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### **Hyattsville Police Confiscate Loaded Gun from Sleeping 15-Year-Old Boy**

(Hyattsville, MD) – On Sunday, November 27, 2022, at approximately 8:00 p.m., HPD officers responded to a call from a home on the 3500 block of Madison Place. The parent of a 15-year-old boy told officers they found their son sleeping with a gun. After officers evacuated the family, they entered the bedroom where the teenager was still sleeping. They immediately confiscated the gun, then woke up the teen and without resistance, took him into custody. The weapon is a short-barreled, AR-15-style rifle with a 30-round magazine that was loaded with two bullets.

“This is a story about the parent doing the right thing to keep everyone safe,” said City of Hyattsville Police Chief Jarod Towers. “We have been in touch with this young man and his family in the past, and in each instance, we have done everything in our power to encourage him to make better choices. We are grateful this incident was quickly and peacefully resolved. Because he is a juvenile, we cannot make any additional statements about our engagement with him.”

The Prince George's County State's Attorney's office is charging the teen as a juvenile. He faces charges including being under the age of 21 and in possession of a firearm, and altering the gun's serial number.

No additional information is available at this time.

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