



“Sheriff’s Office makes arrest for Possession of CDS with Intent to Distribute”

Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland; October 31, 2024 ----- On Wednesday, October 30th, 2024 at approximately 3:26PM, members of the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office Pro-Active Community Enforcement Team were on routine patrol in the area of Washington Road and East Green Street in Westminster when a Deputy observed a 1999 Toyota van with what appeared to be excessively dark window tint. It was later verified that the driver’s side front window only allowed 18 percent light transmission instead of the 35 percent light transmission that is allowed by law.

A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was identified as Ashley Marie Higgs, a 31 year old female with a Westminster address. The passenger was identified as Matthew Alan Nagy, a 29 year old male currently listing a Westminster address. While speaking with Higgs, the Deputy observed paraphernalia commonly used to smoke crack cocaine in plain view inside the vehicle. The probable cause search that followed discovered the following items within the vehicle: 721 capsules of white/pink powder substance suspected to be fentanyl (353.2 grams), 110 bags of white rock like substance suspected to be cocaine (46.2 grams), over \$1100 in U.S. Currency, a digital scale with white powder residue, various CDS packaging materials, and metal knuckles.

Additionally, Higgs was found to possess additional CDS paraphernalia and a small plastic bag with trace amounts of a white residue.

Both Higgs and Nagy were arrested and transported to Carroll County Central Booking.

Higgs was charged with CDS Possession not cannabis, Possession of CDS Paraphernalia, and Possession of contraband in a place of confinement.

Nagy was charged with Concealing a dangerous weapon, CDS Distribution/Dispense – large amount, Possession of CDS Paraphernalia, CDS Possession not cannabis (2 counts), and CDS Intent to Distribute – narcotics (2 counts).

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