



## Brown County Sheriff's Office

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### Press Release

DATE: 5/16/18

OFFICE POINT OF CONTACT: Sheriff G. Ellis

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On this date at approximately 1142 hours, the Brown County Dispatch received a call of gunshots fired in the vicinity of Russell Street in Fayetteville, Ohio. Russell Street is directly east of Fayetteville Middle School. Additional reports were received by the Brown County Dispatch Center advising that a male suspect with a pistol was observed in the vicinity of Russell Street. Sergeant Sininger from the Brown County Sheriff's Office responded and located a male who a witness identified as the subject with the gun behind a dwelling on Russell Street. Near where the suspect was found, a 9mm handgun and spent shell casings were recovered. The suspect was taken into custody at that time.

Due to the proximity of this firearms discharge incident, the Fayetteville High School and Middle School enacted their lock-down procedures.

At approximately 1209 hours, Brown County Deputies were advised by the Brown County Dispatch that a student in the Fayetteville Middle School had sent a text message advising that there was a shooter in the High School and that he was in hiding. Deputies made entry into the Fayetteville Middle School, met with school officials and confirmed that the text message was inaccurate. Once Fayetteville Middle School was confirmed clear of any armed threat, Deputies cleared the scene.

The suspect in this incident has been identified as Kenneth P. Rummel Jr. whose date of birth is 11/02/1979. He resides at 300 Russell Street. Pending charges against Mr. Rummel Jr. include aggravated burglary, theft of a firearm, discharge of a firearm at a school safety zone, and possession of a firearm under disability. All charges referenced are felony crimes.

There were no injuries reported as a result of this incident. Participating agencies included the Brown County Sheriff's Office, Brown County Drug Task Force, Fayetteville Police Department, Mt. Orab Police Department and Ohio Department of Natural Resources.