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Police Arrest Ten in Drug Investigation

Howard County Police have arrested 10 people, including two juveniles, in a drug investigation that focused on the Ellicott City area. The investigation included the execution of six search warrants that resulted in the seizure of various drugs, three vehicles and \$15,000 in cash. The two juvenile suspects, both male, are 17-year-old students at Mt. Hebron High School and were arrested at the school on Friday.

The charges were the result of a four-month investigation by Howard County police. Detectives received information about several people selling high-grade marijuana, known as "kind bud," in the Ellicott City area. After a detailed investigation, which included an extensive undercover operation, police identified numerous suspects. Ten people were arrested and charged with various drug-related crimes:

- 1- Tammy Park, DOB 9-17-77
8212 Votta Way, Ellicott City
Charges: drug distribution (marijuana) to an undercover police officer, drug possession with intent to distribute, drug possession and possession of drug paraphernalia
Seized: marijuana, drug paraphernalia, vehicle
- 2- Todd Gledhill, DOB 5-8-82
8416 Timberland Circle, Ellicott City
Charges: drug possession (marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia
Seized: marijuana, drug paraphernalia
- 3- Nicholas Foley, DOB 1-5-80
8550 Autumn Rust, Ellicott City
Charges: drug possession (marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia
Seized: marijuana, drug paraphernalia, \$13,000 cash
- 4- David Rice, Jr., DOB 4-7-82
8625 Bali Rd., Ellicott City
Charges: drug distribution (methamphetamine) to an undercover police officer, drug possession with intent to distribute, drug possession (marijuana and ketamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia
Seized: methamphetamine, marijuana, ketamine, drug paraphernalia

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- 5- Stephen Ressler, DOB 6-18-81
8212 Votta Way, Ellicott City
Charges: drug possession (marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia
- 6- John W. Courtney, DOB 6-10-82
1705 Lenore Ct., Baltimore
Charges: drug possession and assault of a police officer
- 7- Lauren N. Russell, DOB 4-2-84
10207 Silver Stone Place, Ellicott City
Charges: drug possession (marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia
- 8- Bernadette M. Thomas, DOB 1-16-82
5257 Even Star Place, Columbia
Charges: drug possession (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia and conspiracy to distribute drugs on the Internet
- 9- Male juvenile, age 17, Ellicott City
Charges: drug possession (marijuana) with intent to distribute, drug possession and possession of drug paraphernalia
Seized: "kind bud" marijuana valued at \$13,000, drug paraphernalia, \$1300 cash, vehicle
- 10- Male juvenile, age 17, Ellicott City
Charges: drug distribution (marijuana) to an undercover police officer, drug possession with intent to distribute, drug possession and possession of drug paraphernalia
Seized: marijuana, vehicle

The investigation involved officers throughout the police department, including the vice and narcotics division, tactical section, special assignment squad, patrol officers, K-9 section and school resource officers.

The investigation is continuing and police expect to make additional arrests in the coming weeks and months. New information will be released as it becomes available.

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Editor's Note: Police are conducting a prescheduled drug scan at Mt. Hebron High School today. The drug scan is *unrelated* to this investigation. These scans are conducted monthly at Howard County High Schools on a rotating basis.