

"Traffic stop leads to arrest for possession of suspected cocaine"

Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland; August 19, 2025 ---- On August 12th, 2025, at approximately 10:46 AM, members of the Pro-Active Community Enforcement Team (PACE) were on routine patrol in the area of Baltimore Blvd and Bethel Rd in Westminster, Maryland, when a blue Mercedes sedan displaying expired Texas registration plates was observed.

The Deputy conducted a traffic stop. A narcotics detection K9 was requested, which resulted in a positive alert for the odor of CDS. Upon a search of the vehicle, Deputies located four plastic baggies containing suspected cocaine. The driver, identified as Deyvid Ulises Berrios Castro, a 25 year old male with a Westminster address, and the front seat passenger, identified as Steven Alexis Portillo-Rivera, a 21 year old male with a Westminster address, were placed under arrest. Additionally, three plastic baggies containing suspected cocaine were found on Portillo-Rivera.

A rear-seat adult passenger did not have any local charges placed against him, but during a routine check for warrants, was found to be wanted by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement pertaining to a national security threat. They were notified, responded to the scene, and took custody of this individual.

Both Deyvid Ulises Berrios Castro and Steven Alexis Portillo-Rivera were transported to Carroll County Central Booking and charged with CDS Possession (not cannabis). They have both since posted bail and have been released.

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