



## **“Deputies make two arrests after recovering handguns during traffic stop”**

**Taneytown, Carroll County, Maryland; October 10, 2024 ----** On Wednesday, October 9th, 2024, at approximately 1:58PM, Carroll County Sheriff's Office Deputies assigned to the Pro-Active Community Enforcement (PACE) Team were patrolling in the area of West Baltimore Street in Taneytown when they observed a gray colored Dodge Durango with a suspended registration and an inoperable brake light. A traffic stop was conducted, and the vehicle stopped on Westview Drive.

The driver was identified as Dashawn Melique Lewis, a 19 year old male from Hampstead, Maryland. He was accompanied by a 15 year old male, also from Hampstead, who was in the front passenger seat. Both occupants were asked to exit the vehicle so that a K9 scan could be conducted, and as the juvenile stood up, a handgun was found on the passenger seat. Both the driver and passenger were taken into custody.

The K9 scan resulted in a positive alert, and a search was conducted. Deputies discovered a baggie of cannabis on the driver, and a second handgun and an additional baggie of cannabis in a backpack that had been located near the juvenile passenger.

Dashawn Lewis was arrested and transported to Carroll County Central Booking. The 15 year old passenger was also arrested and is being charged as a juvenile.

Both were charged with:

Carrying a loaded handgun on or about their person

Knowingly transport a loaded handgun in a vehicle

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Possess a regulated firearm under 21 years of age

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