



Draper Notes

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DeSoto County School Administrator Arrested on Drug, Theft Charges

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ARCADIA, FL -

The dean of the DeSoto Connections School, an alternative public school in Arcadia, was arrested on charges of sale of a controlled substance and dealing in stolen property.

Glen Arthur III, 40, is suspended without pay, according to the school district.

Deputies investigating a grand theft case connected their suspect to Arthur.

That suspect, Allen Epperly, told investigators he traded a stolen handgun to Arthur in exchange for four oxycodone pills and three roxycodone pills in September.

Arthur denied he bought the gun, which he said he didn't know was stolen, with prescription pills. But deputies say his story changed a few times, from him not being present while his fiancé bought the gun, to him giving Epperly \$120 in cash for the gun.

But Arthur's fiancé, Tracy Boatright, admitted Epperly was paid in pills. A woman with Epperly the night of the sale said they would regularly buy pills from Arthur and Boatright for \$35 a piece.

Arthur told deputies both he and Boatright have prescriptions for painkillers. They arrested him Friday.

The school district said Arthur has worked for them since 2007. The school board will discuss his status when they meet on January 13, 2015.