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Hyattsville police officer indicted in off-duty Howard County incident
PFC Mitchell Lowery was suspended in July for assault allegation

The City of Hyattsville Police Department is announcing the indictment of a suspended officer by a grand jury in Howard County last week. Private First Class Mitchell Lowery was indicted on seven counts of first-degree assault and one count of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony or violent crime. The case is being handled by the Howard County State's Attorney's Office.

"As chief of police, I find the serious nature of these charges deeply concerning, but I am mindful that the criminal and administrative processes must take place," said Police Chief Amal Awad.

On July 13, Howard County authorities notified Hyattsville Police that they were investigating an alleged assault involving PFC Lowery, who was off-duty at the time of the incident. As a result, the Hyattsville Police Department immediately suspended PFC Lowery.

After an investigation, Howard County authorities filed charges in the incident, in which it was reported that PFC Lowery had displayed a handgun during an altercation with a group of people in Columbia. The case was turned over to a grand jury, which handed down the indictment on Sept. 2.

After being notified of the charges, PFC Lowery turned himself in and was released on personal recognizance the following day. An initial hearing is scheduled in the Circuit Court for Howard County on October 16. As a result of the felony charges, PFC Lowery's administrative duty status is now suspended without pay.



Due to the ongoing criminal investigation process in Howard County, Hyattsville Police do not have any additional information available for release.

PFC Lowery has been with the department for five years and is assigned to the Patrol Services Division.

Inquiries about the Howard County investigation should be directed to the Howard County State's Attorney's Office.

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