charged with the offenses listed below, arraigned by the New Castle County Family Court, and committed to a juvenile detention center on a \$70,100 cash bond.

- Possession of a Firearm by Person Under 21 (Felony)
- Possession of Ammunition by Person Under 21 (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm in a Safe School Zone (Felony)

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon Other than a Firearm by a Person Under 18 (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession of a Weapon in a Safe Recreation Zone
- Resisting Arrest