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Youth, 15, arrested in Foresthill shooting
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A 15-year old Foresthill boy was taken to the Placer County Juvenile Hall in Auburn Saturday on suspicion of second-degree murder in the death of Justin Kosinski, 12, also of Foresthill. Kosinski was shot in the neck and killed Friday evening at a friend's house.

County [chaplains](#) responded to the scene and plan to return to the Foresthill Middle School Tuesday, where both boys attended, to provide counseling for the boys' classmates.

The shooting took place sometime after 4 p.m. Friday, said Sgt. Michael Harris who works at the Foresthill subdivision of the Placer County Sheriff's Department.

Five Foresthill boys including Kosinski and the suspect, all between the ages of 10 and 15, were riding bicycles in the Foresthill area, Harris said. Just before dark, the boys returned to one of their homes in the 22200 block of Power Line Road.

There, the boys discovered a 45-caliber handgun inside the home, said Frank Domeier, a Foresthill resident deputy. The handgun discharged and Kosinski was struck in the neck. Emergency medical personnel from the Foresthill Safety Club arrived at the scene and transported Kosinski to the Foresthill Middle School.

In this particular case, chaplains worked with the school staff as advisors in dealing with the tragedy and trauma of school children.

Many hours were spent on this incident.

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"He was taken from the scene under CPR to the middle school with the hope of Life Flighting him out of there and to a hospital," Domeier said. "But he was pronounced dead at the school." The four other boys were interviewed about what happened, but no arrests were made until Saturday, said Sgt. Bob McDonald with the sheriff's department.

McDonald said there were conflicting statements from the suspect and the three other boys. Detectives re-interviewed the suspect Saturday morning, and the boy was arrested shortly after on suspicion of second-degree murder. He is likely to face arraignment this week.

The case remains under investigation.

Chaplains from the Foresthill Fire Department and the Placer County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene to help explain the situation to other Foresthill residents.

"They all came down to the school for counseling," Domeier said. There were a lot of kids and parents out there. There were some tears shed by some of the kids. There were some tears shed by some of the parents."

Domeier said chaplains will be back at the school Tuesday, the first school day back at school for students following a week-long vacation for spring break.

"In a small town, the word gets out very fast and sometimes the word that gets out is not right," he said. "There are a lot of rumors. They like to squash those rumors right away."

