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**NORTHERN DISTRICT**

During the period April 21<sup>st</sup> 2009 through May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009, investigators from the Anne Arundel County Police Department's Special Enforcement Section conducted Operation "Street Sweeper". The operation was conducted to focus on drug dealers operating in the area of southern Baltimore City and northern Anne Arundel County. Investigators were assisted by the Special Operations Division, the Northern District Tactical Patrol and Tactical Narcotics teams, the Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Department and the Baltimore City Police Department.

The operation was in reference to increased criminal activity that was occurring in Anne Arundel County and Baltimore City. Police have been able to determine that subjects will cross jurisdictional boundaries to commit crimes; they will additionally travel into the city or county in an effort to circumvent law enforcement due to jurisdictional boundaries. The operation was also conducted in response to complaints of drug and gang activity, as well as violent crimes occurring in the area. The Department wanted to focus on providing citizens a better quality of life in the northern part of Anne Arundel County.

During the operation, detectives utilized various investigative methods to purchase narcotics, identify and arrests prostitutes, seize vehicles, and obtain search warrants for residences in the targeted area. Their efforts resulted in the following seizures:

<b>Crack Cocaine:</b>	20.2 grams	(Street value \$2,020.00)
<b>Cocaine:</b>	273.89 grams	(Street value \$27,389.00)
<b>Marihuana:</b>	5,081.11 grams	(Street value \$101,622.20)
<b>Heroin:</b>	1 gram	(Street value \$100.00)

<b>Ecstasy Pills:</b>	14	(Street value \$280.00)
<b>U.S. Currency:</b>	\$4,768.00	
<b>Vehicles:</b>	3	
<b>Guns:</b>	2	

The Anne Arundel County Police Department and Baltimore City Police Department executed 10 joint search and seizure warrants. Arrests have been made and/or charges are pending against 70 individuals. The value of the CDS recovered is in excess of \$131,000.00. Out of the 70 people arrested or pending arrest, 17 of them were for felony crimes, 17 were for solicitation of prostitution, 28 were arrested on outstanding warrants, and the remaining were charged with misdemeanor crimes.

Investigators had the opportunity to make numerous citizen contacts and provide information to them for a variety of problems including crime statistics, zoning laws, and inspection and permit violations.

Colonel James Teare, Sr., Chief of Police stated “This operation was highly successful in not only removing drugs, guns and dangerous people from the neighborhood, but highlights the collaborative efforts of police agencies to thwart drug activity occurring across jurisdictional boundaries.”

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