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Chatham County Police Department Quickly Takes Shots Fired Suspect into Custody

Chatham County, GA -- (October 22, 2021) — Chatham County Police Department officers quickly took a suspect into custody after a shots fired incident at Bethesda Academy on Thursday, October 21, 2021.

A call came into Chatham County's 9-1-1 center at 7:07 p.m., saying that a man was firing a gun at occupied vehicles in a parking lot of Bethesda Academy, located on Ferguson Avenue. Upon arriving on the scene, officers spoke with a victim and then heard more gun shots. Officers spotted and apprehended the suspect, and he was in custody within 13 minutes of the 9-1-1 call being placed. No one was struck by a bullet, but one person did receive abrasions from flying glass that was the result of gunfire.

The Chatham County Police Department arrested 33-year-old Ike Jost. He is charged with six counts of aggravated assault, third degree cruelty to children, criminal damage to property, criminal trespass, and carrying weapons within School Safety Zones.

Detectives believe this was a random incident. They do not believe Jost has any ties to Bethesda Academy, or to anyone who was on the premises at the time of the incident.

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