



“Sheriff’s Office traffic stop leads to arrest for CDS & Firearm charges”

Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland; February 27, 2026 ---- On Thursday, January 26th, 2026, at approximately 2:28PM, members of the Pro-Active Community Enforcement (PACE) Team were conducting traffic enforcement on Baltimore Boulevard when they observed a Lincoln LS with a Maryland Registration travelling westbound.

After observing a traffic violation, a lawful traffic stop was initiated and the vehicle pulled over in the 1800 Block of Baltimore Boulevard in Finksburg. The driver was identified as Billie Jo Ashe of Baltimore County, Maryland.

During the stop, a Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) was observed in plain view, leading to a probable cause search of the vehicle.

During the subsequent search of the vehicle and driver, 32.9 grams of suspected cocaine, and a .22 caliber pistol were located near the driver and were secured as evidence.

Ashe was arrested and transported to Carroll County Central Booking where she was charged with multiple offenses related to the possession of CDS and the firearm.

Upon Initial Appearance with the Court Commissioner, she was released from the Carroll County Detention Center on a \$1,000.00 unsecured bond.

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