

## **Salisbury Police Department**

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MEDIA RELEASE

## February 15, 2022 (Arrest- Handgun Possession)

Salisbury Police arrest suspect Saturday evening for being in possession of a stolen handgun.

On February 12, 2022 at approximately 6:28 in the evening, officers from the Salisbury Police Department responded to the 600 block of Light Street for the report of individuals using illegal narcotics and causing a disturbance. Upon arrival, officers detected the presence of a controlled dangerous substance emanating from a vehicle parked and running in the area. Officers made contact with the vehicle's two occupants who were seated in the driver's seat and front seat passenger's seat respectively. A probable cause search of the vehicle and both of its occupants was conducted. Upon searching the passenger, identified as 27-year-old Zharrick Niece, officers located and recovered a loaded .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun.

Mr. Niece was determined to be prohibited from possessing a regulated firearm due to a prior felony conviction and was shortly thereafter taken into custody without incident. Mr. Niece was transported to the Salisbury Police Department and later released to the Wicomico County Detention Center for an initial appearance before a District Court Commissioner.

A records' check of the firearm in Mr. Niece's possession revealed that it was reported stolen through the Delaware State Police. Officers and Detectives are continuing their investigation into how Mr. Niece 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.



## ARREST:

Zharrick Niece, 27 years-of-age Salisbury, MD

## CHARGES:

Illegal Possession of a Regulated Firearm Firearm Possession with Felony Conviction Possession of Stolen Firearm Handgun on Person Handgun in Vehicle



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