

Masked youth holds ten students hostage

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — An armed teen-ager briefly held 10 elementary children and a teacher hostage Tuesday at his former elementary school before surrendering to authorities. No one was injured.

The former student at Pioneer Elementary School gave up after talking with members of a police SWAT team said, police spokesman Matt Brown. The standoff lasted about an hour.

"He came here with a purpose but thank goodness he didn't carry it out," said Brown. There were still

several people in the room at the time the student surrendered.

The children were about 13 or 14 years old, Brown said.

It was not immediately known what prompted the situation.

Other students were bused to a closed high school, where parents could pick them up.

Courtney Smith, who lives across the street from the school, said she saw the suspect enter the school grounds at about 11:15 a.m. He was wearing camouflage and had a hood over his head, but she did not see a weapon.

Researchers say they defeated scheme implemented to protect digital music

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A group of researchers claims to have defeated four different technologies being developed to prevent computer users from listening to copyrighted music for free.

Researchers at Princeton University, Xerox PARC and Rice University said they were able to remove invisible security measures placed on four music files by the Secure Digital Media Initiative (SDMI)—a group of 200 music, telecommunications and consumer electronic companies.

Any reasonably sophisticated com-

puter pirate intent on illegally distributing copyrighted music files could do the same, the researchers said. The claim, if true, strikes at the heart of efforts to protect copyrights and prevent people from listening to music for free using technology such as Napster.

"I believe all four of these schemes would have been cracked by pirates if they had been deployed," said Edward Felten, an associate professor of computer science at Princeton.

An SDMI representative said Monday that it was too early to verify the researchers' claims, but that complete

circumvention of all four security schemes was a "fairly low probability event." He said that even if the technologies were defeated, it would not prevent SDMI from devising strong and effective security measures.

"I expected some would have fallen," said SDMI's Talal Shamoon. "This is part of an empirical process to get the best technology."

In September, SDMI issued a public challenge and offered a prize to anyone who could break or "hack" various security measures designed to protect files from being improper-

ly copied or distributed. Four measures — each devised by a different technology company — involved an invisible watermark that could be detected by a digital player. Two other measures involved different technology.

The security measures are designed to prevent illegal copying sent over the Internet from being played on a computer or portable digital music player.

Devices that comply with SDMI reject any files without the invisible security measures.

Coffins found in search for sect kids

STATE PARK, Maine (AP) — A team searching for the bodies of children missing from a religious sect apparently located a pair of coffins Tuesday.

A member of the Massachusetts sect led the search team to the Baxter State Park after reporting reaching a deal with prosecutors.

Maine Warden Lt. Pat Dorian said the items believed to be coffins were located with the help of cad sniffing dogs and probes that were put in the ground. Wardens were patched to the site with shovels and plastic bags.

"They have found the bodies this afternoon," Dorian said.

The search of the 200-acre wilderness preserve began a day after the sect member David Corneau agreed to lead authorities to the bodies in exchange for immunity from prosecution for himself and his followers.

He was part of a search team that was flown into a remote area via a plane, said Mark Latti, spokesman for the Maine Department of In-

Fisheries and Wildlife. The road was at least five miles away from the road.

Acting on tips from former members, police searched Baxter State Park several times last year but found nothing.

Eddie Sirois, chief of staff for district attorney Paul F. Walsh, confirmed that Walsh, prosecutor

In some cases, individual sports are the gap widens.

The graduation rate for ball players and male players are 38 percent, respectively.

The data reflected a record of 59 percent rolled in the 1993 year and counts students as those students received athletic scholarships.

Bart Childs, chief of the Athletic Council, said the failure of students to graduate is the result of different

"There's too much people that came here and never really been students," Childs said. "It's easy to get the hoopla and student part of an athlete."

state police accompanied Corneau, his lawyer, Robert George, to the

However, Sirois would not discuss broadcast and newspaper reports in Boston about an agreement between prosecutors and Corneau.

Authorities have been looking for the deaths of Corneau's son, Jeremiah, at birth, and Samuel Robidoux, who allegedly starved to death 10 months after he stopped nursing.

They were concerned that the members' rejection of conventional medicine and other beliefs may have contributed to their deaths.

Sect members, based in the southeastern Massachusetts city of Amherst, do not recognize the legal system and remained silent for months before a grand jury investigating boys' disappearance.

Corneau, 33, was one of 23 members of the group jailed for refusing to respond to the grand jury questions. He was freed last month after taking the Fifth Amendment.

Corneau's pregnant wife, Rebecca, 32, was recently held in state custody after a judge expressed concern for the well-being of the unborn child. She gave birth last week to a girl, who remains in state custody until her fate is decided by the court.

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