



# **BOWIE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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On June 7, 2023, at 12:47PM, the Bowie Police Department received a call to the Bowie Library located at 15210 Annapolis Road Bowie, MD 20716 for a subject armed with a long gun. When officers arrived on the scene it was reported that the suspect may have possibly fled in a dark colored vehicle. A review of the surveillance video confirmed a light complected male wearing a white shirt, black pants armed with some type of long gun.

A secondary report was received from Bowie High School, which shares the parking lot with the library, that the suspect was possibly hidden inside of the school. At this point, a shelter in place was ordered for the main building of Bowie High School as well as the Bowie Annex. Officers then immediately made entry into the school to search for the suspect, but he was not located.

Based upon the photo, the juvenile suspect was identified, and investigative efforts led to the suspect's apprehension on foot a short distance away from the school shortly after 3PM. He was not armed at the time of the arrest, but the weapon was later recovered and determined to be an airsoft pistol which closely resembles a long gun. City of Bowie Police investigators are coordinating with the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office and charges are forthcoming.

The Bowie Police Department would like to thank the students, parents, Prince George's County school administration and the public for their cooperation and support. We are fortunate that this incident was resolved peacefully without injury or tragedy. We also extend our gratitude to the Prince George's County Police, Prince George's County Special Operations Division, Maryland State Police, Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff, ATF Hyattsville 2 Field Office, Greenbelt Police, Upper Marlboro Police, and all the other allied police agencies that assisted.

Once the suspect was apprehended, the shelter in place was lifted and an orderly dismissal of the students was conducted. Please direct any questions to Deputy Chief Dwayne A. Preston, Bowie Police Department at 240-544-5700.

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