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Disorderly Conduct *(Abuse/Threaten a Public Servant)*

DENTON, TX, May 11, 2018– On April 30th, a Denton Police Department School Resource Officer responded to Lee Elementary School at the request of a staff member there. The staff member advised a special needs student there had been agitated all day. She hoped an officer being present would help to calm the student down.

When the officer arrived in the classroom, the student was pacing around the classroom ignoring directions from the teachers. He pulled a computer mouse loose from the computer and began swinging it around in the area of other children. A staff member quickly took the mouse away from him but he picked up an object and poked another student in the back with it. He continued to cause a disturbance and pinched another student.

School staff decided the student needed to be removed from class for the safety of the other children. The student would not comply, which necessitated the officer to pick up the child and carry him into a vacant room. On the way, the student began to kick the officer. Once in the room, the officer placed the student on his stomach and put him in handcuffs in an attempt to keep him from committing further assaults.

The student continued to kick and flail about. After several minutes, he began to calm down. The officer assisted the student to a seated position. However, the student then spit on the officer so he was placed on his stomach again. The student then began to hit his head on the floor. A staff member and the officer had to hold the student to keep him from harming himself.

Eventually, the officer and staff were able to calm the student. He was allowed to sit up and the handcuffs were removed. The student then began to tear up a box of tissues and threw them into a teacher's face. The student also assaulted the Behavioral Intervention Specialist for the school district who had gone to the school to assist with the situation. This resulted in the student being restrained again. The student continued to calm down and be released only to get agitated again and need to be restrained. The student's mother eventually arrived and he was released into her custody when he calmed down. He was not charged for the assaulting the officer or school staff.

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