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Matanzas High School Student Charged With Battery

A Matanzas High School student was charged with felony battery on a law enforcement officer Monday afternoon following a fight inside the school on Old Kings Road.

Joseph Mastrostefano, 16, of Biltvue Place in Palm Coast, was arrested after he head-butted School Resource Deputy Don Apperson who was attempting to break up the fight. Mastrostefano is also facing a misdemeanor battery charge in connection with the disturbance that occurred around 1:14 p.m.

Cpl. Apperson reported that Mastrostefano struck another student in the face several times. The fight stemmed from a boy-girl issue. As the deputy stepped in to separate the two students, the teenager head-butted him, striking him near the left temple. The deputy also suffered a minor laceration on his nose from his eyeglasses which were impacted when he was struck.

The deputy was treated for injuries at the scene. An MHS faculty member who was also attempting to break up the fight suffered a back injury and was transported to Florida Hospital Flagler.

Mastrostefano was transported to Daytona Beach and turned over to the Division of Youth Services.