



The Dorito Bandito Threat

October 30, 2025

A student at Kenwood High School in Baltimore County didn't know what he was inviting when he munched on Doritos after football practice.

"They made me get on my knees, put my hands behind my back, and cuffed me," Taki Allen [said](#) of the police in about "eight cop cars" who surged to his location.

"They searched me, and they figured out I had nothing," Allen recalled. "Then, they went over to where I was standing and found a bag of chips on the floor. I was just holding a Doritos bag—it was two hands and one finger out, and they said it looked like a gun...."

"The first thing I was wondering was, was I about to die? Because they had a gun pointed at me."

The school's security system is "AI-powered."

It "saw" a gun, not Doritos plus finger.

An alert went out *before* the security system's finding had been confirmed. The alert was soon cancelled, but the school principal didn't know this when she called the police, who in turn acted with leap-first/look-afterward *brio*.

We can't blame AI. We cannot blame insensate artificial intelligence, so-called, any more than we can blame knives and guns for the way these inanimate objects "act." The humans in this case bungled bigtime. They should reform.

Steps to take include never acting on the basis of unverified AI claims and *never using drunken, hallucinogenic AI as one of your call-the-cops triggers* to begin with.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.