



Banning Police Department

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Press Release

Date: May 2, 2008

CASE #08-1744

Location: 100 W. Westward, Banning

Incident: Suspicious Circumstances

Incident:

On May 2, 2008, Banning Police Officers responded to the Banning High School, located at 100 W. Westward, to assist the School Resource Officer in regards to a student in possession of a handgun. The information was received through police dispatch from a disconnected cellular telephone, through its 911 capabilities.

The caller reported this information, providing very detailed information about the student possessing a handgun. Banning Police Officers responded, secured the school and located the juvenile supposedly possessing a handgun in class. It was determined that the juvenile was not in possession of a handgun and was unaware of why he was being contacted by police. His locker and residence was searched and no weapons were found. The student was fully cooperative and returned to school.

After conducting further follow-up investigations, officers discovered and contacted the owner of the cellular phone. The owner told officers that the cellular phone was lost and disconnected approximately three weeks ago.

The Banning Police Department discourages these types of prank calls to schools. They are dangerous to the students, staff and community. Anyone involved in this type of crime will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Suspect Information:

For further information pertaining to this incident please contact the Banning Police Department on-duty Watch Commander at (951) 922-3170.