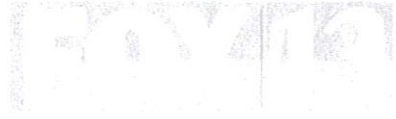


# Utah Co. school locked down after man with gun spotted nearby

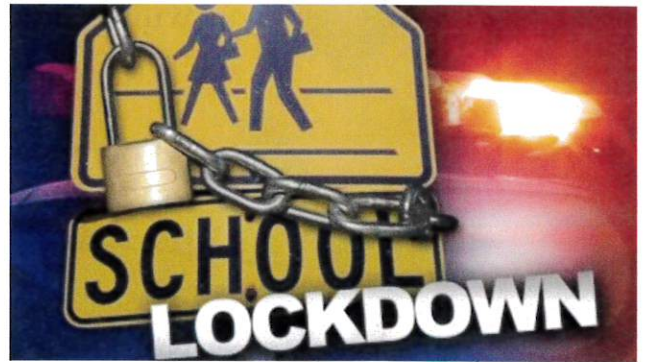
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EAGLE MOUNTAIN, Utah — A charter school in Eagle Mountain was placed on lockdown Wednesday morning after the Utah County Sheriff's Office received a report of a man carrying a rifle at a nearby convenience store.

According to the Sheriff's Office, Rockwell Charter High School was on lockdown for a short time in response to a report of a man carrying a rifle at the Maverik store next door to the school.



School lockdown

Deputies contacted the man, who said he was “exercising his 2nd Amendment Right and open carrying to promote gun awareness,” a Facebook post from the Sheriff's Office said.

The incident occurred as students across the United States staged walkouts in protest of gun violence.

Because Maverick is private property and the individual was causing alarm, the business asked the man to leave and not return to the property,

According to the Sheriff's Office, the 21-year-old man was compliant with deputies and left the property.

“He never posed a danger or made threats to anyone,” police stated. “He was in a place he could lawfully be, doing something he could lawfully do. Deputies explained to him that while his actions were lawful they do cause alarm.”