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## Heritage High School Student Arrested for Felony Assault

March 14, 2023 – While on campus at Heritage High School, a Menifee Police Department (MPD) School Resource Officer (SRO) was alerted to a medical emergency that was later attributed to an on campus physical fight between two female students.

Upon contacting the involved students, school administrators, and the SRO, discovered one of the students was injured and required medical attention. The injured student was transported to a local hospital for treatment, in stable condition.

The SRO conducted a thorough investigation which included interviewing the involved students, interviewing witnesses, and reviewing video that was taken by other students. Upon completion of the investigation, the SRO arrested the other involved student for felony assault. The student was booked into custody at the Riverside County Juvenile Detention Center.

The injured student has since been released from the hospital and is expected to make a full recovery.

The MPD would like to urge parents to have productive conversations with their students regarding the negative impacts of video recording fights and then sharing the videos on social media. Taking the videos is not productive and can lead to continued violence.

MPD is committed to the safety of all city schools and staff, and will continue to work closely with school administrators to ensure students have a safe place to learn and grow.

