

Man arrested for bringing firearm on Del Norte High School campus

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A 21-year-old male was arrested April 8 for bringing a firearm onto the back lot of the Del Norte High School campus according to the Crescent City Police Department.

At about 12:30 p.m., Officer Sanders was notified by school administration that an unknown person driving a truck, with a known student in the passenger seat, brandished what appeared to be an assault weapon, but was potentially a “splat-gun” in the back lot of the high school.

The school administration showed Officer Sanders surveillance footage of the truck. Shortly thereafter, Officer Sanders located the truck with the known student passenger and initiated a traffic stop in the main parking lot of the high school.

The driver, Ethan Hayward James, 21, initially told Officer Sanders that there were no weapons in the vehicle.

However, during a search of the truck, Officer Sanders located a concealed .22 caliber rifle, .22 caliber rim fire ammunition, a BB gun and a “splat-ball” paint ball gun.

James was arrested for violations of Penal Code section 626.9, possession of a firearm on school grounds, Penal Code section 25400 (A)(1), possession of a concealed firearm, and Penal Code section 626.10, possession of a weapon, non-firearm, on school grounds.

The student passenger is also subject to administrative discipline at this time. The investigation is still ongoing. James was booked at the Del Norte County Jail.