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MEDIA RELEASE

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On Monday, August 31, 2009, at approximately 10:55 a.m. officers of the Garden City Police Department received a call in regards to an 18-year-old Garden City man threatening to harm himself. During the investigation, officers learned the male might be walking in the area of Anderson and Johnston Streets. It was later determined the male might also be in the possession of a handgun. Due to the proximity of Jennie Wilson Elementary School to the possible area of the male, a school resource officer responded to assist school personnel in conducting a school lockdown.

Officers continued to search for the male, and at approximately 12:16 p.m. they located him in the west alley of 1700 Anderson Street. The male was armed with a handgun and made requests for the officers to shoot him. The officers on scene were able to speak with the male and after a short time they convinced him to disarm himself. He was then taken into protective custody without incident and transported to St. Catherine Hospital for a mental evaluation. Once the male was taken into protective custody, school officials were notified to resume normal school activities. The school was never under any immediate threat and the lockdown was conducted for precautionary reasons only.

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