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Student Arrested at Argus High School after Taking Staff Hostage

Ceres, California – Shortly after 8 AM today, Ceres Police received a report of a disturbance involving a student and staff members at Argus High School. Upon arrival, officers learned it was a hostage situation. A 17 year old male student armed with a knife was holding two female staff members hostage. Ceres officers contacted the student in the office; he complied with the officers' orders and was taken into custody without incident. He was arrested on several felony charges, including false imprisonment, assault with a deadly weapon, burglary, and terrorist threats. He is also being booked for an additional charge of animal cruelty, as he was found to have a dead cat in his backpack at the time of arrest.

The staff members are shaken up, but unharmed.

Due to the student being a juvenile, his name will not be released. The staff members' names are not being released for personal security reasons. The case has been turned over to the Ceres Police Investigations Division. Please contact Detective Darren Venn for more information: (209) 538-5616.