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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Juvenile arrested after a traffic stop leads to the discovery of a handgun.

On February 13, 2023, at approximately 07:47 am, Officers from the Owensboro Police Department initiated a traffic stop in the 2200 Block of Tamarack Road while conducting traffic enforcement in a school zone near Apollo High School.

The vehicle's occupant was a juvenile student (16 years old) en route to Apollo High School. During the stop, officers developed probable cause that illegal controlled substances were in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of a loaded handgun, as well as numerous items of Drug Paraphernalia.

The Juvenile was taken into custody, charged, and transported to Warren County Regional Juvenile Detention Center for:

- Possession of Handgun by Minor 1<sup>st</sup> Offense (Enhancement)
- Drug Paraphernalia Buy/Possess (Enhancement)
- Speeding 18 MPH Over the Limit (School Zone)

The Juvenile has previously been charged with:

- Assault 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Minor Injury
- Wanton Endangerment 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

The Owensboro Police Department notified the Daviess County Public School Police after taking the juvenile into custody.