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Bibb bus driver accused of pulling knife on student

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A Bibb County school bus driver has been placed on administrative leave Tuesday after being accused of threatening a 14-year-old student with a pocket knife.

Elmoses Everett, 72, of Hamlin Drive, is accused of threatening a student verbally and then pulling out a knife on the child while on the bus Tuesday, according to a Bibb County Sheriff's Office report.

The altercation reportedly began when the boy walked to the back of the bus to retrieve a rubber band that had been shot at Everett, according to the report.

Everett confiscated the rubber band after the boy shot him in the hand. Everett became angered when the boy reached over him to grab the rubber band, according to the report.

The driver, according to the report, then pulled a knife out of his pocket and threatened the student.

After being threatened, the boy tried to exit the bus, but Everett blocked the door. He exited the bus through the rear exit while Everett called campus security.

The incident was recorded by a surveillance camera on the bus, according to the report.

Rob Sumowski, director of student safety and management for Bibb County schools, said Everett was placed on administrative leave Tuesday afternoon pending the outcome of a school investigation into the incident and did not drive students home from school that day.

He said disciplinary action could be pending against the boy based upon the outcome of a campus police investigation.

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