



# NEWS RELEASE



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**For Immediate Release:**

**Today's Date:** October 4, 2006  
**Prepared By:** Sergeant Keith Faulk  
**Release #:** 2006-184  
**Case #:** 06-12590  
**Incident Date:** October 4, 2006  
**Incident Time:** 8:12 A.M.  
**Incident Location:** 6500 SE 211<sup>th</sup> Street, Hawthorne, FL

**Man Seen with a Gun Causes School Lockdowns:**

Deputies responded in numbers to the area of Hawthorne after a man was reportedly seen with a shotgun near Shell Elementary School. A 911 call was made from school staff after a parent reported seeing the man at the corner of SE 211<sup>th</sup> Street and SE 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Hawthorne, less than 500 yards from the school campus. Both Shell Elementary and Hawthorne Jr./Sr. High School were placed in a "lock down" mode for approximately two hours. Deputies interviewed witnesses in the neighborhood and quickly developed a person of interest.

Based on witness statements and the suspect interview, it was clear to those at the scene that there was no intent to harm anyone with the weapon nor was it displayed in an unsafe manner. It is believed that the suspect was "in the area hunting for squirrels."

Both campuses returned to normal operation by 11:00 A.M. No one was injured or threatened in the incident. A subsequent weapon charge is anticipated on the would-be hunter.