



“Large fight at Silver Oak Academy results in multiple juvenile arrests”

Keymar, Carroll County, Maryland; February 14, 2025 ---- On Thursday, February 13th, 2025, at approximately 6:23pm, Deputies from the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office, Officers from the Taneytown Police Department, and Officers from the Westminster Police Department responded to the Silver Oak Academy located at 999 Crouse Mill Road, Keymar, for the report of a large fight. Initial information suggested the students were armed with fire extinguishers, rocks, and chair legs, and were overtaking the campus.

Investigation revealed that the incident began at approximately 5:35pm as an altercation between a juvenile student and a staff member, which resulted in the staff member needing medical attention. This altercation incited additional students to also become disorderly, with students fighting amongst each other and damaging property.

The juvenile who assaulted the staff member (13 years old), along with the two juvenile students who fought each other (14 years old and 17 years old), were arrested and transported to the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office for processing. The Deputies then contacted the Department of Juvenile Services, who elected to have the students returned to Silver Oak Academy.

During this investigation, another staff member, unrelated to this incident, contacted the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office to report an assault involving the 17 year old juvenile listed above. This second incident, which had not yet been reported, occurred earlier that afternoon, and the victim sought additional medical care after the assault. The juvenile was charged for this assault as well.

Additional charges for the destruction of property are likely, but have not been completed at this time.

This is the second large scale fight within the last 14 days, and there have been 8 reported assaults (including the two from yesterday) since the beginning of September, 2024.