



**“Sheriff’s Office traffic stop leads to arrests for CDS Possession with Intent to Distribute”**

**Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland; January 20, 2026** ---- On Friday, January 16th, 2026, at approximately 12:57PM, members of the Pro-Active Community Enforcement (PACE) Team were conducting traffic enforcement on Baltimore Boulevard when they observed a Honda Accord with a Pennsylvania Registration travelling westbound.

After observing a traffic law violation, a traffic stop was initiated and the vehicle pulled over in the area of Baltimore Boulevard at Gorsuch Road in Westminster. The driver was identified as Phillip James Paul, a 40-year-old male, and the passenger as Kevin George Paul, a 45-year-old male, both of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

Based on observations, a K9 scan for Controlled Dangerous Substances was requested, and resulted in a positive alert for the odor of CDS.

During the subsequent search of the vehicle and occupants, 33.7 grams (98 capsules) of suspected fentanyl, 5.8 grams of suspected cocaine, 8 Alprazolam bars, CDS packaging materials, 3 cell phones, and \$738.00 in U.S. Currency was found and secured as evidence.

Both subjects were arrested and transported to Carroll County Central Booking where they were each charged with multiple offenses related to the possession of and intent to distribute CDS.

Both subjects were held without bail and currently remain at the Carroll County Detention Center.

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