

TEACHER GRABS GUN FROM YOUTH

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FULL TEXT

An assistant principal kept an armed 14-year-old student talking, then pushed the boy's gun down when the youth fired at police, officials said.

The boy had walked behind Murray Middle School Friday with friends and "he started waving this weapon around," said Detective Robert Timmann of the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

Assistant Principal Frank Brogan, 31, chased the teen-ager, who began running through a field behind the school. Then the boy aimed at Brogan with the gun, Timmann said.

Brogan said he kept the student talking until the boy lowered his gun, but the youth panicked when he saw deputy sheriffs coming toward them. He started to raise the gun, but Brogan grabbed his hand and arm and "we wrestled for it," he said.

The gun went off, but the bullet went into the ground several feet from the deputies. Then Brogan threw the weapon into the grass several feet away.

School officials and police said the boy has received psychiatric counseling since he slashed his wrists several weeks ago. Timmann said the boy was being treated at a youth home in Palm Beach County but would face criminal charges later.

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