

Evergreen student pictured with guns on website arrested Nancy Hull 02/15/2006

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office arrested an Evergreen teenager Friday after finding several weapons, including handguns, long guns and knives, in his home.

School district and sheriff's office officials were first alerted to the Evergreen High School student last week when a parent tipped them to his website, which showed pictures of him displaying multiple weapons in addition to violent messages, including a written description of holding someone at gunpoint.

The student, whom the sheriff's office is not identifying because he is a juvenile, was arrested for juvenile possession of a handgun, said Jacki Kelley, sheriff's office spokeswoman. Following his arrest, he was taken to Mount View Detention Center in Lakewood, where he was being held without bond.

The teen had a detention hearing Tuesday, and by Friday authorities with the Jefferson County district attorney's office will decide whether charges will be filed, said Pam Russell, spokeswoman for the district attorney's office.

Last week, a parent called Evergreen High's **anonymous phone tip line** about the website, Kelley said. School officials soon removed him from the school, and he was taken to a juvenile assessment center. Following a sheriff's office investigation, a search warrant was issued Friday for his home, where investigators found several handguns, long guns and knives, Kelley said. The youth was then arrested and taken to Mount View, she said.

His website, which was hosted by www.myspace.com, is no longer on the Internet. The site's management does remove sites that are determined to be inappropriate, according to its policy.

Rick Kaufman, spokesman for the Jefferson County School District, gave printed copies of the site to the Courier.

Nothing on the site threatens a specific individual or group of people, Kaufman said.

"We don't believe that anyone is in danger," Kaufman said last week.

However, district officials wanted to remove the student from the school, he said, "to ensure that students and staff are safe."

"We are concerned by the images and the content," Kaufman said.

Several pictures on the site appeared to show the student posing with authentic weapons. One picture showed him lying on the floor with a pistol in each hand while nine rifles surrounded him.

One of the written entries said: "People suck and deserve to die. All authority can righteously, legally, physically kiss my [expletive]." Another said that music "makes the difference between a good day and me holding some stupid person at gunpoint in the frozen foods section with a gun to their head while its being pressed against a bag of peas."