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**LOWELL POLICE SAY 8-YEAR-OLD MAY HAVE BROUGHT GUN FROM HOME TO SCHOOL**

On Tuesday morning October 25<sup>th</sup>, the Lowell Police Department was notified by school officials that a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student had shown some type of gun to several classmates after school on Monday afternoon, removing it from the his backpack. One of those students told his parent who reported the incident to the school Tuesday morning. Officers met with school personnel, the child and his parents at the Greenhalge Elementary School and learned that the ‘gun’ in question was at the child’s home. Initial information indicates the child thought the gun was an ‘Air Soft.’ Further investigation revealed the gun was a .25 caliber pistol and when handed over to the police by the father was not loaded. He also turned over two live rounds in a magazine. Additional information was the firearm was in a box of property belonging to a relative temporarily displaced by a fire. The investigation continues, but as of now the child’s father will be facing charges of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and Improper Storage of a Firearm. The investigation continues in conjunction with the Lowell School Department and the Middlesex District Attorney’s Office.

Any additional inquiries on this matter can be directed to the Lowell School Department.

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