

## LCHS Student Arrested at School and Charged as an Adult

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LANIER COUNTY, Georgia – Thursday, April 18th, Erin Mackenzie Locks (17, charged as an adult) was arrested in a public building. Locks is charged with Carrying a weapon in school, safety zone, school functions as license holder – misdemeanor, and Possession and use of drug related objects.

An Open Records Request produced a copy of the Lanier County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) NIBRS Incident Report. According to Sergeant Chris Souza, Locks was arrested for "carrying a weapon on school property."

Locks was handcuffed and leg shackled when led away from Lanier County High School. This writer happened to drive up to the building just as officers came out of

the school building and walked her to a law enforcement vehicle. Souza received Locks from Lanier County School Board Officer Raymond Peterson. Locks was read her warrants for both charges. Locks was fingerprinted, processed and pictures taken. Immediately following the arrest, Locks was given her first appearance.

The report indicates that Erin Locks was able to meet the bond conditions that were set (\$2,500 property/2,500 cash) and she was released.

According to the incident report, police confiscated a weapon Locks had been carrying that she had concealed. She also was found with drug equipment in violation of law.

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