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City of Hyattsville Police Report Non-contact Shooting in the Arts District

(Hyattsville, MD) – At approximately 9:24 p.m. Thursday, July 15, City of Hyattsville Police Officers responded to reports of gunshots near the 5300 block of Baltimore Avenue. Once on the scene, officers located multiple rifle casings near the intersection of Jefferson Street and 45th Avenue. Bullets struck at least three businesses on opposite sides of Jefferson Street. One bullet entered a second-floor window of an apartment building on 45th Avenue. There are no reports of injuries and no victims have come forward. This appears to have been a targeted event and not random.

“This type of brazen and reckless criminal activity that puts the lives of innocent people in danger is not what we typically see in Hyattsville,” said Scott Dunklee, Hyattsville Acting Chief of Police. “Although violent crime in the DMV is on the rise, we are working diligently to keep Hyattsville from being included in those troubling statistics. Our detectives are collecting evidence and interviewing witnesses so we can quickly identify and arrest the criminals who fired those shots,” he said.

Surveillance video of the area depicts a thin, tall, medium-complexion black male with a short haircut armed with a rifle and wearing a white t-shirt, jeans and white sneakers. The suspect entered the front passenger seat of a white, newer model BMW SUV with tinted windows, sunroof and silver rims. The vehicle was last seen heading northbound on Baltimore Avenue. Two other suspects were in the SUV. One is a light-complexion black male with short dreadlocks wearing a yellow tee-shirt, jeans and a “trucker” style cap. The third suspect is a black male with short hair, prescription-style glasses, a V-Neck T-shirt and walked with a limp.

Police are also looking for the vehicle that was targeted in the shooting. This vehicle was a dark gray SUV, possibly a Toyota Highlander. This SUV should have a missing driver’s side mirror that was damaged in the shooting.





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“The Hyattsville Arts District is a vibrant business and residential neighborhood frequented by families and young professionals,” said City of Hyattsville Mayor Kevin Ward. “Endangering the public in any way is inexcusable. We are grateful no one was physically hurt but recognize this may negatively impact the psychological wellbeing of residents and visitors to our city. Hyattsville is a strong-knit community. Crime is not tolerated here. We will come together to support each other as police work to solve this case,” Ward said.

We are asking that witnesses and anyone in the area with cell phone video please call the City of Hyattsville Police Department at 301-985-5060.

The HCPD Criminal Investigations Division is working this case. No other details are currently available.

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