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SOUTHERN DISTRICT

ARMED SUBJECT

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On May 14, 2009, at approximately 10:50 a.m., Annapolis High School officials relayed information from an anonymous tip to an Anne Arundel County Police School Resource Officer. The tip alleged that a male student came to school in possession of a weapon.

At that juncture, school officials and the School Resource Officer located the student in question and escorted him to a courtyard area outside of the school to isolate the student from the rest of the school population. Once outside, the student failed to comply with the officer's requests and subsequently fled the area. As he began to flee, the weapon fell to the ground and was quickly recovered. The suspect fled school grounds and several officers and a K-9 unit responded to the area and apprehended the suspect without incident around 11:40 a.m. The weapon in question was determined to be a starter-style pistol with a solid-filled barrel, incapable of firing a projectile. No other weapons were recovered and no injuries were reported. The student will be charged as a juvenile and charges are pending.

This incident highlights the importance of the School Resource Officer program in the County Public School System. In this incident, the Resource Officer assigned to the school, Corporal Paesch, immediately coordinated with school officials to locate and isolate the student suspected of having a weapon. Through their cooperative effort, the student was safely moved away from others to reduce potential harm to innocent people.

The excellent job by Corporal Paesch demonstrates why the School Resource Unit was recently honored with a Department Citation and remains a proud commitment to public safety by County Executive John R. Leopold and Chief of Police Colonel James Teare, Sr.