



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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#### **Andover High School Assault**

On November 25, 2019 at 4:33 PM, Deputies from the Anoka County Sheriff's Office responded to an assault in progress at Andover High School. An investigation into the incident revealed the suspect, a juvenile male, entered the High School after hours and entered the school library. The juvenile suspect then approached a female student, punched her in the head and kicked her several times. A teacher on-site intervened by restraining the juvenile suspect and pulling him away from the student until deputies arrived. The teacher was also assaulted as a result of being head-butted and kicked. The suspect made mention of a knife and threatened to kill other teachers. Once deputies arrived on-scene, the juvenile suspect was taken into custody. No knife was found or used during the assault. The juvenile suspect was transported to the Lino Lakes Juvenile Detention Center and charged with 5<sup>th</sup> degree assault and disorderly conduct as well as being trespassed from Andover High School. Additional charges are pending.

The student victim was treated by Allina Paramedics and Andover Fire Department and released to a parent. The assaulted teacher reported no injuries as a result of the assault. The juvenile suspect is not a student of Andover High School and it is unknown what provoked the assault. The Anoka County Sheriff's Office is working in conjunction with Andover High School and the Anoka-Hennepin School District on this incident. Early indications in this investigation suggest the juvenile suspect was engaged in a confrontation with another individual outside the school and was able to gain entry into the school through a secured door as another individual left the building. Andover High School does have security protocol in place including locked doors and security officers on-site. School security and staff acted quickly and appropriately to stop the assault and ensure the ongoing safety and security to everyone else in the school.

This incident remains under investigation. No further details will be provided at this time.

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