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## **Boys Confess: Pellet Gun Shootings a Hoax**

Two 11-year-old boys confessed last night that they fabricated a story about being shot with pellets in Elkridge last week.

Howard County police have been in the area since receiving the first report Wednesday morning. Police increased patrols, both of marked police cars and undercover officers. After receiving tips about someone in the woods who matched the suspect's description Friday and Saturday, the department deployed helicopter and K-9 units.

Last night, the boys were interviewed again and admitted the story was a hoax. Investigators have not determined the boys' motive and are working to determine if charges will be filed.

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