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Two Students Charged with Possession of Firearms on School Properties

(Henrico County, Va.) – On Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at approximately 11:06 a.m. a student at Hermitage High School reported to administrators another student had been seen in a restroom showing a firearm.

A prompt collaborative investigation between HCPS and the school resource officers resulted in the recovery of a firearm from the student's backpack. While there is no known threat to any school, these matters are not taken lightly.

The juvenile was charged with possession of a firearm by a juvenile, possession of a weapon on school property and possession of marijuana.

Meanwhile, at approximately 11:41 a.m., school officials at Varina High School informed school resource officers they were going to search a male student due to an odor of marijuana. During the search, items discovered prompted school administrators to conduct a search of the student's vehicle; during that search a firearm was located.

Haythem Wadah Ali, 18, was arrested and charged with possession of a firearm on school property.

Henrico Police commends those who step up for the safety of those around them. 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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