



BRPD News Item

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Date:	10/9/09
Slug:	Suspect Wanted in Domestic Battery
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Detectives have obtained a warrant for the arrest of JOHNNY LEONARD MATTHEWS II, charging him with Illegal Use of a Dangerous Weapon, Domestic Abuse Battery, Simple Battery and Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

Matthews is accused of striking both his 24-year old girlfriend and her father around 11:00am today at Matthews' residence, 2866 Potomac, then retrieving a handgun and firing a shot into the ground near the victims. No one was hurt and the victims escaped and contacted police after leaving. Officers responding to the scene called in SWAT to check the house in case the suspect was still hiding inside but he was not located and remains at-large.

The suspect is a black male, 26 years old, 5'9" 180 lbs. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is urged to contact the Major Assaults Division at 389-3844 or Crime Stoppers at 344-7867.