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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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WEAPONS COMPLAINT

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a weapons complaint that occurred this morning at Dillard High School located at 2501 Northwest 11 Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The School Resource Officer received information at approximately 07:22 A.M. from school staff that a student was in possession of a firearm, which was witnessed by another student. The School Resource Officer immediately searched the school; however, the student was not located. Shortly after, staff informed the School Resource Officer that the student had been seen walking southbound on 27th Avenue.

The School Resource Officer located the student in possession of the firearm and ordered him to drop it. The student failed to comply with the officer's requests and the officer deployed his Conducted Energy Device (Taser). At this time, the student fled from the officer. A perimeter was set and the student was taken into custody without incident at the 2600 block of Northwest 9th Street and the unloaded firearm was recovered.

The student, identified as Tavin Clark, 07/09/92, was transported to Broward General Medical Center for medical clearance.

Clark is being charged with Carrying a Concealed Firearm; Bringing a Weapon to School; Resisting without Violence; Disruption of School Function; and two counts of Aggravated Assault. Clark is also being suspended from school.

It should be noted that the school was never placed on lockdown and no one was injured during this event. The investigation continues.

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