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Juvenile male charged after officials located a weapon on school grounds

(Henrico County, Va.) - On Wednesday, January 12, 2022, around 2 pm, Henrico Police was alerted after school officials at Varina High School received an anonymous report of a student having a gun in his car on school property. Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS) and the Henrico Police School Resource Officers (SROs) promptly reviewed the information and investigated the alleged tip.

A collaborative investigation between HCPS and the SROs resulted in the quick recovery of a weapon from a student's vehicle on school property. While there is no known threat to any school, these matters are not taken lightly. Police have taken a juvenile male into custody. The juvenile has been transported to the Henrico County Juvenile Detention Home and charged (on petitions) with possession of a firearm on school property and underage possession of a firearm.

Henrico Police commends those who step up for the safety of those around them, alerting appropriate people through channels created for reporting anonymous tips. Please take this time to ensure your firearms are accounted for and secure. Discuss the responsibilities and repercussions associated with possessing guns. Having these conversations today provides a safer Henrico tomorrow.

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