

Taser stun gun seized at Sleepy Hollow HS, police not notified

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Westchester DA, Sleepy Hollow police still investigating Oct. 15 incident involving a student at Sleepy Hollow High School



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Tarrytowns School District officials said Tuesday that they had confiscated a Taser stun gun from a student at Sleepy Hollow High School.

What they wouldn't say is why it took them more than two weeks to tell village police about it.

The Sleepy Hollow Police Department and the Westchester County District Attorney's Office are now investigating the Oct. 15 incident, which didn't come to light until Friday, when police were notified that the stun gun was still being held at the school - 15 days after it was seized.

Even now, village and school officials are releasing few additional details.

"A Taser was confiscated from a student at Sleepy Hollow High School and turned over to the police," said Tarrytowns School Superintendent Daniel McCann. "No one was in danger or threatened. That was key for us. We were aware that someone was bringing something. We immediately confiscated it and no one was in danger."

"Really, at this time it's a confidential student matter and I can't comment any further," McCann said.

It is unknown what prompted the female student to bring the Taser to the schools, but officials confirmed that it was taken from her and held at the school. The incident came to light after it was turned over to police on Friday when concerned district parents reached out to The Journal News.

Village Mayor Ken Wray confirmed on Tuesday that police retrieved the Taser from the school on Friday, but he would not discuss details and would only add that "an investigation is under way and is in conjunction with the DA's office."

Sleepy Hollow Police Chief Greg Camp said he was "not going to comment on any investigation that may or may not be ongoing."

High School Principal Carol Conklin-Spillane did not return calls seeking comment.

The incident came just days after 17-year-old Tahj Robinson was stabbed to death in a village park. Robinson, a former Sleepy Hollow resident who was living with relatives in New Jersey, was killed inside Barnhart Park on Oct. 10. Bernizon Moronta, 16, was arrested the following morning and charged in the stabbing.

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