



# Prineville Police Department

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## Topic:

### Youth Arrested after Carrying Fake Rifle onto School Grounds

Location: Cecil Sly and Crook County Middle Schools in Prineville

Arrested: Prineville Male Juvenile, 12 years old.

Charged: Disorderly Conduct, Menacing, Trespassing

Custody Status: Turned over to the custody of the Crook County Juvenile Department

Circumstance: On 08/22/2011 at about 1:00 PM, a school official reported seeing a male dressed in camouflage clothing carrying what appeared to be a rifle near the Cecil Sly Elementary School. The male reportedly pointed the rifle at the school, and then walked away towards the Crook County Middle School. At the time, school registration was underway with students and parents on the campus.

Responding officers located the male walking across the campus of the Crook County Middle School (1/2 block away). The male was immediately detained and the rifle was determined to be a home made full sized "toy" rifle. This rifle resembled a "sniper" rifle, including a real scope mounted on top. The youth was wearing a camouflage jacket, load bearing vest and military style backpack. The youth was 12 years old, but exceptionally tall for his age and looked more like a 16-17 year old.

The youth was arrested for Menacing (Class A Misdemeanor), Disorderly Conduct (Misdemeanor) and Trespassing (Mis), stemming from an existing expulsion from school property due to a prior incident. The Prineville Police Department takes any incident involving potential danger to children very seriously. The youth placed his life in danger and caused a great deal of alarm to school staff.