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Salisbury Police, in conjunction with Wicomico County Sheriff’s Office and Maryland State Police recover a handgun and illegal narcotics after investigation.

In 2021 members of the Salisbury Police Department received complaints from community members about narcotics transactions allegedly taking place in and around the 100 block of Catherine Street. Based on the community concerns, members of the Department’s Crime Reduction Unit opened an investigation.

During the course of the investigation, detectives developed probable cause and presented applications for search and seizure warrants to a judge of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County for three residential dwellings within the 100 block of Catherine Street. The applications were signed and on February 3, 2022 members of the Salisbury Police Department, Wicomico County Sheriff’s Office, and Maryland State Police served the warrants on those residences.

As a result of the search and seizure warrants detectives seized approximately 280 individually packaged pieces of suspected crack cocaine, an amount of marijuana, suboxone strips and paraphernalia indicative of distribution. Detectives identified 27-year-old Kevin Garcia (pictured below) as a suspect in connection with the controlled dangerous substance violations. Mr. Garcia, who is not a resident of Catherine Street, was on scene when the warrants were served and was taken into custody without incident. Mr. Garcia was transported to the Salisbury Police Department and later released to the Wicomico County Detention Center to be seen by a District Court Commissioner.



ARRESTED:
Kevin Garcia, 27 years-of-age
Fruitland, MD

CHARGES:

- CDS Possession with Intent to Distribute
- CDS Possession
- Possession: CDS Paraphernalia



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In addition to the recovered controlled dangerous substances, detectives located and seized a loaded .22 caliber revolver-styled handgun and a box of .22 caliber ammunition. A records search was conducted on the handgun and it was not found to be stolen. Detectives are continuing their investigation related to the handgun in an effort to determine ownership and any connection to other crimes in the region.



This investigation was coordinated under the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN). The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) provides grant funding and strategic support to MCIN member sites to identify, disrupt, and dismantle criminal organizations through inter-agency collaboration and data sharing to make Maryland safer. The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention assisted in the funding of this project. All points of view in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position of any Maryland State office or agency.

The Salisbury Police Department would like to thank the members of the Wicomico Sheriff's Office and Maryland State Police for their assistance in this collaborative effort in keeping the residents of our community safe.

This investigation is ongoing and the Salisbury Police Department is requesting anyone with additional information concerning this investigation to contact the Salisbury Police Department Criminal Investigation Division at (410) 548-3165. Information can also be provided anonymously through Crime Solvers at (410) 548-1776.

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