



# Salisbury Police Department

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## MEDIA RELEASE

November 23, 2021

**(Arrest/Wanted-Assault with Firearm Investigation)**

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Salisbury police arrest two suspects while one remains at large as a result of an assault with firearm that occurred in October.

On October 23, 2021 at approximately 1:42 in the morning, officers from the Salisbury Police Department responded to Guido's Burritos, 1303 S. Salisbury Boulevard, for reports of shots fired in the parking lot. Upon their arrival, officers observed that multiple vehicles in the parking lot had sustained damage by apparent gunfire. Officers were also contacted to respond to Tidal Health Peninsula Regional where they met with a 25-year-old male victim who had sustained a non-life-threatening injury as result of having been shot during the incident at Guido's Burritos.

The investigation revealed that while the victim was in the Guido's Burritos' parking lot he engaged in a verbal altercation with three male suspects. One of the male suspects then displayed a semi-automatic handgun and began firing shots at the victim resulting in the victim's injury. The three suspects then got into a vehicle and fled from the scene.

During the course of the investigation, Salisbury Police detectives were able to identify 23-year-old Anton Fooks, 21-year-old Jy'hovah Ballard, and 24-year-old Markell Purnell as the three suspects involved in this incident. Applications for charges were submitted to the District Court Commissioner's Office and arrest warrants were issued for all three men.

On October 27, 2021 at approximately 11:56 in the morning detectives located Mr. Fooks at a residence on the 300 block of Prince Street. Mr. Fooks was placed under arrest without incident.

On November 17, 2021 at approximately 8:02 in the morning members of the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) and Salisbury Police detectives located Mr. Ballard at a residence on the 700 block of Dennis Street. Mr. Ballard was placed under arrest without incident.

Upon being taken into custody, Mr. Fooks and Mr. Ballard were both transported to the Salisbury Police Department and then later released to the Wicomico County Detention Center where they each had an initial appearance before a District Court Commissioner.

Mr. Purnell remains wanted at this time and detectives are actively seeking his whereabouts.

The Salisbury Police Department would like to thank CARFTF for their assistance in this investigation. CARFTF is an interjurisdictional law enforcement unit consisting of members of the US Marshals Service, Maryland State Police, Wicomico County Sheriff's Office, Salisbury Police Department and the Division of Parole and Probation (Salisbury Field Office).



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The investigation is ongoing and the Salisbury Police Department requests anyone with information regarding this incident 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. Crime Solvers will offer a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of Markell Purnell.



**ARRESTED**

Anton Fooks  
23 years-of-age  
Salisbury, MD

**CHARGES**

Att. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault  
Reckless Endangerment  
Firearm Use/Violent Crime  
Handgun on Person, Handgun  
in Vehicle, MDOP, Conspiracy



**ARRESTED**

Jy'hovah Ballard  
21 years-of-age  
Salisbury, MD

**CHARGES**

Att. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault  
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**WANTED**

Markell Purnell  
24 years-of-age

**CHARGES**

Att. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault  
Reckless Endangerment, Firearm Use/Violent Crime  
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