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The Foam Rubber Bullet

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The reports say the color of the top of the Nerf gun is neon green. In the photo I saw, it seemed less colorful than "neon" — but that hardly matters. It is a toy gun.

Its ammo is nerfy soft. And it was held by a boy, Isaiah Elliott, briefly, during a Zoom chat educational session as has become common during these days of the **pan**dem**ic**. And his teacher saw it.

And things spiraled out of control from there.

Now, while cities are burning and Marxists are sharpening their knives and dulling their wits for the summer season's final gasps of

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"protest," you might think that teachers and public school administrators would have obtained some perspective.

But no. This is 2020 and we are to be



spared nothing.

In a decades-long tradition of educators freaking out at boyish (and girlish) play with pretend firearms, the teacher informed on Master Elliott — though she knew it was a toy gun.

And the school suspended the lad for five days.

This has nothing to do with school safety, of course. The school is *virtual*, now. Pretense that this is about safety is an insult to not only adult intelligence, but child intelligence, too.

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Must not offend against the State by showing even playful reverence for the Great Taboo and Talisman of Freedom, the Gun.

Thankfully, young Isaiah is headed to a different school.

And his Nerf play days are not over.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.