

## Marcell Garland

### Report of Incident

**Date:** October 29, 2025

### Summary:

On Tuesday, October 28, 2025, during lunch, several students reported that **Marcell** had been using inappropriate language at the lunch table and had stated that he was going to bring his BB gun to school.

### Initial Investigation:

I located Marcell on the blacktop and questioned him regarding both the language and the alleged statement about the BB gun. Marcell admitted to making both comments but claimed he was joking and that the gun was part of a costume. He further stated that he does not own a BB gun. After our conversation, I attempted to contact his mother but was unable to reach her. I then notified the school counselor of my concerns, and she met with Marcell for counseling.

### Follow-Up:

On Wednesday, October 29, 2025, **Mr. and Mrs. McNamee** came to the school to discuss the incident. They reported that Marcell had approached their daughter and called her a "snitch." This contradicted his earlier explanation that the gun reference was a joke, as it indicated he was upset with another student for reporting him.

Given these concerns, I determined that a search was necessary. At approximately **7:48 a.m.**, I asked Marcell to retrieve his backpack and come to my office. When he returned, I explained that I needed to search his backpack to ensure no weapon was present given our conversation the previous day. Marcell cooperated, and the search was conducted with **no weapon found**. Marcell was then sent to class.

### Subsequent Discovery:

Shortly after school began, two students came to the office and reported that Marcell had possessed a gun on the bus that morning and had hidden it before I called him to the office. They stated that the gun was now in the possession of **Billy Collins**.

I immediately located Billy and asked if he was holding a weapon. He confirmed that he was and identified its location in his backpack. Upon searching, the **Air Soft gun** was found exactly where he indicated. Billy further explained that two other students had helped hide the weapon earlier that morning.

All students involved have provided written statements regarding their participation.

An attempt to contact mom was made immediately and there were several messages left with her on her cell phone. Other contacts on the list were called but we were not able to reach anyone. Wheatland PD was called given the serious nature of the situation, and they spoke to

Marcell. No threat was ever made toward a student and Wheatland PD informed me that they would not be completing a report as this was a school incident and not a crime.

After several hours, I called in Marcell's brother to see if he could get ahold of mom and he was successful. I explained the situation to mom and she arrived shortly after to sign the suspension forms. I explained that we would be pursuing an expulsion and she would be hearing from us soon.

**Recommendation:**

Based on the nature of the incident and the confirmed possession of a weapon on campus, my recommendation is that **Marcell be expelled for the 2025–2026 school year.**

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