A 17-year-old was charged with manslaughter Thursday morning in relation to the shooting death of a 14-year-old in Fort Ann.

NewsChannel 13 has learned the identity of the boy killed. His name is Ricky Stark, who was a student at Fort Ann High School.

NewsChannel 13 has obtained exclusive new information about what took place Wednesday night inside the apartment at 3 Charles Street in Fort Ann.

Law enforcement sources told our Mark Mulholland that there were four children there at the time of the shooting, ranging in age from 13 to 17.

Mark has been told that the three boys and one girl were playing with guns when the seventeen-year-old pointed a shotgun in the direction of Ricky Stark, not knowing it was loaded. The gun fired and hit Ricky in the abdomen,
according to officials. He was rushed to Glens Falls Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Police do not believe the shooting was intentional.

The 17-year-old was charged with manslaughter Thursday morning and was released to his parents under the supervision of probation services.

Police and prosecutors will now have to determine if the gun owner will be charged for not keeping them locked up.

The superintendent of the school district also released this statement regarding the traumatic incident:

“Fort Ann Central School District is a tight-knit community and we are devastated by this news. We are concentrating on supporting our students and families at this time by offering grief counseling at the school. Students who need support are encouraged to come.”

This case is tragically similar to the 2010 shooting death of Nicholas Naumkin in Wilton. Nicholas was just 12 when he was shot and killed by a playmate who’d decided to show him his dad’s pistol.

NewsChannel 13 covered this story extensively when it happened and in the days, months and years that followed. Check out the video below to see our coverage of the
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