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On April 14, 2015 at approximately 7:00pm, Thurmont Police began to investigate an incident involving two Catoclin High School Track members being shot with a BB gun while running in the 400 Blk of West Main Street in Thurmont. An investigation and interviews with all parties involved revealed that the female suspect was familiar with the two victims as they were running for the track team with the suspect's brother. As the suspect drove past them, she yelled a racial slur at them and continued on. One of the victims reported that the racial slur was accepted bantering between them as they have been friends for several years. As the runners continued their run, the suspect encountered them and her brother again, and shot at them with a BB gun. One runner was struck on the face cheek and the other on the ankle. The runners continued with their run and later reported the incident to their coach. On April 27, 2015, as a result of completed interviews with the victims' families, charges are pending against the suspect. In accordance with Thurmont Police Department policy, and based on the completed interviews and the perception by the victims' families that this was a Racial, Religious, and Ethnic incident, this incident will be classified as a Hate Crime and notifications will be made to the appropriate agencies.

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