



MASON
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Joint Statement: Unsecured Weapon Incident

Mason, MI –The following is intended to clarify the facts related to the incident that occurred on January 9, 2024. Any statements or comments by other individuals regarding this matter, whether coming from someone associated or not, do not in any way represent the position of the City of Mason or Mason Public Schools.

- January 10, 2024, a student at Mason High School reported to the School Resource Officer (SRO) that on January 9, 2024, they witnessed a police officer working out in the weight room while students were present, and that the officer walked away leaving his gun belt with weapons unattended and potentially accessible to students. The City of Mason and Mason Public Schools leadership were immediately notified by the SRO. After reviewing surveillance video and other city records, the city confirmed that the officer was a city officer and that the officer's actions appeared to be in violation of numerous city and school policies. Based on this information, the officer was put on Administrative Leave and an investigation was started.
- Prior to being interviewed regarding the alleged incident in the school, the officer in question resigned on January 18, 2024, and the investigation ended. Due to this being a personnel matter, no other information will be shared on this incident.
- On January 22, 2024, an incident corrective action plan was prepared by the Chief of Police to address any identified deficiencies in city and police department policies, including updating the policy for appropriate future access to school facilities.

The City of Mason and Mason Public Schools do not plan to make any additional statements regarding this incident or issue at this time.
