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“Paranoia” Teen Game Community Notification

“Paranoia” Teen Game Community Notification Glencoe Public Safety would like to make the community aware of a game that might be seen being played in Glencoe called Paranoia. The game is played by high school students around the country, including on the North Shore. It is an annual tradition for seniors in high school to play this game prior to graduation.

Players attempt to get one another “out” using a NERF gun with the goal of being the last person remaining in the game. Participants of the game attempt to locate other players at locations throughout their community including homes, parks, restaurants, and other public spaces in the Village. The players may be wearing camouflage and masks.

The players often hide in unusual spots, pursue targets through yards and suddenly appear on foot or sometimes in a vehicle pursuing their target. Glencoe Public Safety does not condone the way this game is played. Although this game is not against the law or local ordinance, we do ask that all players recognize how the game may be perceived by members of the community. The unintended result of players running throughout the Village with a NERF gun, including some NERF guns that often resemble a real firearm, can have severe consequences.

Glencoe Public Safety is asking parents to talk to their children about safety concerns linked to openly carrying a NERF gun that resembles a real looking gun, as well as the other risks of the game including trespassing on private property, running into oncoming traffic or speeding. Furthermore – please do not assume any similar suspicious activity observed is related to this game. Always report any unusual activity by calling 9-1-1.

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