Solomons Man Shoots 15 Year Old Skateboarder

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On May 16 at 6:05 p.m. units from the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office were dispatched to the Solomons Landing Condominiums located in the Solomons Island area of Calvert County to investigate the report of trespassers. As Sgt. M. Hurlock was responding to the scene, he heard a single gunshot. Hurlock was then approached by an elderly white male, later identified as Charles Joseph Armiger, 66 of Solomons, holding a shotgun.

Subsequent investigation revealed that a fifteen year old male of Lusby was struck above his right knee with a single gunshot fired by Armiger. The victim was transported by Trooper 7 to P.G. County Hospital Shock Trauma Unit with non-life threatening injuries.

Armiger was taken into custody and interviewed at the Sheriff’s Office by Det. Sgt. M. McDonough and Det. R. Naughton of the Calvert Investigative Team. Armiger advised the investigators that he had encountered problems with a group of juvenile skateboarders on the Solomons Landing property in the past. On this evening, he stated that he observed 7 or 8 juveniles on their skateboards and heard them using profanity and banging on the doors of other residents. Armiger says that when he tried to intervene, one of the juveniles called him a profane name so he pepper sprayed him. The remaining juveniles fled toward Md. Rt. 765 attempting to leave the area. Armiger states that a neighbor ran after the kids while Armiger went back inside his home and retrieved his shotgun. Armiger advises he fired a shot intending to scare the juveniles but the shot struck the victim, who was on Md. Rt. 765 still attempting to leave the area. Armiger has been charged with first degree assault and second degree assault. Bond has been set at $50,000. Det. M. Fitzgerald is continuing the investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact him at 410-535-1600 ext. 2772.

Statement From Solomons Landing Board:

Subj: Trespass and Shooting Incident of 5-16-11

A group of between three and five teenagers has been frequently seen trespassing on Solomons Landing property, typically skateboarding and biking on tennis cou