

Assault Pre-teen named in felony charge for striking bus driver

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An 11-year-old Sulphur Springs boy is being held in Greenville's juvenile detention center and is facing felony charges of assault on a public servant following an incident last Thursday in which a school bus driver was struck in the head while at the bus hub at Gerald Prim Stadium parking lot.

Sulphur Springs Police Detective David Gilmore said the child was taken into custody on Hodge Street Tuesday afternoon. Officers had gone to the child's home and were unable to locate him until information led to Hodge Street.

The student has not been publically identified because he is a juvenile.

In a report filed Tuesday with city police by Sulphur Springs Independent School District Police Chief Harold Wilson, a bus driver reported being assaulted by the fourth-grader at the bus hub last Thursday.

According to that report, the young male student had been asked to move to another seat on a bus in order to make room for a student who had been assigned to the seat by the driver.

After apparently being struck on the side of the head, the bus driver instructed the other students on the vehicle to get off the bus using the rear emergency exit door.

The school district's transportation supervisor removed the fourth-grade boy from the bus without further incident.

The driver was treated at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital and released.