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PRESS RELEASE

On Friday August 26th at approximately 3pm. The Front Royal Police Department responded to the Relax Inn Motel located at 1525 North Shenandoah Ave. for a report of a man that had brandished a firearm.

Police Chief Norman Shiflett reports that officers arrived at the motel and was advised that the male suspect had fled on foot. After speaking with the complainant, officers determined that the identity of the suspect was Gilbert “Gibby” Baltimore 26, of Front Royal. The complainant reported to police that Baltimore opened his book bag, brandished a gun and looked at her in a menacing way. This occurred after Baltimore made an indecent comment to the complainant, to which the complainant responded in a way that angered Baltimore. The complainant was scared because she did not know Baltimore’s intention.

Front Royal Police, Northwestern Region Drug Task Force Agents, and Warren County Sheriff’s Office Deputies searched for Baltimore. Baltimore was located walking in the area of the 700 block of North Royal Ave. a short time later by Drug Task Force Agents and Sheriff’s Office Deputies. Baltimore was searched and he did not have a gun at that time. Baltimore refused to admit to having a gun in his possession.

Law enforcement offices and a Warren County Sheriff Office K-9 conducted a search for the handgun. The weapon was later recovered in close proximity of the motel which turned out to be a BB gun that resembled a handgun that law enforcement personnel use. Baltimore is a convicted felon and he was charged with two counts of brandishing a firearm. Baltimore is being held in the Warren County Jail without bond.

Chief Shiflett asks that anyone with information on this incident, to call the Front Royal Police Department at 540-635-2111.