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Press Release

Citizen Armed Robbery Arrests

On November 16, 2016, at approximately 1230hrs, Riverdale Park Police Department (RPPD) officers responded to the intersection of Rhode Island Ave @ Oliver Street for a report of a Citizen Armed Robbery. Upon arrival, RPPD officers discovered the incident occurred on the Trolley Trail near the intersection of Madison Street @ Harrison Ave in Riverdale Park MD minutes prior to their arrival.

The investigation revealed the victim was walking from Riversdale Mansion crossing over the railroads tracks approaching the intersection of Madison Street @ Harrison Ave in Riverdale when she observed two juvenile Hispanic males near the location. The juveniles pulled up their shirts/jackets covering the lower portion of their face attempting to conceal their identity. Before the victim realized what was about to occur, one of the males jumped on her back and the second displayed a black semi-auto handgun, pointed it towards the ground, and demanded the victim's cell phone. The victim struggled with the suspects, grabbing the handgun in the process. The handgun, which was later discovered to be a plastic BB gun, cracked and began to crumble apart. The suspects then ran north on the trail where they were detained by Hyattsville City Police Detectives approximately 500 feet north of the crime scene.

Through collaborative efforts with the Hyattsville City Police Department, a handgun was recovered, suspects were charged, and the isolated incident was closed by arrest. Neither the victim nor the suspects were injured in the incident.

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