



CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

NEWS RELEASE

"Juvenile arrested for 1st degree assault and handgun possession"

Manchester, Carroll County, Maryland; August 19, 2024 ---- On August 17, 2024, at approximately 7:14PM, Deputies from the Carroll County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the area of Hay Drive and Mount Ventus Road #1 for the report of an assault involving a firearm. The initial information received was that shots had been fired, and the suspects fled in a silver Toyota sedan.

Upon arrival, Deputies quickly determined that no shots had been fired and no one was injured. Investigation revealed that an occupant of the silver Toyota was involved in a short verbal argument with another driver, and the occupant of the silver Toyota pointed a handgun at him prior to fleeing the area.

Law Enforcement Officers from the Maryland State Police, Hampstead Police, and Manchester Police located the silver Toyota a short time later at the Hampstead Walmart located at 2320 Hanover Pike, Hampstead. During this investigation it was determined that a 17 year-old male with a Rockville, Maryland, address, was alleged to be the individual who pointed the handgun.

Deputies responded to the Hampstead Walmart and after a brief search, located a bag containing a "Polymer 80" handgun and a magazine containing ammunition. This type of handgun does not have a serial number and is commonly referred to as a ghost gun.

After consultation with the Carroll County State's Attorney's Office, the juvenile was arrested and is being charged as an adult with:

Use of a firearm in the commission of a felony / crime of violence

Carry / transport a firearm on or about their person

Assault, 1st degree

(All individuals are presumed innocent of the pending charges until proven guilty in a court of law)

**The Carroll County Sheriff's Office does not release the identity of juveniles even when being charged as an adult. **