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FORSYTH COUNTY: Teen's felony charge for sharing drug dropped

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A felony charge against a 15-year-old South Forsyth High School student who gave her classmate one of her mother's narcotic painkillers has been dismissed, pending her completion of 32 hours of community service.

D B was charged in October with felony possession with intent to distribute hydrocodone, the generic form of Vicodin, after a school hallway video camera captured the varsity cheerleader dropping a plastic bag in another student's purse.

A Forsyth County Juvenile Court judge Thursday threw out the charges in favor of a misdemeanor charge of "not having a prescription drug in its original container" and, in addition to the community service, ordered Borsos to take a drug awareness class.

"It's essentially over, provided she doesn't get into any more trouble," said Vic Wiegand, B attorney.

School officials suspended B until Jan. 8. Their decision was later upheld by a school tribunal and the county school board.

The decision has been appealed to the state Board of Education.

Borsos admitted she gave the student the painkiller, saying she was only trying to help a classmate out in a crunch. She said she never intended to sell the painkiller.

The student's plight was detailed in a Thursday Atlanta Journal-Constitution article, which the judge read during the arraignment.

"I'm so relieved," B said shortly after the proceedings Thursday. "I've learned my lesson."

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