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LIGHTER THAT LOOKS LIKE GUN CAUSES SCHOOL LOCK DOWN

WHO: 16-year-old female (Arrested/Student)
Charges: Disruption of School
VOP- Possession Morphine

WHAT: Arrest/School Lock Down

WHERE: Clearwater High School
540 S. Hercules Ave.
Clearwater, Fla.

WHEN: November 1, 2011
10:50 a.m.

SUMMARY: A student observed another student, a 16-year-old female, drop what appeared to be a gun during a class change. The student told her friends who reported it to the School Resource Officer (SRO). The SRO's investigation led him to identify and locate the 16-year-old student and the replica firearm (a lighter that looked like a gun) was recovered in a bathroom trash can.

The student is being charged with Disruption of School and VOP (possession morphine). These are both misdemeanor charges, so the juvenile's name will not be released. Any questions about administrative action regarding the student should be directed to Pinellas County Schools.

