



Student Arrested for Injuring Teacher During School Fight

PONCHATOULA (January 7, 2026)- The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) has arrested a student for injuring a teacher during a fight at Ponchatoula High School (PHS) this morning.

The 15-year-old male has been booked into the Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center on one count each of 2nd Degree Battery on a School Teacher, Battery on a School Teacher, Simple Battery on a Security Guard, Simple Assault, Disturbing the Peace By Fighting, Unlawful Disruption of School Operations, and Inciting a Riot. Additional students are expected to be issued summons for their role in the fight.

Before 8 a.m., TPSO School Resource Officers (SROs) at PHS responded to a report of a fight outside of the cafeteria. When deputies reached the disturbance, it was determined that four total students had been involved, with one of those students intentionally hitting a teacher as well as a security guard. That same student is accused of threatening other school leaders following the incident. He was immediately taken into custody and this investigation is ongoing.

The injured teacher was transported to an area hospital for medical treatment and was released. No additional injuries were reported.

As a reminder, you can share information about crimes, suspicious, or even concerning activities, in our schools through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip! You can provide this information anonymously.

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