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Former student threatens teacher with knife at football game

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An 18-year-old Milford High School graduate reportedly pulled a knife on a Lakeland High School teacher during the third quarter of Milford's homecoming football game against Walled Lake Western on Friday, Oct. 17.

According to Oakland County Sheriff's Department reports, the girl was standing next to the teacher who was attending the game with her husband, a Milford High School teacher. They were gathered near one of the end zones.

The Lakeland teacher, who had subbed long-term at Milford High School the year before and reportedly had the suspect as a student, told police she was standing next to the suspect and could hear her breathing heavily. The suspect allegedly whispered into the teacher's ear, "I'm sorry" and then put a 2-inch folding knife against the teacher's throat.

The teacher pushed against the suspect, they separated and the teacher's husband knocked the suspect down. People standing around the end zone began calling for the police officers who were nearby.

The suspect reportedly got up and began to walk away with the knife. As she walked away, police urged her to put the knife down. The suspect then slit one of her wrists with the knife and put the blade to her neck. According to the Sheriff's Department report, the suspect then began to scream at the police to kill her.

Amid the chaos of the scene, an Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputy who is assigned to Milford High School was able to get behind the girl and use a Taser on her calf. She fell and dropped the knife.

The suspect was then handcuffed and rushed to an awaiting ambulance for treatment. Neither the police officers nor deputies involved, nor the teacher sustained any physical harm during the incident.

According to the Sheriff's Department report, the suspect was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. Deputies state they had the girl involuntarily committed to the hospital for evaluation. As far as deputies know, she is currently being evaluated there.

Deputies reported the suspect had acted normal earlier in the evening and had helped a band set up for a halftime show. She reportedly had said "Hi" to the Lakeland teacher earlier in the game.

Prosecutors are reviewing the incident and the suspect could be charged with felonious assault with a knife. The charge carries a penalty of four years in jail and a \$2,000 fine. Oakland County Sheriff's Department detectives said the number of charges and their severity will depend on the prosecutor's office decision.