



“Sheriff’s Office traffic stop leads to arrest for CDS Possession and Felony Handgun Possession”

Finksburg, Carroll County, Maryland; October 29, 2026 ---- On Wednesday, October 28th, 2026, at approximately 9:47 AM, members of the Pro-Active Community Enforcement (PACE) Team were conducting traffic enforcement on RT 140 when they observed a Mercury Mountaineer SUV bearing Maryland registration travelling westbound near Old Westminster Pike. The vehicle then continued westbound while straddling the fog line of left travel lane with the vehicle halfway on the roadway while the other portion on the grass median, causing the rear approaching vehicles to make evasive maneuvers to avoid a collision.

A lawful traffic stop was initiated in the area of westbound RT 140 and Kays Mill Road. PACE units contacted the male operator and one female occupant in the front passenger seat. The driver was identified as Daniel Keith FLETCHER, a 43-year-old male with a Reisterstown, Maryland address, and the passenger was identified as Brittany Lynne SAUNDERS, a 35-year-old female with a Taneytown, Maryland address. Both subjects displayed behaviors indicative of possible criminal activity.

Deputies requested a K9 from the Westminster Police Department who responded to assist with the traffic stop. A K9 open air sniff was conducted resulting in a positive alert. During the subsequent search within the vehicle, the following items were discovered and secured as evidence: a Glock 43X handgun with an obliterated serial number containing five 9mm rounds of ammunition, multiple gel caps with white powder substance suspected to be Cocaine, a digital scale, 4 Buprenorphine (Suboxone) packets, approximately 30 bottles of various prescription medications belonging to an unknown subject, a plastic bottle of multicolored tablets believed to be MDMA, and 2 cellular phones.

During further investigation it was determined that both FLETCHER and SAUNDERS were prohibited from possessing a regulated firearm and ammunition based on previous convictions. Both FLETCHER and SAUNDERS were arrested and transported to Carroll County Central Booking where they were charged with the following offenses related to this incident.

FLETCHER:

- CR 4-203 (a)(1)(v) - LOADED HANDGUN IN VEHICLE
- PS 5-144(a)(2) - KNOW ALTER FIREARM ID NUMBER
- PS 5-133(c) - FIREARM POSS-CRIM VIO/FEL CONV
- CR 4-203 (a)(1)(v) – LOADED HANDGUN IN VEHICLE
- CR 4-203 - HANDGUN IN VEHICLE
- PS 5-133.1 - ILLEGAL POSS AMMO
- CR 5-601(a)(1) - CDS: POSSESS-NOT CANNABIS

SAUNDERS:

- CR 4-203 (a)(1)(v) - LOADED HANDGUN IN VEHICLE
- PS 5-144(a)(2) - KNOW ALTER FIREARM ID NUMBER
- CR 4-203 - HANDGUN IN VEHICLE
- PS 5-133.1 - ILLEGAL POSS AMMO
- PS 5-133(b) - REG FIREARM: ILLEGAL POSSESSION
- CR 5-601(a)(1) - CDS: POSSESS-NOT CANNABIS

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

At the time of this release, both individuals remain in custody at the Carroll County Detention Center.