



NEWS RELEASE  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Parkview Student Charged For Gun On School Premises**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Brandon Michael Smith, 17, of Springfield, Missouri, was charged Monday evening with the class A misdemeanor of unlawful use of a weapon for possessing an unloaded firearm on school premises.

Yesterday morning, the Prosecutor's Office was notified by Springfield Public School Resource Officer Rodney Williamson that a student, Brandon Smith, brought a gun onto the campus of Parkview High School. Smith's possession of the weapon on school property came to the attention of the school police after a student reported threats made by Smith that included use of a handgun. Because of the officer's actions, Smith was placed in custody and the gun was secured. Officer Williamson and the Prosecutor's Office worked together to file charges within twenty-four hours. Since charges were filed within twenty-four hours, Smith is required to remain in custody or post bail. Smith's bail was set at \$5,000.00. Under Missouri law, it is a misdemeanor offense to take an unloaded firearm onto school property. It is a felony offense to take a loaded firearm onto school property.

Mr. Patterson cautions that the charges contained in the misdemeanor information are merely allegations and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

Copies of the misdemeanor information and probable cause statement filed in this case are attached to this release. The Missouri Supreme Court ethics rules prohibit comments on the facts or investigation of this case beyond those contained in the felony complaint and probable cause statement that are part of the public record.

**This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Justin Stanek. It is being investigated by the Springfield R-12 School Police and Officer Rodney Williamson is the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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MISDEMEANOR INFORMATION  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI  
Associate Division \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
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	)	
vs.	)	Case No. 1431-CR06594
	)	
BRANDON MICHAEL SMITH	)	OCN#
	)	
Defendant.	)	PA File No. 077335943
State of Missouri	)	
	)	ss.
County of Greene	)	

COUNT I  
(Missouri Charge Code: 3118799.)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of in violation of Section 571.030.1(10), RSMo, committed the class A misdemeanor of unlawful use of a weapon, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.016, RSMo, in that on or about December 1, 2014, at or near 516 W Meadowmere, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly carried an unloaded firearm onto the premises of Parkview High School.

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the attached probable cause statement, made a part hereof and submitted as a basis upon which this Court may find the existence of probable cause.

WHEREFORE, the Prosecuting Attorney prays that a warrant be issued as provided by law.

State v. Brandon Michael Smith

DAN PATTERSON  
Prosecuting Attorney of the County of  
Greene, State of Missouri, by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Stanek", written over a horizontal line.

Electronically Signed;

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SEE ATTACHED WITNESS LIST

State v. Brandon Michael Smith

**STATE WITNESSES:**

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J.S. c/o Greene County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, 1010 N. Boonville Ave, Springfield, MO

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12-01-14

I, Rodney Williamson, a law enforcement officer, knowing that false statements made in this form are punishable by law, state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that on December 01, 2014 at 08:50 hours at Parkview High School, located 516 W. Meadowmere in Greene County, Missouri, Brandon Michael Smith, committed one or more criminal offenses.

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows: While investigating threatening comments from Brandon Smith towards another Parkview High School juvenile student, I was informed that bantering back and forth had been taking place on Facebook where Smith had invited the juvenile to play 5 shot Russian roulette and posted two pictures of a revolver with 5 rounds in the cylinder. One picture showed the rounds in the cylinder and the second showed the barrel pointed back towards camera. Smith stated he was the craziest "MOTHER FUCKER" out there, that he had been to jail, did not mind going back, and he had a handgun, then posted "BOOM BOOM". The juvenile told me that on Tuesday 11-25-14 at approximately 1800 hours Smith was texting back and forth with the juvenile, concerning Smith responding to the juvenile's residence, 3815 W. Driftwood, to fight. When the juvenile did not come outside, Smith supposedly fired one round from a handgun then drove off. The juvenile stated he was now scared Smith was serious about shooting him. The juvenile stated Smith had followed him all over the building this morning.

This morning at 09:00 hours I responded to Smith's classroom and escorted him and his belongings to the school police office. While speaking with Smith he told me he had been having issues with the juvenile because he was currently dating the juvenile's girlfriend. Smith volunteered that he responded to the juvenile's residence to fight. Smith said the juvenile refused to come outside so he drove off. Smith told me as he was driving off, he ran over a walnut shell that made a loud bang noise and the juvenile thought it was a gun shot. Smith said he was alone and no one was with him. I did not ever bring up or ask about a gun.

I asked Smith if he had anything on him that he was not supposed to and Smith told me no. Smith gave his consent for a search of his person and vehicle. I conducted a search of Smith's backpack where I located a live .22LR round and a spent 410 000 buck shell.

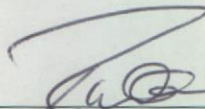
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I asked Smith about the .22LR shell. Smith told me he goes to his grandfather's house in Bolivar with his mother and they always take their Ruger SR22 with them in the backpack. I conducted a search of the Smith's vehicle, a 1999 Toyota 4runner, bearing MO registration of PJ7D8S 2015. Under the passenger seat of the vehicle was a box of Federal Premium 410 shells, containing 11 shells. In the center console I located two .22LR rounds, 5 more 410 shells, and 2 spent 410 shells. In the rear of the vehicle, in the side compartment on the passenger side, I located a Ruger SR22P .22LR handgun. The weapon had an empty 10 round magazine inserted in the magazine well.

I took Smith into custody, handcuffed, and gave Miranda warning. Smith told me the Ruger belonged to his mother but the vehicle belonged to him. Smith said he did not think that I would search the vehicle nor did he think I would find the weapon. Smith stuck to his story about running over a walnut shell. Smith said he intended to fight the juvenile, but did not intend to shoot him.

The facts contained above are true.

  
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Signature