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**LOWELL POLICE ARREST JUVENILE FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A
FIREARM**

On February 3, 2015, Lowell Police Officers assigned to the Gang Unit of the Special Investigations Services Division were involved in a continuing investigation concerning gang activity and the illegal use and possession of firearms in the City of Lowell. During the course of this investigation several suspects were identified that may be involved in this activity.

At approximately 3:00P.M., officers began interviewing three males in the area of Merrimack and Palmer Street who were identified in this investigation. During the course of the interview, one of the officers began to fear for his safety and conducted a “pat frisk” of the individuals. As a result, officers recovered a .40 caliber Taurus handgun, loaded with 10 rounds of ammunition in the magazine, from one of the individuals. A male juvenile, age 17, was arrested and charged with:

1. Unlawful Carrying of a Firearm; and,
2. Unlawful Possession of Ammunition.

He is scheduled for arraignment in Lowell Juvenile Court on March 4, 2015.

The Lowell Police Department continues in its efforts to remove these dangerous, unlawfully possessed firearms from the community.

Anyone with information concerning illegal firearms is asked to contact the Lowell Police Department at 978-937-3200.

Anonymous information may be forwarded to the Crime Stoppers Hotline at 978-459-8477.

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