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Juvenile Charged Following Incident at South Middle School Football Game

FRANKLIN COUNTY, TN — The Franklin County Sheriff's Office has charged a 16-year-old female following an incident during last night's football game between South Middle School and Cornersville Middle School.

During the game, the juvenile ran onto the field and tackled a South Middle School player. Game referees immediately halted play and cleared the field. No injuries or additional disruptions took place.

Following an investigation, the suspect was identified and released into the custody of her parents. She has been formally charged with assault and disorderly conduct.

In addition to criminal charges, administrative actions have been issued against the juvenile:

- **Franklin County School System:** Permanently trespass-banned from all district properties for life.
- **Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA):** Banned from attending any Cornersville home or away athletic events for one year.

School Leadership Response

South Middle School Principal Dr. Brewer commended the swift response of staff and law enforcement on site, noting that protocol was followed immediately to protect student-athletes.

"I am incredibly proud of how our coaches, players, and School Resource Officers handled the situation with swift professionalism and composure," said Dr. Brewer. "The safety of our students and staff remains our highest priority. We have already met with our coaching staff and SROs to review our gameday protocols and implement enhanced security measures to prevent similar incidents in the future."

The Franklin County School System in partnership with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office remain committed to maintaining a safe, secure environment for student-athletes, staff, and spectators at all district events.