

MEDIA RELEASE



Kevin Phillips
Chief of Police

GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

201 Santa Fe Street • Gainesville, Texas 76240-2255 • 940-668-7777
Fax: 940-668-4597



Gainesville Police Department Concerned About Possible Consequences of “Senior Assassin” Game

Gainesville, TX – The Gainesville Police Department is issuing a stern warning to high school students and their families regarding the dangers associated with participating in a widely popular but potentially hazardous game known as “Senior Assassin.”

The game, a form of a tag game, involves students attempting to eliminate their peers with water guns and other harmless means. It has gained significant traction among high school students, but it causes officials concern because of the potentially lasting consequences if the game were to escalate into a serious incident.

“All of the [students I’ve talked to] were respectful, but this game causes a few concerns for us,” says Sergeant Klayton Cantrell. “Students are wearing masks and camouflage and are often playing during hours of darkness with water guns or duct tape and driving vehicles in an unsafe manner while ‘hunting’ other students.”

GPD emphasizes that the game’s nature can also result in trespassing, property damage, and violations of local ordinances. Moreover, the intense competitive nature of the game may lead participants to engage in reckless behavior, such as speeding or disregarding traffic laws while in pursuit of targets.

“We urge students and their parents to consider the serious implications of participating in ‘Senior Assassin,’” added Chief of Police Kevin Phillips. “Not only does it potentially redirect resources necessary for public safety, but it also jeopardizes the safety of those involved.”

In light of these concerns, Gainesville PD encourages parents to have direct conversation with their children about the potential dangers associated with the game. Additionally, school administrators are urged to reinforce the message of safety and responsibility among their student body.

The Gainesville Police Department remains committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents, including our community’s youth. For more information or to report a concern, please contact the Gainesville Police Department at 940-668-7777 or visit our website at Gainesville.tx.us/114/Police.

###

Kevin Phillips
Chief of Police
Gainesville Police Department
Steven K Fleming Public Safety Center
201 Santa Fe Street
Gainesville, Texas 76240
(940) 668-7777
kphillips@gvps.org

