

130 SOUTH PLYMOUTH AVENUE, ROCHESTER, NY 14614

Monroe County Sheriff's deputies arrest Penfield teenager for menacing and possession of two ghost guns.

On July 6, 2022 at 8:40 p.m., four individuals met behind the Tops Supermarket, located at 1601 Penfield Rd., Penfield where an argument ensued between two of the individuals. During the argument, Thomas McMindes, 18, Penfield, pulled a firearm from his waistband and pointed it at one of the individuals, a juvenile. A physical confrontation ensued over the firearm. During the confrontation, the juvenile momentarily obtained the firearm, removed the magazine, and discharged one round in the chamber to the ground. No one was injured. All four individuals left the location.

MCSO investigators and deputies canvassed the area behind the Tops Supermarket and located a live 9mm bullet as well as other miscellaneous items. A Rochester Police K- conducted a nitrate search of the area for any further evidence with negative results.

Upon further investigation, investigators located McMindes at 15 Glazer Dr., Penfield. During a search of the residence, investigators recovered two 9mm ghost guns, one utilized in the incident outlined above, and several boxes of ammunition. Investigators also recovered the magazine.

Investigators charged McMindes with the following:

- Menacing. 2nd degree, Class-A Misdemeanor
- Three counts Criminal Possession of a Weapon, 2nd degree, Class C- Felony

McMindes was arraigned in Penfield Town Court and remanded to the Monroe County Jail on \$25K cash bail, \$150K bond, \$300K partially secured bond.

The tenacious actions of our investigators and deputies led to this arrest and the recovery of two ghost guns with potential to be used in future homicides. Thank you to RPD for its K-9 assistance.





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