

# ARUNDEL DIGEST

## Warrant sweep nets 40 arrests

Anne Arundel County Sheriff's deputies swept through the county yesterday with 150 warrants in hand and made 40 arrests.

The 5 a.m. detail was part of Sheriff Ron Bateman's "Operation Fist to Cuffs" program, developed in response to violent crime after the Christopher Jones killing in Crofton in 2009. The 14-year-old was attacked while riding his bicycle and later died.

The arrests cleared 47 warrants, but only seven were related to assaults or other violence.

The other arrests included people charged with theft, burglary, drug possession, driving without a license, paternity violations, failure to appear, open container, and DUI.

Two weeks ago the Sheriff's Office and county police rounded up 11 suspects during a three-day sweep. Those charges ran from armed robbery to witness tampering.