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City of Hyattsville Police Arrest Northwestern High School Student with a Loaded Ghost Gun on Campus

(Hyattsville, MD) – This morning a City of Hyattsville Police School Resource Officer (SRO) was alerted to the possible presence of a male student with a ghost gun inside Northwestern High School, 7000 Adelphi Rd. Hyattsville police officers quickly located a 16-year-old 9th grader outside of the school and recovered a Polymer80 ghost gun in his possession. School administrators temporarily placed Northwestern High School on lockdown during an intense police search for two other individuals.

Sixteen-year-old Jonathan Jared Lucero is in police custody and is charged as an adult with the following misdemeanors:

- Carrying a handgun on person
- Carrying a handgun on school property
- Carrying a loaded handgun on person
- Being under 21-years-old and possessing a regulated firearm

Police are continuing to search for the two other persons of interest in this event. No one was hurt in this incident.

“In light of the threat of gun violence at schools across the country, the City of Hyattsville Police Department has been working closely with school administrators at Northwestern High School and at all of the schools within our city to ensure the safety of our students and educators,” said Jarod J. Towers, Hyattsville Chief of Police. “A brave student’s initial report of the gun and our officers’ quick response to this situation is a result of the close relationships our SROs have with our students and faculty, and is a testament to the kind of community policing we strive to achieve throughout our city.”



"We are grateful for today's actions by a student who saw something and reported it and the following swift response from school SROs and police who worked to ensure all students and staff remained safe and no one was injured," said Dr. E. Carlene Murray, Principal, Northwestern High School.

Today was the last day of classes at Northwestern High School.

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