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Tennessee teens charged with unlawful use of a weapon

Two Tennessee teenagers were charged with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon after police found two handguns in their car May 24 in the parking lot of Woodspring Suites, 18636 West Creek Drive.

Police said an officer was doing a regular patrol of the parking lot at 11:19 p.m. when he saw two people sitting in a black 2016 Chevrolet Traverse with Tennessee license plates. When the officer approached the car to investigate, he saw the occupants were smoking marijuana.

As the officer knocked on the window to get their attention, he noticed the passenger had a Glock handgun on his lap. The officer immediately drew his weapon, pulled open the driver's side door and ordered the occupants to put their hands on the dashboard while he called for backup.

A further search of the car yielded a second handgun and about 10 grams of marijuana. The two weapons and the Traverse all belonged to the driver's father, who drove to Tinley Park from Tennessee with his son and the passenger and was upstairs in their hotel room when the incident occurred.

The passenger, Deandrae M. Rogers Jr., 18, 414 Rich Smith Way, Jackson, Tenn., was charged with felony aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and transferred to the Will County Adult Detention Facility. The driver, a 17-year-old boy, was charged with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and transferred to the River Valley Juvenile Justice Center.

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