



Press Release



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The Milford Police Department is currently investigating an incident that occurred at Jonathan Law High School.

On April 25, 2014 at 7:14 am, a 16 year old female student was assaulted by another 16 year old male student in a hallway adjacent to a stairwell inside the school. A school nurse, assisted by other school staff members attempted to perform life saving measures on the student. Emergency Medical Services who arrived on scene continued to perform life saving measures and transported to Bridgeport Hospital where the victim student was pronounced deceased at 7:43 am this morning. The victim suffered multiple lacerations to her neck, chest and facial areas during the incident. The State of Connecticut Chief Medical Examiner's Office will be conducting their investigation into the cause and manner of death.

A school staff member who witnessed a portion of the assault, along with other school staff members were able to remove the suspect student from the immediate scene. The suspect was then taken into custody by the School Resource Officer of Jonathan Law High School. Milford Police and Milford Board of Education Officials worked collaboratively to send the students home to allow Investigators to process the scene and conduct the investigation.

The Milford Board of Education will be providing counseling services for students, families and others affected by this tragic event.

Investigators have recovered a knife at the crime scene as evidence in this investigation. Police have also executed a search warrant at the juvenile suspect's residence.

The 16 year old suspect is in police custody at a local medical facility and has been charged as a juvenile offender at this time with Murder 53a-54a of the Connecticut General Statutes. The juvenile arrestee is expected to be arraigned and formally charged in Juvenile Court located in New Haven, Connecticut on April 28, 2014. The Milford Superior Court will follow up with a determination if the case will be handled as a juvenile or adult proceeding.

Police are still on scene at the school and will be continuing to investigate this incident.

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