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MEDIA RELEASE



ASSIGNED PIO: Captain Al Xiques

PPPD CASE NUMBER: PPPD17OFF075644

DATE: November 16, 2017 **TIME:** Click here to enter text. **PM**

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: Flanagan High School, 12800 Taft Street

CHARGE/INCIDENT: Carrying A Concealed Weapon on School Property

SUSPECT(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

1) Major Charneil Byrd; 18 YOA; 01/26/1999; B/M; 1521 W Golfview Drive, Pembroke Pines FL 33026

2)

VICTIM(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

1)

2)

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

***** Update on 11.17.2017 at 10:00 pm:

Further investigation on behalf of Pembroke Pines Police Detectives revealed that the firearm possessed by the suspect was reported stolen during a 02.20.2016 vehicle burglary.

Since the suspect is currently located within the Broward County Jail, an additional charge of Grand Theft of a Firearm was presented.

The add charge associated with the Arrest Report is attached to this update.

At approximately 9:05AM two Flanagan High School Resource Officers were summoned by school security to the portables regarding a former student who was seen trespassing on campus. As the School Resource Officers got closer to the suspect they recognized him as Major Charneil Byrd, even though he had a jacket on with a hoodie covering his head.

Upon observing the officers' approach, Byrd turned to walk towards the school's main building. Due to a potential threat to the safety of the students, faculty, and school, one of the School Resource Officer's detained the suspect by grabbing his backpack as he was walking away. Both officers were able to take him into custody.

While attempting to handcuff the suspect one of his hands was observed to be concealed within his

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pants pocket. After several verbal commands the suspect removed his hand from his pocket. Given that the suspect was identified and already determined to have been trespassing on campus, the officers handcuffed Byrd before searching his person for weapons. When the School Resource Officer searched Byrd's waistband he retrieved a Glock 19, 9mm firearm with a 31 round magazine containing 11 bullets. The suspect was uncooperative and refused to answer any questions. The firearm was safely removed and placed into evidence, at which time the suspect was arrested and later transported to BSO Main Jail.

It is unknown what the suspect's intentions were regarding his presence at his former highschool with a loaded firearm. At this time this is believed to be an isolated incident and there are no continued safety concerns. We would like to impart to the community the importance of immediately reporting to police via 911 any thing or person that appears suspicious or out of place, especially at a school during school hours. The commendable and collaborative efforts of both school security and the Pembroke Pines School Resource Officers helped avert a potential tragedy from occurring today.

This is an on-going investigation and once additional information becomes available we will update this media release.