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# News Release

## **Juvenile Charged with Gang-Related Incident**

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The C.H.A.R.G.E. Gang Task Force continues investigating an incident, where juveniles were trying to recruit for the crips street gang.

On Nov. 16, members of the Gang Task Force were contacted by a School Resource Officer, who was working with school administration, to assist with an investigation of an assault that took place at a middle school in Rockingham County.

It was determined that three young gang members were trying to recruit by the means of what is commonly referred to as a "beat in."

One juvenile male, 12, of Harrisonburg has been charged with one count of gang participation, hazing, and gang recruitment. Additional charges are pending.

"Throughout this investigation the Gang Task Force has worked closely with and received a great deal of cooperation from the administration of the Rockingham County Public Schools," said Lieutenant Kurt Boshart, Criminal Investigations Division Commander. "We, along with school administrators, put safety as a top priority for the students, faculty, and staff of all of our local schools."

"I am thankful for the working relationships with our school resource officers, Gang Task Force, and school administration. Due to their concern and involvement we were able to quickly resolve this isolated incident without harming or endangering others in the school," said Dr. Carol Fenn, Superintendent of Rockingham County Public Schools.

The Gang Task Force continues to follow-up on this incident to determine if anyone else was involved.

The C.H.A.R.G.E. Gang Task Force is comprised of officers with the Harrisonburg Police Department and the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office.