

City makes 12 drug arrests

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Still seeking 5 suspects in investigation

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City police, along with the county police and county Sheriff's Department arrested 12 people in Annapolis last week after several months of interagency investigations.

The drug sweep was the culmination of more than six months of undercover and informant work of members of both departments, said Officer Hal Dalton, a city Police Department spokesman.

The arrests were conducted in Annapolis and throughout the county at various times of day Thursday and Friday, Officer Dalton said.

The sweep, was not, however, officially part of the Capital City Safe Streets program, Officer Dalton said, because the shared investigation began months before the high-profile interagency push that also includes state law enforcement began in February.

Many of the arrests targeted alleged dealers in the Clay Street, Robinwood and Eastport neighborhoods, according to police officials.

STILL WANTED:



BROWN



FLETCHER

Officer Dalton said this round-up should send a stiff message to the community that police are watching and ready to take action.

"With most of these individuals, this is not their first time being arrested," Officer Dalton said. "So they could be looking at some substantial jail time. I think most people will take note of that."

Those arrested include:

- Joseph White, 36, of Severn, charged with one count of drug distribution.

- Damion McGowan, 29, of Annapolis, charged with one count of drug distribution.

- Tracey Parker, 39, of Glen Burnie, charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute drugs.

- Sherman Branford, 42, of Annapolis, charged with two counts of drug distribution.

- Roderick Simms, 25, of Annapolis, charged with one count of drug distribution.

- Jessica Moore, 19, of Annapolis, charged with one count of drug distribution.

- Lawrence Branch III, 21, of Annapolis, charged with one count of drug distribution and three counts of conspiracy to distribute drugs.

- Shanae Johnson, 21, of Annapolis, charged with one count of drug distribution.

- Charles Pritchett, 32, of Annapolis, charged



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with one count of drug distribution.

- Larry Adams, 23, of Annapolis, charged with one count of drug distribution.

- Vanessa McGowan, 54, of

Annapolis, charged with one count of drug distribution.

- Percy Harrod, 40, of Edgewater, charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute drugs.

Police are still searching for five other individuals and are seeking the public's help. The following people are currently

being sought for drug distribution charges:

- Eric Hunt, 41, of Annapolis.

- Richard Jamison, 33, of Severn.

- Kirby Fletcher, 38, of Lothian.

- Keith Brown, 27, of Annapolis.

- Troy Johnson, 27, of An-

napolis.

Anyone with any information is asked to call Annapolis Police at 410-268-4141 or Annapolis County Police at 410-222-8010.

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