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Third teen charged in weekend killing of 14-year-old in Laurel

Howard County police have charged a third teen in the Oct. 28 drug-related shooting death of 14-year-old Xavier Young in Laurel. Melvin Jacome, 15, of Hyattsville has been charged as an adult with murder and assault.

Earlier this week, Luis Gerardo Ordonez, 19, and Francisco J. Rodriguez, 16, both of Laurel, were charged as adults with attempted murder, assault, reckless endangerment and firearms violations in the same incident. After being notified of Young's death at the hospital two days after the shooting, authorities began the process to amend the charges from attempted murder to murder for both suspects.

Through investigation, police believe that Jacome, Ordonez, Rodriguez, Young and a few other teens were involved in coordinating a drug deal in the 9000 block of N. Laurel Road. When the parties met at the agreed upon location around 11 p.m., there was an unknown altercation and one shot was fired from a car window, striking Young.

Young was flown to Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he later died.

Jacome was arrested Nov. 2 in Prince Georges County without incident. He is being held without bond, along with Ordonez and Rodriguez, at the Howard County Detention Center.

Police are continuing to investigate the circumstances of the incident. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 410-313-STOP or HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.

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