



# Salisbury Police Department

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## MEDIA RELEASE

November 3, 2021

**(Arrest- Handgun Possession)**

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Early morning traffic stop leads to handgun arrest.

On November 1, 2021 at approximately 1:36 in the morning, officers from the Salisbury Police Department were conducting patrol in the area of Maryland Avenue and Waverly Drive when they observed a vehicle traveling through the area commit multiple traffic infractions. Officers initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and the vehicle pulled into a residential driveway on the 600 block of Smith Street. Upon coming to a stop, the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, immediately exited the vehicle. The driver, identified as 30-year-old Arius Marcelin (pictured below), failed to follow the direction of the officers. Mr. Marcelin refused to comply with the officers subsequently assaulting the officers and violently resisting arrest. Officers discharged one application of a departmentally issued taser which resulted in compliance by Mr. Marcelin after which he was safely taken into custody.

After Mr. Marcelin's arrest, a search of his belongings revealed an amount of suspected crack cocaine and a loaded semi-automatic handgun. At the time of the traffic stop, the handgun was found to be stolen. A review of Mr. Marcelin's records revealed he is prohibited from possessing a regulated firearm.

Mr. Marcelin was seen by Salisbury EMS and was transported to Tidal Health Peninsula Regional in accordance with Salisbury Police standard policy following a taser deployment. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Marcelin was released by medical personnel. He was then transported to the Salisbury Police Department and later released to the Wicomico County Detention Center to be seen by a District Court Commissioner.

Officers and Detectives are continuing their investigation into how Mr. Marcelin came to be in possession of the handgun. This investigation is ongoing and the Salisbury Police Department is requesting anyone with additional information concerning this investigation to contact the Salisbury Police Department Criminal Investigation Division at (410) 548-3165. Information can also be provided anonymously through Crime Solvers at (410) 548-1776.

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**ARREST:**

Arius Marcelin, 30 years-of-age  
Salisbury, MD

**CHARGES:**

Assault Second Degree, Resist Arrest  
Illegal Possession of a Regulated Firearm, Handgun on Person,  
Loaded Handgun on Person, Firearm Possession with Felony Conviction,  
CDS Distribution in Possession of Firearm,  
Firearm Possession: Drug Trafficking,  
CDS Possession: Not Marijuana  
CDS Possession with Intent to Distribute,

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