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NORTHERN DISTRICT

ROBBERY ARRESTS

BROOKLYN PARK

On May 29, 2009, at approximately 1:45 p.m., officers from the Northern District responded to the area of Alley 16 at Arundel Road W. in Brooklyn Park for a report of a robbery that just occurred.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim, a 48-year-old male, who stated that he was walking his dog in Alley 16 when he was approached by three male subjects. One of the subjects punched the victim and he fell to the ground. At this juncture, the suspect stood over the victim and held him down while another suspect rummaged through the victim's pant pockets and removed his wallet. All three suspects then fled the area through the alley.

Officers spoke to a witness at a nearby convenience store and were alerted that several suspects matching the description given by the victim had just made a purchase in the store. Further investigation led officers to the 100 block of W. Meadow Road, where it was believed that one of the suspects resided. Officers responded to the location and made contact with the three males that were described as the suspects. Two of the suspects attempted to flee the residence, but were immediately detained by the police. The victim was transported to the location and positively identified all three suspects. The three suspects were transported to Northern District Police Station and charged with Assault, Robbery and Theft.

Suspect #1: 16- year-old juvenile male from Glen Burnie

Suspect #2: 17-year-old juvenile male from Brooklyn Park

Suspect 3: Corey Lee Joseph, 18, of the 100 block of W. Meadow Rd. in Brooklyn Park

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

FATAL COLLISION

ANNAPOLIS

Type of Collision: Multiple Vehicles (Intersection Related)

Location of Incident: Solomons Island Road (MD Rt. 2) @ Aris T. Allen Blvd
(Rt.665)
Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Date & Time: May 30, 2009 at 15:15 hours

Primary Investigator: Cpl. W.R. Morningstar, Jr. #1567

Police Case Number: 2009-720656

Motor Vehicle #1 2001 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic
Maryland registration 3D2520, expires 06/09
VIN: 1HD1FCW171Y608605

Driver: John Stratton Vansickler (51)
10695 Prince Charles Drive
LaPlata, Maryland 20646

Injuries/Condition: Fatally Injured

Passengers: None

Owner: Same

Notifications: Ed Vansickler / Brother by AAMC Staff

Motor Vehicle #2 2006 Harley Davidson Dyna Lowrider
Maryland registration 800M65, expires 10/09
VIN: 1HD1GN1196K310292

Driver: Teresa Ann Stecker (48)
29475 Jennifer Drive
Mechanicsville, Maryland 20659

Injuries/Condition: Seriously Injured

Passengers: None

Owner: Same

Motor Vehicle #3 2000 Nissan Maxima
Maryland registration LVZ136, expires 08/09
VIN: JN1CA31A0YT222814

Driver: Warren Eugene Holliday (50)
63 Juliana Circle E
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Injuries/Condition: Not Injured

Passengers: Whitney Eumica Holliday
63 Juliana Circle E
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
Four Juveniles ages 5, 8, 9, & 9 none of which were injured

Owner: Kimaada Shani Blair (33)
29475 Jennifer Drive
Mechanicsville, Maryland 20659

Motor Vehicle #4 2009 Toyota Prius Hybrid
Maryland registration 5EST21, expires 11/10
VIN: JTDKB20U097837725

Driver: Steven Anthony Policastro (37)
713 Pine Drift Drive
Odenton, Maryland 21113

Injuries/Condition: Not Injured

Passengers: None

Owner: Same

Synopsis:

On Saturday May 30, 2009, at approximately 3:15 p.m., officers from the Southern District were dispatched to the area of Solomons Island Road and Aris T. Allen Blvd in

Annapolis for a serious crash. Due to the severity of the crash, Traffic Safety Section crash investigators were dispatched to assume responsibility for the investigation.

The initial investigation revealed that vehicles 3 & 4 entered Solomons Island Road from Aris T. Allen Blvd on a green traffic signal. Vehicles 1 & 2 (both motorcycles) were traveling northbound on Solomons Island Road and failed to stop for a red traffic signal.

Vehicle # 1 struck Vehicle # 3 and the operator of Vehicle #1 separated from the motorcycle, traveled across the hood of Vehicle #3 and came to rest on the roadway. The operator of Vehicle #1 was identified as John Stratton Vansickler, who was transported by ambulance to Anne Arundel Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Vehicle # 2 struck Vehicle # 4 and the operator of Vehicle #2 separated from the motorcycle, traveled across the windshield and hood of Vehicle #4 and came to rest on the roadway. The operator of Vehicle #2 was identified as Teresa Ann Stecker, who was transported by Ambulance to Anne Arundel Medical Center and then flown to University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center, where she remains in serious but stable condition.

The operator of Vehicle #1 was not wearing an approved DOT motorcycle helmet, which may have lessened his injuries. The investigation indicated that the primary cause of the crash is operator error.

EASTERN DISTRICT

ROBBERY ARREST

GLEN BURNIE

On May 30, 2009, at approximately 4:00 p.m., officers from Eastern District responded to the area 7900 block of Crain Highway in Glen Burnie for a report of a robbery that had just occurred.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim, a 78-year-old female from Millersville, who said that she had just exited her vehicle on the parking lot when she was approached by a subject who displayed a knife and grabbed her purse. The victim held onto her purse and a struggle ensued that caused her to be knocked to the ground and have her purse stolen. The suspect then fled in a teal-colored Dodge Stratus being driven by another subject.

Through investigation, officers were able to identify the suspect who took the purse and an arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect on charges related to the robbery.

On May 31, 2009, the suspect was arrested by members of the Annapolis City Police Department. He was transported to the Anne Arundel County Police Department Eastern District, where he was booked and transported to the Glen Burnie District Court Commissioner and is currently being held on \$400,000 bond. The identity of the driver of the getaway car remains under investigation. Anyone with information regarding his identity should contact the Eastern District Police Station at (410) 222-6145.

Suspect #1: Darrell Wayne Higginbotham, 50, of 417 Hilltop Road, Annapolis, MD 21403.
Suspect #2: Black male, 25-30 years of age, light skinned, no further description.

WESTERN DISTRICT

ROBBERY/ATTEMPTED CARJACKING

SEVERN

On May 31, 2009, at approximately 4:50 p.m., officers from Western District responded to the Howard County General Hospital to investigate an armed robbery and attempted carjacking complaint.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with the 63-year-old victim, who reported that he had parked his vehicle at the Orchard Food Market located in the 1100 block of Reece Road in Severn. An unknown suspect entered his vehicle, displayed a black handgun and he demanded the victim's money and keys to his vehicle. The victim did not comply and was struck with the handgun. At that time, the victim provided the suspect with an undetermined amount of U.S. currency and the suspect fled the vehicle and was last seen running toward Pioneer Drive. Numerous officers canvassed the area to search for the suspect, but were unable to locate him.

Suspect #1: Black male, 5'8", 170 pounds, red/orange shirt, dark long pants and a pointed goatee

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