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## PRESS RELEASE

To: All Media Outlets  
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On 12/03/15 at approximately 12:08 pm, Officers from the Maplewood and South Orange Police Departments responded to Columbia High School for a Code Yellow-shelter in place subsequent to School Administrators receiving information from students that there may be a student armed with a weapon in the school. Officers worked with the CHS staff and quickly resolved the incident. A 9<sup>th</sup> grade 15 year old male student was taken into custody for possession of a weapon which was subsequently determined to be a toy handgun. The code yellow was subsequently lifted and all students and faculty were safe as they resumed their normal schedules. The Maplewood Police Department would like to thank the CHS School Administrators and staff for their excellent work in dealing with this afternoon's incident and helping to facilitate a quick resolution to the matter.

As a result of the investigation, it was determined that the student taken into custody had displayed the weapon to a 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 14 year old male student. As a result, the male that was taken into custody will receive numerous charges and will be turned over to The Essex County Juvenile Detention Center.

The incident continues to be under investigation. There is no further information available at this time.