



Police Called Because Student Said That A Math Symbol Looked Like a Gun

Louisiana: Police were called to Oberlin High School last week after a student suggested that a “math symbol looked like a gun.” The comment fueled concern that the student was making a terrorist threat. Police searched the student’s home, and there were no guns found. -GEG

Police were called to Louisiana’s Oberlin High School on February 20 after a student suggested that a “math symbol looked like a gun.”

The incident occurred approximately one week after 17 people were shot and killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

The *Sacramento Bee* [reported](#) that the symbol was widely discussed and one student’s comments that the square root symbol “looked like a gun” fueled speculation of a “terroristic threat.”

Police went to the student’s home and searched it but found “no guns or any evidence that he had any access to guns.” Moreover, the *Bee* indicated they found “no evidence the student had any intent to commit harm.”

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