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MEDIA RELEASE

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(Arrest- Handgun and CDS Possession)

Salisbury Police make traffic stop that leads to an arrest for handgun and CDS possession.

On June 3, 2022 at approximately 1:32 in the afternoon, an officer from the Salisbury Police Department was conducting patrol in the area of W. Salisbury Parkway and Nanticoke Road when he observed a vehicle traveling through the area commit multiple traffic infractions. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and the vehicle pulled into the parking lot of McDonald's, 1205 Parsons Road. Upon coming to a stop, the driver, identified as 29-year-old Jodecii Purnell, immediately exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Mr. Purnell was shortly thereafter taken into custody within the 1100 block of Pemberton Drive without incident.

After Mr. Purnell's arrest, a search of his belongings revealed a loaded, semi-automatic handgun as well as amounts of suspected fentanyl, cocaine, marijuana and methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) in quantities indicative of possession with intention to distribute. A review of Mr. Purnell's records revealed he is prohibited from possessing a regulated firearm.

Mr. Purnell was placed under arrest and transported to the Salisbury Police Department. He was then later released to the Wicomico County Detention Center for an initial appearance before a District Court Commissioner.

Officers and Detectives are continuing their investigation into how Mr. Purnell 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 Criminal Investigation Division at (410) 548-3165 or information can be provided anonymously through Crime Solvers at (410) 548-1776.



ARREST:

Jodecii Purnell, 29 years-of-age
Salisbury, MD

CHARGES:

Illegal Possession of a Regulated Firearm, Handgun on Person,
Loaded Handgun on Person, Firearm Possession: Drug Trafficking,
Firearm Possession with Felony Conviction,
CDS Possession: Not Marijuana, CDS Possession with Intent to Distribute

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