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Police Arrest Nine in Undercover Drug Operation

The Howard County Department of Police, Vice and Narcotics Division, has concluded a 10-month investigation into the distribution of crack cocaine in the Long Reach area of Columbia. The investigation resulted in the arrests of nine suspects.

In early 2003, detectives learned through contacts of a loose-knit organization distributing crack cocaine throughout the Long Reach area. Undercover detectives infiltrated this group of individuals and began purchasing crack cocaine, marijuana and weapons.

The operation concluded with the service of five search and seizure warrants, which resulted in the seizure of illegal drugs, packaging materials and paraphernalia. Police seized one vehicle and arrested nine individuals. Eight of the suspects were arrested on various felony drug distribution charges; one of the eight also was charged with selling a handgun and cocaine to an undercover police officer. The ninth individual was wanted on a felony warrant in Virginia.

The following eight individuals were arrested and charged with multiple drug charges:

Patrick Neal O'Donnell, DOB: 05/27/84
5626 High Tor Hill, Columbia

Bruce Donte Scott, DOB: 12/07/83
5706 Yellow Rose Ct., Columbia

Ronald Roland Ellison, DOB: 01/30/79
8923 Tamar Drive, Columbia

Errol Stanley Solomon, DOB: 06/15/84
6065 Majors Lane, Columbia

Matthew Alexander Woodard, DOB: 02/14/85
8865 Flowerstock Row, Columbia

Derek Allen Coley, DOB: 03/23/84
8865 Roll Right Ct., Columbia

Jeffrey Marcellus Hammond, DOB: 06/07/79
8734 Airybrink Lane, Columbia

Winston McBride Clarke, Jr., DOB: 01/14/79
9025 Flicker Place, Columbia

Also arrested was: Dewayne Earl Monroe, DOB: 08/22/83
Washington, D.C. (NFI)
Wanted on warrant in Virginia

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