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# NEWS RELEASE

## **St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Responds to Report of Gun at Great Mills High School**

**Leonardtown, MD** (April 14, 2026) — At approximately 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office received a tip indicating a student had reported seeing another student in Great Mills High School with a firearm.

Authorities immediately notified the Great Mills High School Resource officer, who then requested additional law enforcement support. Within minutes, school administrators initiated safety protocols, and additional deputies arrived on scene and began an investigation. A 17-year old male suspect was identified. School administration and officers performed a search of the suspect's person and belongings. During the search, a firearm was not found; however, alcohol and marijuana were located.

The suspect will be charged with the following:

Disruption of School Operations

Possession Of Cannabis By A Person Under 18

Possession Of An Alcoholic Beverage By A Person Under 21

Law enforcement agencies are prohibited from publicly identifying juveniles due to legal protections that safeguard their identities throughout the judicial process.

School safety remains a top priority with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, and the prompt report of suspicious activity allowed deputies to resolve the situation quickly and safely.

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