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# News Release

**To:** Local Media Outlets  
**From:** Chief David Leavitt  
**Date:** 10/27/2025  
**Re:** APD Arrests Juvenile for Handgun Possession

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Alliance, NE** – On Saturday, October 25th, 2025, at approximately 5:30 p.m., the Alliance Police Department was alerted to a disturbing video circulating on social media depicting a male juvenile brandishing a handgun and making threats toward another juvenile. The video appeared to have been recorded in Central Park.

Officers had been in the area of the park shortly before the report and observed a group of juveniles congregating, though no criminal behavior was noted at that time. Upon review of the video, Sergeant LaDuke was able to identify the suspect involved. Officers promptly returned to the park, where the juveniles were detained. A search of the individuals led to the recovery of a 9mm handgun, one loaded magazine, and one unloaded magazine, found in possession of three separate juveniles.

The juvenile who originally posted the video was found with a single bullet in his possession. During questioning, he admitted to transferring the firearm and magazines to others in an attempt to avoid detection. He also confessed to recording and posting the video to Snapchat and to having stolen the firearm from his uncle.

The juvenile was transported to a juvenile detention facility and is facing the following charges:

1. Terroristic Threats
2. Assault Menacing
3. Use of a Firearm to Commit a Felony
4. Unlawful Possession of a Firearm

5. Possession of a Stolen Firearm
6. Theft Less Than \$500

Juvenile crime continues to be an escalating concern nationwide. The Alliance Police Department urges all parents and guardians to remain vigilant—know where your children are, who they are associating with, and what they are doing both in person and online.

Chief Leavitt strongly reminds all firearm owners to **secure every weapon at all times**. Firearms that are left accessible to minors pose a serious threat to public safety. Adults who fail to properly secure their firearms may face criminal charges if those weapons are used in the commission of a crime or result in injury or death.