



BOWIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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On November 15, 2023, at approximately 8:30 pm, Bowie Police Officers were dispatched to the 3000 block of Twisting Lane for the report of a shooting. Reports indicated a suspect had fired multiple rounds into a residence that was occupied at that time by several people ranging from a 74-year-old to a four-month-old. At the scene, officers observed shattered windows and damaged furniture, but no injuries were reported. Investigation revealed that this was a domestic incident and 20-year-old Gerald Andre Thomas, from Laurel, Maryland, was identified as the primary suspect.

The Bladensburg Police Department also identified Thomas as a suspect in connection to a non-contact shooting that occurred 30 minutes earlier, where several rounds were fired into an occupied apartment building in Bladensburg, Maryland.

Last night, U.S. Marshals Taskforce agents along with City of Bowie and Bladensburg Police Officers apprehended Thomas and he provided statements implicating himself in both incidents. At the time of his arrest, the suspect was on release awaiting trial for a homicide in Washington, D.C.

The suspect is being charged with multiple felonies including, attempted first and second-degree murder, first degree assault, felony use of a handgun and reckless endangerment. Thomas has been remanded to the Department of Corrections.

I want to acknowledge the collaborative efforts of the Bladensburg Police Department, Hyattsville City Police Department, The U.S. Marshals Taskforce, Prince George's County Office of the State's Attorney, and members of the Bowie Police Department for the

apprehension of this dangerous person. Please contact the Criminal Investigation Section at 240-544-5700 for more information.