



NEWS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR HOWARD COUNTY

Contact: Yolanda Vazquez
410-313-2108

yvazquez@howardcountymd.gov

For Immediate Release:

Former City of Hyattsville Police Officer sentenced to one month in jail for First-Degree Assault

Howard County, MD (September 24, 2021) –Mitchell Joseph Lowery, age 30, was sentenced today in Howard County Circuit Court by Judge Timothy J. McCrone to 30 days in jail for one count of first-degree assault for an incident that occurred at an apartment complex off Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia.

On July 13, 2020, at around 6:30p.m., Lowery, who was off duty at the time, engaged in an argument with a group of teenagers at the apartment complex's pool. During that argument, Lowery displayed a handgun to the teens present at the pool.

On September 2, 2020 Lowery was indicted by a Howard County Grand Jury and on July 26, 2021, Lowery pleaded guilty to one count of first-degree assault.

Howard County authorities notified Hyattsville Police in 2020 that they were investigating an alleged assault involving Lowery. As a result of the felony charges, the City of Hyattsville Police Department suspended Lowery without pay. He resigned from his position in July of 2021.

"Our office takes any allegations of misconduct by a law enforcement official, whether on duty or off duty, seriously," said State's Attorney Rich Gibson. "Mr. Lowery misused his position of power to take unjust advantage of individuals simply playing at a pool and will now have to pay a high price for his actions by never being allowed to work as a police officer and live life as a convicted felon."

The State recommended one year of active incarceration. According to Maryland law, judges make the final determination on sentencing.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy State's Attorney Joshua J. Felsen.

###