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PRESS RELEASE – Gunshots Fired

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On September 18, 2019, at approximately 12:30 p.m., Perquimans 911 received a call regarding gunshots fired in the Stokes Drive/King Street area of Hertford. Hertford Police Chief Dennis Brown assumed command and his department, along with the Perquimans Sheriff's Office, immediately responded to this location. They were able to confirm that gunshots had been fired, and at 12:35 p.m., both Perquimans County High School and Hertford Grammar School were placed on a modified lockdown. Officers continued to patrol the area and were able to obtain a description of the suspect but were unable to locate the subject.

At 1:23 p.m., Perquimans 911 received a call reporting a fight near an apartment complex on Stokes Drive. Officers arrived on scene and the subject fled into the wooded area between the apartments and Perquimans County High School. At 2:04 p.m., Perquimans County High School was placed on full lockdown for the safety of students and staff. The subject moved on foot between the apartment complex, Jimmy Hunter Drive, King Street and Dobbs Street.

During the pursuit, two officers were injured. Both were transported by Perquimans EMS to Vidant Chowan Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Multiple warrants have been obtained for a subject by the name of Travis Bryce Searcy. Anyone with information about his whereabouts should contact the Hertford Police Department at 252-426-5751.

The following agencies provided support for this incident: Hertford Police Department, Perquimans Sheriff's Office, NC Wildlife, NC Highway Patrol, NC Parole and Probation, Perquimans EMS and Perquimans Emergency Management.
