

News Release

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Aberdeen Police Department Announces Successful Conclusion of Narcotics Investigation at Local Hotel

Aberdeen, MD—The Aberdeen Police Department’s Special Operations Unit has concluded a targeted investigation into alleged narcotics sales at a hotel/motel in the 700 block of West Bel Air Avenue. Following extensive investigative efforts, detectives served nine search warrants on the property, which led to the seizure of illegal substances, a firearm, and cash proceeds.

Key Seizures:

- Over 2 ounces of suspected crack cocaine
- Several fentanyl caps
- Approximately 40 grams of marijuana
- One Taurus 9mm handgun
- \$6,849.00 in cash

Arrests:

- Darnell Mitchell, 40, felony/misdemeanor drug charges
- Riyadh Carter, 21, felony/misdemeanor drug charges & weapons charges

As a result of the investigation, hotel management has begun ensuring that the individuals involved in illegal activity are removed from the premises.

“This operation highlights our department’s ongoing commitment to safeguarding our community by actively pursuing those who choose to engage in dangerous and unlawful activities,” said Chief of Police Henry Trabert. “Our Special Operations Unit’s mission is to disrupt those who are conducting illegal drug sales and possessing illegal firearms in our community.”

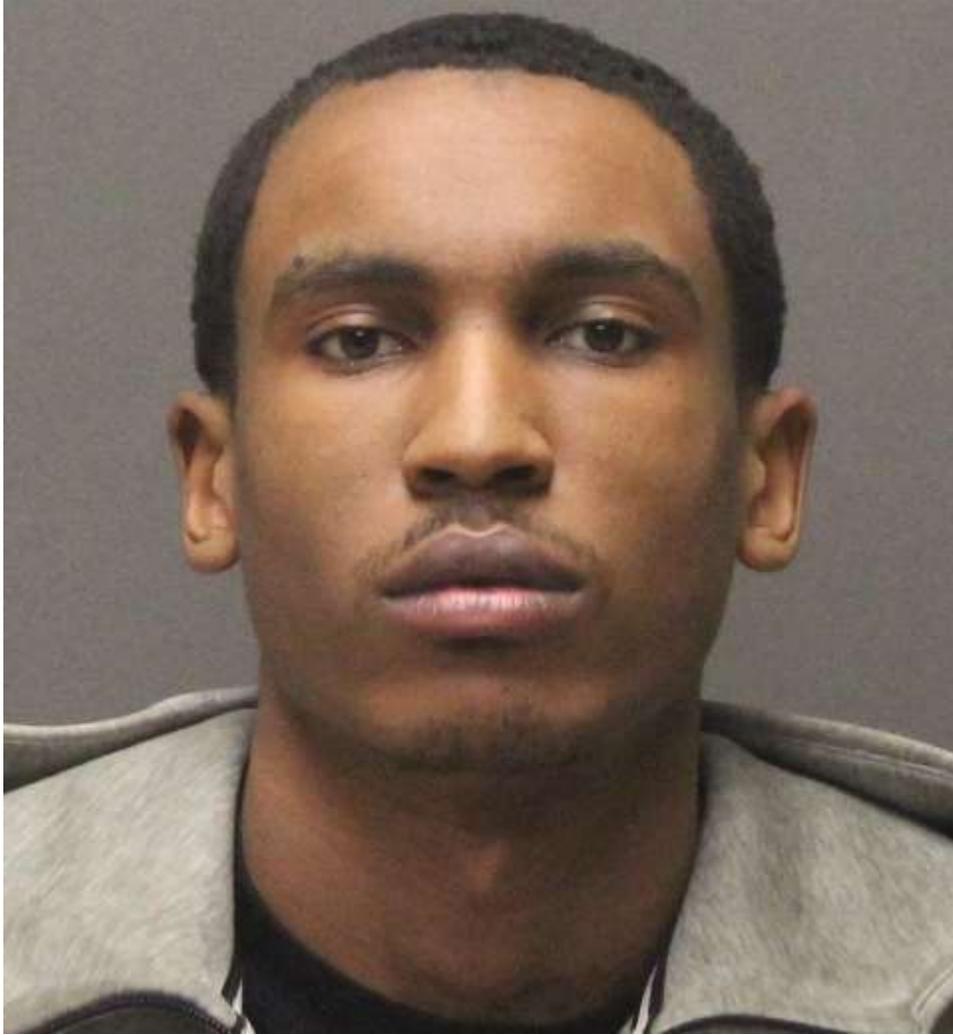
The Aberdeen Police Department would like to thank the Harford County Sheriff’s Office for providing deputies and support during this operation. Anyone with

further information regarding this investigation or suspicious activity in the area is encouraged to contact the Aberdeen Police Department at 410-272-2121.

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Images Below





CARTER, RIYAD DERIC



MITCHELL, DARNELL