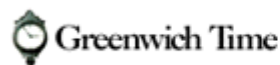


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Student nabbed over Web message

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Police said yesterday the 15-year-old Greenwich High School student who wrote a threatening Internet bulletin in the wake of a fist fight at Greenwich High School two weeks ago was arrested.

Police arrested the boy Feb. 6 and charged him with one count each of disorderly conduct and threatening, after he posted the "blog" on his Web page on the popular Internet networking site Myspace.com.

Police have been on campus since the Feb. 3 fight between two boys, white and Hispanic, created unrest between students and an avalanche of rumors of further violence, including street gang retribution.

The blog, posted the weekend following the fight, threatened a particular social group but Lt. Daniel Allen would not specify whether it was leveled at a specific racial group.

Allen said police determined the boy's threat was idle.

"He said he was angry and upset, but never intended to act," Allen said.

Schools Superintendent Larry Leverett said yesterday the student has been suspended from school, but did not know for what duration.

Police withheld the boy's name because of his age and the case was referred to the Juvenile Matters Division of state Superior Court in Stamford.

On Friday, police locked down the campus during classes in response to a widespread rumor that gangs with guns from other towns would come to the school seeking vengeance after the fight. Attendance dropped well below normal, at 83.7 percent as compared with the 93.7 percent average, according to the district.

Police so far have not corroborated the gang-related rumors, Allen said yesterday.

Leverett said administrators met yesterday at the high school to discuss the situation and continuing police presence at the campus.

School officials have said police will remain on campus until at least this Friday, when winter break begins, and perhaps maintain a youth officer on campus when vacation ends.

The Feb. 3 fight began as an argument between a 16-year-old and a 17-year-old in the student center of the school, according to police. It came to blows in the school parking lot, according to

police.

Both boys were arrested and charged with third-degree assault.

"The police department expended a significant amount of resources over the past week and we continue to seek their advice on matters of ensuring the safety and security of our students and staff," Leverett said.

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