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Columbia teen facing assault, firearm charges in August shooting *Warrant served for role in unrelated July robbery and carjacking*

Members of the department's Neighborhood Community Resource Officer (NCRO) and Pathway Patrol Sections coordinated with violent crime detectives on Friday to apprehend a 17-year-old suspect involved in a shooting and armed carjacking in Columbia this summer.

Using their familiarity of Columbia neighborhoods, the NCROs and Pathway Patrol officers located Norman Carter, of Sweet Clover, exiting a residence and arrested him after a brief foot pursuit and struggle in which Carter assaulted officers. Carter was armed with a loaded handgun that officers recovered after he discarded it during the pursuit.

For the Aug. 24 shooting, Carter is charged as an adult with first- and second-degree assault, reckless endangerment, possession of a firearm, and related charges. He faces additional weapon violations and assault charges from Friday's arrest. Carter is being held without bond at the Howard County Detention Center.

On Aug. 24, police responded to a residence in the 7400 block of Sweet Clover for a report of a 16-year-old male with a single gunshot wound. The victim was inside the residence with known acquaintances when the incident occurred. He was transported to the hospital and has since been treated and released. Through investigation, police developed Carter as a suspect.

Carter was also served with a warrant for his criminal indictment in a July 10 robbery and carjacking in the 7200 block of Cradlerock Way where he and two others displayed a handgun and robbed an adult male victim of his cell phone and vehicle. Charges in this case include robbery, second-degree assault, theft, and related charges.

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