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STUDENT CHARGED WITH BRANDISHING BB-GUN ON SCHOOL BUS

A Fauquier High School student has been charged with brandishing a firearm on school property. The incident is alleged to have occurred on a school bus while on Fauquier High School (FHS) property. The firearm in this incident is a BB-gun powered by CO2. No injuries occurred, and no one on the bus or on school property was in any immediate danger.

The Sheriff's Office was notified of the incident Monday afternoon, May 22, 2017. Working with school officials at both FHS and the school transportation office, the Sheriff's Office quickly identified the suspect student. It was alleged the student had a handgun in a backpack and showed it to others on the bus. Deputies and detectives responded to the student's home and made contact with the parents and student. Investigation determined the student had access to a BB-gun, and one was recovered. It is believed the reported handgun was a BB-gun.

The student, a 17-year-old male, was taken into custody and charged with brandishing a firearm on school property, a class 6 felony. He was transferred into the custody of a juvenile detention center in Loudoun County.

Under the Code of Virginia, the BB-gun in this matter is considered a weapon similar in appearance to a firearm and operated by air or gas and designed to expel a single or multiple projectiles.

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