

Texas School Shooting: Brownsville Police Shot And Killed Armed Middle School Student

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BROWNSVILLE, Texas — Police shot and killed an armed eighth-grader in his South Texas middle school hallway on Wednesday.

Brownsville police Detective J.J. Trevino said police received a call at about 8 a.m. that there was someone with a weapon at Cummings Middle School. Police found the 15-year-old student with a handgun in a hallway and shot him, Trevino said.

Cameron County Justice of the Peace Kip V. Johnson Hodge told The Brownsville Herald the student died.

Trevino said the school was immediately placed on lockdown, and that no one else was injured.

A school administrator apparently noticed the student carrying the gun and called Brownsville and school district police, Trevino said. He said investigators hadn't determined whether the student fired any shots, and he said he had no information on why the student might have had the gun on him.

"It's still under investigation, as far as how he came about to bringing the weapon or if he encountered anybody or anything else," Trevino said.

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A school district spokeswoman didn't immediately respond to phone messages from The Associated Press, and calls to the school rang unanswered.

Brownsville is 280 miles south of San Antonio on the southern tip of Texas.