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Special Enforcement Section

CDS Arrest

On February 15, 2008, members of the Anne Arundel County Police Special Enforcement Section along with the Prince Georges County Parcel Interdiction Unit, concluded a month long investigation into illegal CDS activity occurring at a hotel in Anne Arundel County. The Special Enforcement Section of the Anne Arundel County Police Department consists detectives that are responsible for targeting, investigating and apprehending major narcotics offenders.

During the past month detectives observed suspicious parcels being shipped from Lawndale, California to a local hotel. Detectives investigated the parcels and determined that the names that were being used on the shipping labels were false. In early February 2008 Detectives seized a parcel that was destined for the hotel. Detectives were able to obtain a search warrant for the package. Detectives seized approximately 5 kilos of cocaine from inside the parcel.

Detectives then started investigating the hotel's employees and were able to identify a suspect named Nichole Freeman. Freeman was identified as a suspect because of her prior drug distribution charges.

On February 15, 2008 Detectives observed another parcel being shipped from Lawndale, California that was destined for the hotel. Detectives seized the package and were able to obtain a search warrant to open it. Detectives observed 4.5 kilos of cocaine inside of the box. Detectives allowed the parcel to be delivered to the hotel. Detectives were in place to apprehend the suspect when the suspect took custody of the parcel.

Two employees identified as Bernard King and Jovon Savage came in contact with the parcel, opened it and placed it in their locker. Detectives approached King and Savage and questioned them about the parcel. Detectives used a canine to scan the locker and received a positive alert. Detectives then recovered the parcel and King and Savage were placed under arrest.

Detectives learned through the investigation that Nichole Freeman is in charge of all parcel deliveries to the hotel. When Freeman was expecting a package that contained CDS she or Savage would make a reservation at the hotel in a fictitious name, so it appeared there was going to be a customer staying there receiving the parcel. King, Savage or Freeman would then take the parcel, and Freeman or Savage would cancel the reservation in the computer system. Detectives also learned that the suspects felt safe operating in this manner due to the fact that if anyone checked the name on the parcel with the hotel reservations it would appear as a legitimate reservation.

The total amount of cocaine that was seized was approximately 4500 grams (4.5 kilos). It's estimated street value was approximately \$450,000.

The following suspects were arrested during the operation:

Nicole Tamika Freeman
B/F DOB 04-02-79
6119 Silver Leaf Lane
District Heights, Maryland 20727

Bernard N/M/N King
B/M DOB 03-22-59
College Station Drive
Marlboro, Maryland 20774

Jovon Kirk Louis Savage
B/M DOB 12-14-85
13330 Burleigh Street
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774



Nicole Tamika Freeman

All suspects were charged with the following:

Possession of cocaine
Possession w/intent to distribute cocaine

Possession large amount cocaine
Import into state cocaine

Possession of cocaine-Conspiracy
Possession w/intent to distribute cocaine-Conspiracy
Possession large amount cocaine-Conspiracy
Import into state cocaine-Conspiracy

As of this time Freeman is still at large with an active arrest warrant. Jovon Savage is on house arrest and Bernard King is being held in the Anne Arundel County Detention Center on \$750,000 bond. All charges have been placed in Anne Arundel County.

Criminal Investigation Division

Armed Robbery Arrests

On March 14, 2008 at about 0919 hours, a black male suspect wearing all dark clothing as well as a mask and gloves, entered the Xtra Mart located 1401 Dorsey Road in Hanover. The suspect immediately pointed a handgun at the on duty clerk and demanded money from the cash register. The suspect produced a plastic bag and instructed the clerk to place the money into this bag. The suspect left the Xtra Mart and ran across the street to a blue Dodge Durango sport utility vehicle. A citizen observed the suspect get into this vehicle. The citizen pointed the vehicle out to a patrol officer responding to the armed robbery call.

An attempt was made to affect a traffic stop on the Dodge Durango, however, the operator refused to comply. A vehicular pursuit began and came to an end when the operator of the Dodge Durango happened to turn down a dead end street in Prince George's County. The operator of the Dodge Durango attempted to flee on foot but was quickly apprehended. The subject taken into custody was identified as:

George Alexander Yates (27 years old)
5231 Greenville Drive,
Bryans Road, Maryland.

Investigation revealed that Yates was involved in several recent cases and was charged in the following robberies:

03/14/08 @ 0919 case #2008-710756

Citgo/Xtra Mart
1401 Dorsey Road
Hanover, Maryland 21076
Western District/5A3 post
Charged by Western patrol

03/13/08 @ 2134hrs case #2008-710694

Royal Farm Store

7843 Telegraph Road
Severn, Maryland 21144
Western District/5C1 post
Charged by CID/Robbery

02/20/08 @ 1937hrs case #2008-707431

Sunoco gas station
1025 Route 3 South
Crofton, Maryland 21144
Western District/5D2 post
Charged by CID/Robbery

02/16/08 @ 2050hrs case #2008-706851

Sunoco gas station
1433 Annapolis Road
Odenton, Maryland 21113
Western District/5C3 post
Charged by CID/Robbery

Mr. Yates is currently being held on \$5,000,000 bond at the Anne Arundel County Detention Center.

DUI Checkpoint

On Friday, March 14, 2008 the Anne Arundel County Police Department conducted their sixty-eighth and sixty-ninth DUI Sobriety Checkpoints in Severna Park. The checkpoints were conducted at two locations. The first site was located in the northbound lanes of Ritchie Highway near Arundel Beach Road. The northbound checkpoint opened at 2200 hours and concluded at 2400 hours. A total of 692 drivers were contacted. One (1) driver was arrested for impaired driving, eight (8) subjects were charged with open container violation, six (6) subjects charged with underage possession of an alcoholic beverage and one (1) driver was charged with driving without a license.

On Saturday, March 15, 2008 the second checkpoint site was located in the southbound lanes of Ritchie Highway near McKinsey Road. The southbound checkpoint opened at 0045 hours and concluded at 0145 hours. A total of 138 drivers were contacted. Two (2) drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, one (1) driver was charged for driving with a suspended license, two (2) subjects were charged with open container violation and one (1) subject was charged with underage possession of an alcoholic beverage.

The checkpoints supported the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) "**Checkpoint Strike Force**" impaired driving interdiction initiative. A total of 27

Police personnel from the Anne Arundel County participated in the checkpoints, along with support from the “Alarmers”, County Police Reserve Officers and State Highway personnel.

Western District

Robbery

Severn

On Friday, March 14, 2008 at about 1008 hours, officers responded to 1800 block of Eagle Court, Severn, Md., for a robbery of a cab driver. The victim stated that he picked up a fare in Laurel and transported him to the 1800 block of Eagle Court. Upon arrival the suspect told the victim to give him his money. The victim hesitated and the suspect implied he had a weapon. The victim turned over an undetermined amount of money. The suspect fled on foot between two homes in the 1840 block of Eagle Court. Officers canvassed the area with negative results.

Suspect: Black male

Robbery

Laurel

On Sunday, March 16th, 2008 at about 3:30 p.m., officers responded to the 7-11 Store located at 3393 Laurel Fort Meade Road in Laurel in reference to an armed robbery that just occurred. A suspect entered the store, approached a store clerk, displayed a handgun from his waistband, and demanded money. The clerk complied with the demand and the suspect fled the store on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash. There were no injuries reported in the incident. Officers searched the area for the suspect, however he could not be located.

Suspect:
black male, about 25 years old, wearing a black pants and a black hooded sweatshirt.

Northern District

Robbery

Glen Burnie

On 03/16/2007 at approximately 2140hrs Officers responded to the McDonalds Restaurant, located at 717 Nursery Rd Linthicum MD 21090, for a report of an armed robbery. Upon arrival, store employees and independent witnesses advised that an unknown B/M, suspect mentioned below, entered the store wielding a silver and black semi-automatic handgun. The suspect ordered employees to open the safe and took an undetermined amount of U.S. Currency. The suspect fled the area in an unknown direction of travel.

Suspect Info: Unknown B/M, approximately 6-00, 230lbs, last seen wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt, black pants, blue ski mask, and carrying a black book bag.