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**Statement on Alleged Shooting at Sal Castro Middle School**

California state law dictates that information about juvenile court proceedings and records are confidential and shall not be made public because the rehabilitation and protection of minors outweighs the public's right to know.

However, California Welfare and Institutions Code sections 676 (a) and 707 (b) provide limited exceptions for juveniles charged with specific serious or violent felonies. If the offense is not listed as exempt under the law, some details about the juvenile case must remain confidential.

Prosecutors have filed one felony count each of minor in possession of a firearm and weapon on a school grounds in connection with the shooting incident on Feb. 1 at Sal Castro Middle School in Los Angeles. The juvenile is expected to be arraigned on Monday.

Because the alleged offenses do not fall under California Welfare and Institutions Code sections 676 (a) and 707 (b), we are unable to provide any further information on this case.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.