



**The City of
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MEDIA RELEASE

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****Loaded firearm found in student's backpack at Hopewell High School ****

[Hopewell, VA] – On Friday, November 11, 2022 around 10:08 A.M. officers responded to Hopewell High School located in the 400 block of S. Mesa Drive in reference to a loaded firearm being located in a backpack belonging to a student. The student was going through the bag check process with the security team when the firearm was discovered. Officers were already on scene as part of the ongoing joint partnerships between the school and the police department. The student was immediately taken into custody and transported to Crater Detention Center pending an arraignment. With the assistance of the security staff and the officers on scene the student was quickly apprehended. There is currently no active threat.

Members of the Hopewell Police Department Criminal Investigation Unit have initiated an investigation into this incident. The Hopewell Police Department is requesting that any person(s) who may have any information to provide, to contact the Hopewell Criminal Investigations Unit at (804) 541-2284. Persons with information on this crime and who wish to remain anonymous may contact the Hopewell Prince George Crime solvers hotline in Hopewell at (804) 541-2202 or provide their tip using the P3tips mobile app.

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