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OFFICER USES TASER TO BREAK UP FIGHT AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

WAKE FOREST, NC – October 8, 2009 – A Wake Forest Police Department school resource officer used a Taser to subdue a student Tuesday at Wake Forest-Rolesville High School at Heritage.

According to Wake Forest Police Lt. Trent Coleman, Montrell Swinson, 16, instigated a fight during a lunch period at the school. When authorities tried to break it up, Swinson refused to relent. School Resource Officer T. Gurley asked Swinson three times to put his hands behind his back. When Swinson refused to comply, Officer Gurley tased him. Swinson continued to behave erratically, however, until Gurley threatened to deploy the Taser a second time.

Swinson was arrested and charged with assault and affray, disorderly conduct on school property and carrying a concealed weapon. He was taken to the Wake County Jail where he posted a \$1,500 secured bond.

Three other students were also charged. Racquan Woods, 16, faces charges of assault and affray and disorderly conduct on school grounds. Alex Syvankham, 18, faces charges of disorderly conduct on school grounds. A 14-year-old boy faces charges of assault and affray and disorderly conduct on school property.

The Wake Forest Police Department is releasing no additional information at this time.

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