



CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

NEWS RELEASE

"Traffic stop leads to arrest for illegal possession of firearm and ammunition"

Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland; July 26, 2024 ---- On Thursday, July 25th, 2024, at approximately 10:10 pm, a Deputy assigned to the Carroll County Sheriff's Office Pro-Active Community Enforcement Team (PACE) was patrolling Westbound on Rt 140 near Suffolk Road, Finksburg, when he observed a 2004 Volvo with an equipment violation. The Deputy followed the Volvo to see if any other violations were occurring.

The driver of the Volvo made an abrupt turn into a convenience store parking lot in what appeared to be an attempt to avoid the Deputy, who then stationed himself further West on Rt 140. Once the Volvo continued West on Rt 140, the Deputy followed and conducted a traffic stop in the area of the Carroll County Landfill.

The driver was identified as Keon Lamar Pittman, a 34 year old male from Frederick County. A K9 Unit conducted a scan for Controlled Dangerous Substances, which resulted in a positive alert. A search of the vehicle revealed a loaded 9mm handgun as well additional ammunition. The handgun was identified as a "Polymer 80", which does not have serial numbers and is commonly referred to as a "ghost gun". During a records check on Pittman, it was determined that due to previous criminal activities, he was prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition.

Pittman was placed under arrest and transported to Carroll County Central Booking, where he was charged with:

- Illegal possession of ammunition
- Illegal possession of a regulated firearm
- Possession of a firearm after a felony conviction for a crime of violence
- Loaded handgun in a vehicle
- Handgun in a vehicle
- Possession of a firearm without a serial number

(All individuals are presumed innocent of the pending charges until proven guilty in a court of law)

As of Friday morning, July 26, 2024, Pittman remains in custody at the Carroll County Detention Center.