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NEWS RELEASE

(Grand Junction, CO) – On January 29th, 2008 at approximately 5:00 pm the Grand Junction Police Department received information from personnel at First Student (Laidlaw) transportation that a school bus passenger had made mention of possessing a bomb. Further investigation revealed that Brett A. Burke, age 16, had made a false report to an employee of First Student stating that he was in possession of a bomb. This occurred at 1400 N. 5th St.

The Grand Junction Police Department’s School Resource Unit, Hazardous Device Unit, along with personnel from the Mesa County Sheriff’s Department contacted Brett Burke, along with his parent, at 681 Coffman Road in Whitewater, Colorado. This continuing investigation revealed Burke was in possession of a material that is classified as an explosive (detonating cord), and he was also in possession of parts that when combined could make an explosive/incendiary device.

Burke was taken into custody and remanded to DYC for the following charges:

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| 18-8- 110 False Reporting of explosives | 6 felony |
| 18-12-109 Possession of explosive or incendiary device | 4 felony |
| 18-12-109 Possession of explosive or incendiary device / possession of components | 4 felony |

Chief Bill Gardner of the Grand Junction Police stated “This investigation is an example of the ongoing efforts of local law enforcement working with other entities to form partnerships in order to provide a safe environment for the youth of our community”.

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