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On July 14, 2016, approximately 10:30 pm, members of the Thurmont Police Department were dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street for a report of gunshots.

Investigation revealed, through witness accounts that a black male, dressed in black clothing, brandished a handgun and fired the weapon into a wooded area. Several shell casings were located at the scene.

Witnesses stated the suspect pointed the weapon at them, however, did not shoot at them. Suspect then fled the area.

Thurmont Police, along with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police Helicopter and Frederick Police K9 searched the area for the suspect, however, he could not be located. Additionally, there was no signs of a victim.

Reverse 911 was initiated for residents ONLY in the area of West Main Street, requesting them to Shelter-In-Place while law enforcement canvased the area. Once the potential threat was cleared, Shelter-In-Place was terminated.

During this time, the Guardian Hose Company Carnival was operating. Although, there was no indication that citizens were in danger, and as a precaution only, law enforcement officers were assigned to the carnival grounds.

Investigation is continuing. Anyone with additional information can contact the Thurmont Police Department through Frederick County Communications, 301-600-2071, or via our TIPS Line, 301-271-0905, ext. 104.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Eyler".

Chief Gregory L. Eyler